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Metropolitan Cross Country League Welwyn Garden City Formed in 1966, the Metropolitan League is one of the oldest Cross Country leagues in the country. Last weekend's race was the 4th this season in the league and was held at Stanborough Park, Welwyn Garden City. In sub zero temperatures, 2 Ilford AC athletes represented the club. In the Senior men's race, Ronan Edwards ran well over the 8k course to finish in 112th place, and 4th U20 male in a time of 30 minutes 11 seconds The veteran men also ran over an 8k course and Jim Tilbrook was pleased with his time of 43 minutes 51 seconds which placed him 164th vet and 24th in his age grouping. Southern Counties Indoor athletics Champs Lee Valley Eight junior Ilford athletes ...[Read more](#)

[Graham Williams RIP](#)



John Batchelor informs us:- I have just received a call from Karen, daughter of Graham Williams, that Graham passed away on 29th December. Graham was 84 and had spent the last year in a care home suffering from dementia and the after effects of two broken hips. Graham was one of six brothers, five of whom were Ilford AC members, Colin the race-walking champion, Howard, Keith and Martin, and Graham himself. I remember vividly my first race with Graham on a snow-covered Hainault Forest course in 1960. Much later in life

we occasionally trained together, travelling long distances to explore the canal network. He was a regular participant in the Blackheath Harriers' Ted Pepper race in Beckenham until quite recently. I expect to ...[Read more](#)

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ESSEX CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Basildon Saturday 4 January The Essex Cross Country Championships were held in Gloucester Park, Basildon once again. In the Under 13s boys race, held over a challenging 3.1k course, both Khalif Ali, 35th in 13 mins 43 secs, and Elias Furreedan, 54th 15 mins 41 secs, struggled on the hills but should be pleased with their performances in a quality race. Likewise Barney Perkins, 32nd in 18 mins 09 secs, in the

under 15 race, held over a 4.3k course, found the going tough but will come back stronger next year in the same age group. Ryder Islam had his best championship performance to date to finish 19th in 23 mins 47 secs in the under 17 men's race one place behind ...[Read more](#)

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Ilford AC's 101st year concluded with 2 of the clubs longest running(excuse the pun) events, the Boxing day handicap which is 15 years old, and the 10m Cross Country Championships which has been part of the clubs running calendar since the early 1950's Ilford AC Boxing Day Handicap Hainault Forest 26th December 2023 A field of 20 runners brushed off the Turkey and Christmas hangover to toe the line for the 15th annual Ilford AC Boxing day handicap. The route is 3.3 miles through the hills and mud of Hainault Forest and forms one lap of the clubs own 10 mile championships which traditionally takes place a few days later Each runner is given a handicap based on their previous form over the year. This year's winner ...[Read more](#)

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Ware Cup Loughton SENIORS The Annual Ware Cup, hosted by Loughton AC was held at Roding Valley Recreation ground last Saturday. Following recent heavy rainfall the 7.8k course was very wet and muddy, and in some areas runners were running through puddles almost knee deep. Despite the conditions Ilford AC had 5 athletes battling the course on the day. In the ladies race Alison Sale led the team of 2 home in 15th position with a time of 41 mins 01 secs. Frieda Keane then came home in 34th position in 51:13, a time which also gained her 3rd place in her age grouping The ladies finished in 6th position on the day. In the men's race, Seb Parris led the team of 3 home in 18th ...[Read more](#)

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ESSEX MASTERS CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP Epping Forest The Essex Cross-Country Championships for Masters Athletes, runners over 40, was held in Epping Forest near Chingford. The event was over a very wet and muddy 2 lap course of 8km. Ilford AC had 19 entrants across the age categories and won 3 individual and 3 team medals. The first race was for all men over 50 and the Ilford team were led home by Fabrizio Stefanoni in an excellent 5th overall and 4th place in the M50-54 group in a time of 32 minutes 30 seconds. Next home was Steve Philcox who continued his good form on the cross-country with 7th place overall and 2nd in the M55-59 category with 32 minutes 40 seconds to claim a ...[Read more](#)

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BRITISH MASTERS 5 km CHAMPIONSHIP Battersea Park The British Masters 5 km Championship was held over the fast flat Battersea Park course for the 3rd consecutive year. On a cloudy damp morning Ilford AC had 8 competitors in action in a field of over 225. The race was won by Adam Baker of Leeds City in 15 minutes exactly, with Sam Rahman leading the Ilford Challenge in 53rd spot with 17 mins 31 secs. Joel Denning came home 110th in 19 mins 20 secs, just 1 second off his personal best for the distance. Dave Thomas placed 123rd with 19 mins 52 secs and Andy Catton was 6th in the M70 category recording 23 mins 04 secs in 182nd overall Rob Sargent completed ...[Read more](#)

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ESSEX CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE (Round 4) Writtle The fourth round of the Essex Cross-Country League was held at Writtle University near Chelmsford on an overcast afternoon . The event was over flat grassland courses which made for good racing. The senior ladies race was over around 7km and the Ilford AC Ladies were led home by Jordan Hinds who moved up during the race to 2th spot in 32 mins 16 secs. Next home was Alison Sale in 7th with 38 mins 12 secs and Pauline Tester with 39 mins 40 secs. Dianne Crisp finished in 42 mins 44 secs for 111th and the team was completed by Julia Galea in 134th . The ladies compete in division 2 and won this match which keeps ...[Read more](#)

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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 Horseley Place park on Saturday with a time of 41 minutes 17 seconds. The race was incorporated within the ...[Read more](#)

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