



## MICK THE MILLER MOSAIC AND HISTORY

Mick the Miller (29 June 1926 – 6 May 1939) was a male brindle greyhound. He is celebrated as the first great racing greyhound to compete in England (although he was born in Ireland).

Despite a short three-year racing career, his achievements were highly publicised around the world and by the end of his career he had become an icon in the sport. His achievements include winning nineteen races in a row, including the English Greyhound Derby on two successive occasions. He suffered an injury at Wimbledon Stadium whilst racing which broke the streak in 1931, and once recovered was beaten in the attempt to win a third Derby title.

He went on to appear in films

and is still considered one of the greatest sporting heroes in the UK, one of only two animals voted in the top 100 sports achievements, the other being Red Rum.

Taxidermy Mick resides at the Natural History Museum, a model at Madame Tussauds, a statue home in Ireland and was immortalised in a large mosaic at Wimbledon Stadium. This is where WiSH and the club became acquainted.

English Heritage inspected the old stadium and this was the only piece they asked us to be keep and to

be displayed as a valuable sporting heritage artefact. Since then it has resided in two tonnes of concrete underneath the west stand whilst we tried to sort a resolution and needed to find £10,000 to get it back on public display, an amount that neither WiSH nor the Club could fund.

However, having contained it in a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of filming a history of greyhound racing at Wimbledon I'm delighted to say we've been granted the money from HLF with smaller contributions coming from the Greyhound Board and Galliards. Another piece of Wimbledon's rich sports history is within the stadium precinct.

Further information can be found here: [gbgb.org.uk/racing/racing-legends/mick-the-miller/](http://gbgb.org.uk/racing/racing-legends/mick-the-miller/)

Find out on the next pages how you can be part of Mick's legacy.

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Mick the Miller mosaic



# Going to the Dogs

## An Oral History of Wimbledon Stadium

**Did you go to Wimbledon Stadium to watch the greyhound races?**

**Did you work there as a dog owner, trainer, bookie, in the cafe, or in any capacity?**



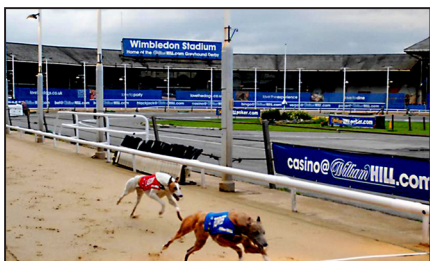
We are looking for people for a new project which is exploring, recording and sharing the history of Wimbledon Stadium which closed in 2017.

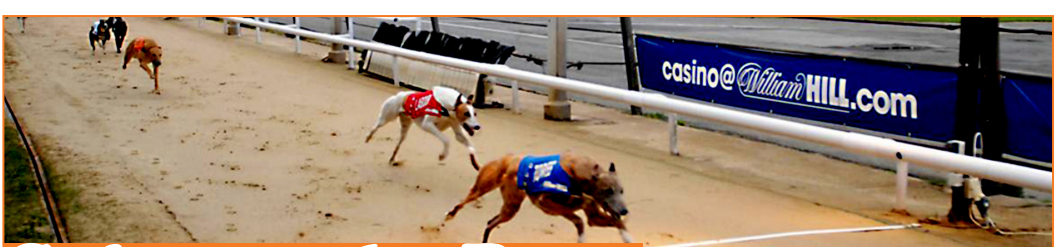
With a support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, sporting heritage charity “Wimbledon in Sporting History” is looking for anyone who can spare an hour to share stories of their experiences at Wimbledon Stadium.

The interviews will be recorded and will be given to the London Borough of Merton’s archives and will form the basis of an educational documentary film. You’ll be making history in this fun and fascinating project.

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## An Oral History of Wimbledon Stadium

**Would you like to be part of a team uncovering the hidden stories of Wimbledon Stadium?**



Oral history specialists *digital-works* are working with *Wimbledon in Sporting History* on a project that will explore the history of Londoners' experiences of Greyhound Racing at Wimbledon Stadium.

We are inviting people to join this wonderful project. You will be part of a team, attend talks from historians, meet the people who were part of one of London's most popular pastimes, go on a visit to a greyhound race meeting and receive training in oral history techniques including interview and audio recording skills. After training you will be interviewing people who went to the races, dog trainers, owners, stadium workers, bookies and others involved in the industry leading to the production of a documentary film.



You will need to be available for three training days on the 15th, 18th & 19th January 2024, plus two further days interviewing. An optional trip to Romford Greyhound Stadium is on 12th January.



Training and interviews will take place between 10-4pm at AFC Wimbledon's stadium in Plough Lane.

No experience needed. Expenses covered. All welcome!

**If you are interested in taking part please contact Sav Kyriacou for more information**

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