



Ilford AC are delighted that the Redbridge planning office took the right and sensible decision to refuse the application to install an all weather football pitch at Cricklefields ATHLETICS Stadium. This ensures the future of Ilford AC being able to offer a full programme of all athletics events to the local young athletes in the area.

The club was fully supported by Sport England, England Athletics, Essex AA, Redbridge Schools Sports Association and several local councillors in the considerable range of objections to the application.

### **Southern Counties Vets**

West Horseley Place park

Andy Catton successfully defended his Southern Counties Vets M70 xc title at West Horsely Place park on Saturday with a time of 41 minutes 17 seconds.

The race was incorporated within the South of Thames champs and contested over 5 miles in rather testing very windy, wet and muddy grassland and farm trails conditions.

### **Chingford League**

Trent Park Barnet

It was a Cold and muddy Trent Park that hosted the 3rd race in the Chingford league series also incorporating the North London X Country championships.

Held over a challenging 7km course, Ilford AC had just the 3 athletes competing.

Leading the team home was Steve Chissell who came home in 27th place in the League 2 match in a time of 32 minutes 56 seconds, a time that also saw him claim 3rd place in his age grouping. Backing Steve up was Bradley Brown in 38th place in 35 minutes 47 seconds and Jim Tilbrook in 56th place in a time of 38 minutes 35 seconds.



### **Draycote Water Half Marathon**

On a wet and windy Saturday morning Nick West of Ilford AC travelled to Warwickshire to take part in the Draycote Water Half Marathon. West, who trains with the club's endurance group, ran a well judged race to finish 46th in 1hr 41m 58 s, a new personal best by 12 minutes.

### **Olympic Park 10k**

Also claiming a PB over the weekend was Billy Green.

In a field of over 500 runners Billy ran a time of 47 minutes 34 seconds to finish in 125th place and placing 3rd in his age grouping.



