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Eastern Young Athletics League Thurrock Sunday 4th July 2021 Youngsters compete in Eastern Young athletes league Ilford AC have not been in a position for many years to compete in the Young athletes league, due to lack of athletes, coaches and officials. However last year Ilford approached Orion Athletic club to ask whether they would like to join up and enter a joint team. Therefore last weekend, Ilfords talented u17's athletes were able to wear the Ilford colours in the Eastern young athletes league for the first time in decades. First up for Ilford on the day was U15 James Thake, who was racing for Ilford for the first time. James was outstanding on the day and ran a very impressive 2.23 for 4th in ...[Read more](#)

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Olympic Park 5km Wednesday 23 June Ilford AC had a good evening in the Olympic Park as the 2nd race in the 2021 ELvIS series was staged on a fast course in good conditions. The club had 30 entrants of whom no less than 8 gained personal best times and 4 won awards. Paul Grange continued to show fine form and won the event with a fast finish in 15 mins 40 secs. He was supported by Malcolm Muir in his first race of the year with 17 mins 47 secs for 20th spot, one place and 1 second in front of the improving Dan Holeyman whose time was a personal best. Next home was Steve Philcox taking the M50 age category in 17 ...[Read more](#)

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TRACK Southern league Saturday 20th June Ilford AC returned to competing in the Southern league for the first time for 2 years at the weekend and all our athletes performed admirably. Even though Ilford had a small team compared to other clubs, there were many outstanding performances and the club finished a very promising 4th. Our women sprinters started the day well with Aleena Lawrence and Efe Adjarifo running 13.4 and 13.5 respectively in the 100m. In the Women's 200m Krsytle Balogun, who always runs well, ran a very good 26.61 and it's great to see Ellie Wright back on the track, not only coming second but running a pb of 26.7. In the 400 and 800m both Gemima Eshimu Massamba and Jordan Hinds did ...[Read more](#)

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VAC 5km Battersea Park Tuesday 8 June The second VAC promoted 5km of the summer was held last week on a warm but muggy night. Four runners from Ilford AC travelled to the park to race over the fast flat 2 lap course. First home for the club was Tony Young, who is currently showing good form, in 43rd spot in 22 mins 07 secs, with Alison Sale producing results showing that she trained well earlier in the year during lockdown recording 23mins 47 secs in 54th and 5th in the F55 grouping. Ilford endurance coach Rob Sargent laced them up and came home 62nd and 4th in the M65 age category with 25 mins 35 secs. Ernie Forsyth raced for the first time ...[Read more](#)

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Conquer 24, Powderham Castle 3 Ilford athletes experienced success in the inaugural Conquer24 endurance race at Powderham Castle near Exeter. Aaron Browne, Craig Livermore and Diarmuid Mac Donnell from Ilford AC were part of a team of 7 local runners taking part in the mixed team relay over 24 hours. The race lap was just under 5 miles of mostly undulating trails with spectacular scenery. Camping facilities and catering were on the castle grounds. Going down with no real expectations, the team found themselves among the leaders going into the night. Strong running overnight saw them take the lead which they managed to hold on to till the end, running approximately 163 miles (33 laps) in just over 24 hours. The ...[Read more](#)

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Track Academy Open Series Mayesbrook Park, Dagenham 29th May 2021 Ilford AC Sprinters finally competed in some favourable weather at this weekend's open meeting in Mayesbrook Park Dagenham. Fidunu Abidekun ran a fast 10.8 in the 100m and looks set to close in on the club's long standing U20M 100m record of 10.6. Newcomer to Ilford, Elijah Mayindu, ran a swift 11.1 to break his PB by 0.4. When the Southern League arrives, the Sprint squad looks to take aim at the club's SM 4x100m relay record of 42.9. On the Women's side, Krystle Balogun continued her progress this season with a 200m of 26.24 and looks set to break into the 25 second region before summer's end. Ellie Wright ran a legal 200m PB (27.03) despite carrying a knee injury, so when she is ...[Read more](#)

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TRACK A number of Ilford Ac athletes ran across 3 venues on Saturday and all of them achieved Personal Bests. At Bromley both Farris Patel and Dylan Harrod ran an 800m. Farris hadn't ran on the track for over a year and was against some high quality athletes. The leaders actually went through the bell in 52 seconds and Farris ended up 4th in a massive personal best of 1.53.56. Not only does this rank Farris in the top 15 U20 800m runners in the UK, but the time he ran makes him the second fastest U20 800M runner of all time at Ilford and in the top 10 of Ilfords all time 800m athletes Dylan Harrod, who recently joined Ilford ,has trained really ...[Read more](#)

[Obituary Bob Beningfield](#)



Obituary It is my sad duty to inform the membership of the death of Bob Beningfield. Marion his wife, wrote that Bob died peacefully on Easter Sunday after a long illness. If memory serves me right Bob came to the club in the mid 1970's from a background with Frenford Youth Club. He was a friendly upright character who made an important positive contribution to the club. He liked to reminisce over a pint. He loved to compete in the pole vault. He was ranked 17th best ever in the club rankings with a height of 3m 10cm and ranked 3rd as a vet., clearing 3m dead. He regularly represented the club in the pole vault at league meetings and was always prepared ...[Read more](#)

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Reunion 5k Kempton Park Saturday 15th May Saturday's event was part of the Governments Events Research Programme aimed at kick starting the return of mass participation events. All runners and spectators had to take a lateral flow test 2 days before the event, as well as a PCR test on the morning of the event and another the day after. 3 Ilford AC athletes took part in the 5k race at Kempton Park racecourse, where the going was good to firm. First past the post for the trio was Dennis Briggs who galloped home in a time of 20:37 for a personal best. Gaye Young also had a good run finishing just 3 seconds outside her PB with a time of 22:52. Nicola Chester had ...[Read more](#)

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Ted Pepper Memorial off road 10k Bromley Monday May 3rd 2021 Bank Holiday Monday saw Ilfords Ex England International runner Andy Catton venturing down to Bromley for the Ted Pepper Memorial off road 10k. Race also doubled as the Southern Vets AC champs. An interesting one lap course, more grass and cross country than trail but pretty flat and at least with a bit of shelter from the chilly wind. Starting in waves of 15 Andy off to a good start but rather overcooked the first 5k going through in 22.20. The wheels then came off a bit at 8k due to his lack of race fitness but he managed to hold on for a pretty pleasing 46.18, which earned him the SCVAC M65 Gold Medal. Doddington ...[Read more](#)

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