



WIMBLEDON SPEEDWAY 1928-1991, 2002-2005

Dirt track speedway is a sport that originated in Australia and was brought to these shores when the first ever meeting in the UK was held at The Kings Oak, High Beech, Epping Forest, on 19 February 1928. Dirt track speedway soon began popping up everywhere. With a Speedway track being installed at the Wimbledon Greyhound stadium shortly after, the grand opening of Wimbledon Speedway took place on 28 May 1928. The footprint of the old speedway greyhound stadium is very much similar to that of today albeit in oval shape, with the

centre line and "THE DONS" stand marking the approx. location of the old speedway start line tapes.

Interesting fact: The first Official Test Match between England vs Australia was held here at Wimbledon on 30 June 1930 and an attendance of 35,800 with the visitors running away with a win by 35-17.

The Dons Den was formed after the Speedway ceased in 2005, it was designed and curated by Jon Stevens who rode for Wimbledon 2002-2004. The idea for this was to restore and save all historical artefacts that might be of social interest, for these to be compiled together to form a museum. With a passion for London Speedway, Jon reached out to Wimbledon

in Sporting History (WISH) to form a partnership that could lead the Speedway arm when it comes to the heritage element.

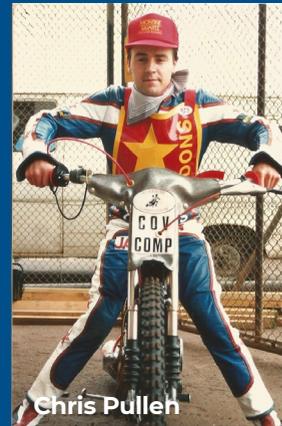


Jon Stevens

Today we welcome Lea Moore and friend Jeff Sutton, who have come all the way from New Zealand. Whilst visiting Europe, they wanted to revisit the site which Lea's dad graced for so many years. Lea is the daughter of Wimbledon Speedway Legend double world champion Ronnie Moore MBE. We also welcome Jon and Chris 'Maddog' Pullen who rode for Wimbledon and were part of the farewell to Wimbledon Stadium event, which was held in collaboration with the stockcars, to say a goodbye to the old stadium.



Ronnie Moore



Chris Pullen

We are continuing to raise funds for a statue to be erected outside the Stadium to commemorate the late Ronnie Moore MBE and his all-career service to Wimbledon.

Donations are very much welcome, you can find the GoFundMe page by clicking on the QR code, thank you all.



★ RONNIE MOORE ★
Statue

Lorraine Botterill and Jason Hepenstall are the two artists producing the statue.

★ PLANNED UNVEILING: 2024/25 ★

Our target is £13,000!

Thank you for your support so far, please keep sending your donations so we can meet our target of £13,000. Any queries can be emailed to TheDonsDen@hotmail.com

Here is the link for the donation page

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LONDON SPEEDWAY ITEMS WANTED...

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Race jacket tabards • Trophies • Posters • Programmes • Stadium decor

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