

With great regret we have to inform you that Norman Booth MBE, Life President and founder of the Redbridge Sports Centre passed away on 10th December 2011. On behalf of all involved with Redbridge Sports Centre we would like to extend our condolence to Norman's family at this sad time.

Norman's health had not been great over the past year and he had recently been admitted to hospital with a chest infection where he passed away.

None of what we have here in the sports centre would have happened without Norman—we and thousands of sports men and women are indebted to him.

Norman was the founder of Redbridge Sports Centre, the idea for which came about as a result of the loss of the old North Ilford LTC's facilities at Beehive Lane. In April 1968 an announcement was made to build a sports centre which would be financially viable. Fund raising started and in March 1971 building started with the official opening on 19 June 1972 by Princess Alexandra. Since that time the sports centre has continued to expand and progress to what it is today.

Members of Norman's family, friends, and representatives of Redbridge Sports Centre Board Members & staff attended a service of Thanksgiving & Celebration of the life of Norman on Monday 19th December at St Mary the Virgin, Denham Village.