

The History of Oxford Stadium



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The Birth of Oxford Stadium

1938

In 1938 the current site at Sandy Lane in Cowley was generally regarded as a 'flapping' track where owners of greyhounds could turn up and run their greyhounds around an oval on the days selected for racing. There was a small cafe on site and the rear wheel of a jacked up motor car was used to drive the lure around the track. The other local 'flapping' tracks included Kidlington, Marston, Sunningwell and Eynsham.

The owner of the land at the time was a Mr Johnson, and he agreed a 99-year lease with a Mr Leslie Victor (L.V) Calcutt.

L.V.Calcutt left school in Kidlington to work at Morris Motors, he was positioned in Rotterdam for several years. On his return he entered the building industry and soon owned a house building firm in Kidlington with his business partner Harold Brown. They started work on a new stadium in 1938 and, by the turn of 1939, Oxford Stadium was born.

1939

The Racing Manager was a Mr Parker and there were four trainers who would supply the stadium with greyhounds trained from the newly built stadium kennels. They were Bill Davies who had a head lad called Jim Tanner, Bill Higgins, Paddy Mullins and Mr Preston, who had a head lad called Sid McMaster. The hare driver and groundsman was Charlie King, who would keep this role for thirty years and the hare system was known as a 'trackless' or 'Sleigh'.

The first meeting was held on 31st March 1939. An eight race meeting was planned, starting at 7.45pm, and Lord Denham from the NGRC (National Greyhound Racing Club) board of control officially opened the stadium.

The first night saw races over 310, 525 & 735 yards with three open races featured. The meeting was hailed as a milestone for Oxford and was covered heavily in the local newspapers.

The Oxford Mail tipster 'Cerberus' made his first appearance as did the Oxford Times tipster 'Sapling'.

One of the races was declared void by the stewards following fighting and Interference. Races then were not declared as they are today if greyhounds fought, they were normally re-run without the offending greyhound.

Speedway was held in summer on Saturday nights although invitational events were the format as the Oxford team would not be formed for another ten years.

The first Speedway night was held on Easter Saturday April 8th.

The secretary of the Oxford Motorcycle Speedway Club, Mr Ted Mander, was responsible for moving to the dirt track from grass at Sandford in Thames.

At the end of April Leslie Calcutt dismissed Paddy Mullins for time finding with greyhounds and the kennel range went to Preston's head lad Sid McMaster. However, war was declared on September 1st and the Stadium closed until September 16th.

Then, following a dispute between Oxford Stadium Ltd and Clapton Stadium Ltd over an agreement on what days each track would race.

Oxford were left no choice but to close until the following year. The race days left for Oxford (Tuesday and Friday afternoons) would have been financially crippling.

Although there was no official trainers title in 1939, the honour went to Bill Higgins after he produced the most winners. One prominent owner was Jack 'John' Grandi who would own greyhounds for years to come at Oxford. Paddy McEllistrim (father of Norah) was one of the early visiting Open race trainers.

Inaugural Race Night Winners

Race Time	Distance	Winner	Win Time
7.45	310y Graded	HUNTING SNIPE (Trained by Higgins)	18.70
8.00	Graded	No Race (Fighting and interference – not re-run)	
8.15	310y Open	WAX END (Trained by Baldwin at Charlton)	18.05
8.30	525y Graded	DIAMOND GLORY (Trained by Preston)	30.30
8.45	735y Open	MICKIE JAY (Trained by Fuller- Privately)	43.20
9.00	525y Graded	SECOND ADVENT (Trained by Mullins)	30.94
9.15	525y Graded	HUNTING CASTLE (Trained by Higgins)	31.10
9.30	310y Open	CANDYS ATAXY (Trained by Mullins)	18.80

1940

Racing resumed on March 15th 1940. Bill Davies and Bill Higgins were the only available trainers when the Stadium was granted permission to race once a week. Preston had returned to Newcastle while the track had been closed and Sid McMaster had been called up for the war, however a man called Jack Young joined the training ranks.

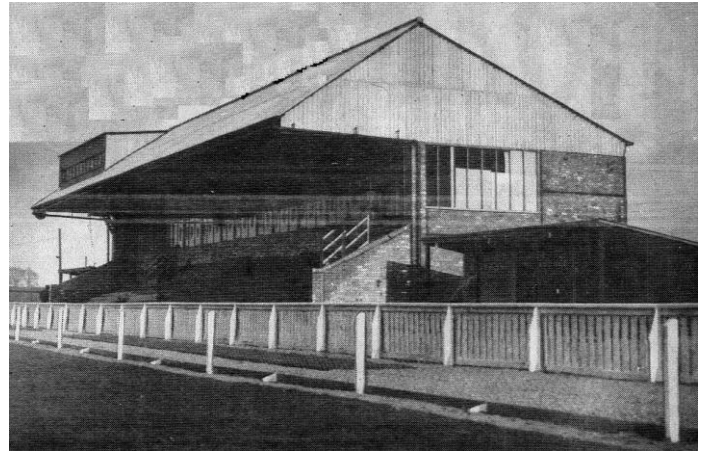
An eight race meeting was held on Friday evenings in the summer, but because of the blackout, the winter weekly meeting was held on Saturday afternoons.

A problem was beginning to rise however. With only one meeting a week, the greyhounds were only getting a run once every two to three weeks. Further problems arose when many owners were being called up to fight in the war leaving their trainers with no kennel fee income.

Grosvenor Friendship, trained by Jim Syder (Wembley), was the star Open racer and was a regular winner around Oxford, including equalling the original 525 yard track record in July when clocking 30.05.

John Reaper, trained locally by Jack Young, set a new best of 17.36 for the 310 yards, before the Bill Davies trained Galtee Ham equalled the time and then went even faster two weeks later in 17.28, a record that would stand for nearly seven years.

Jack Young, in his first year sent out the most winners ahead of defending champion Bill Higgins.



The original stand built in 1939, it was destroyed by fire in 1944.

Regular fund raising for the Oxford fighter fund took place and an auction of two puppies (out of Diamond Glory, an opening night winner) by Mrs Calcutt in aid of the Red Cross was a success.

Meanwhile, the stadium staff formed a unit of the LDV (Local defence volunteers or home guard as most people know it). The unit had one rifle, ten bullets and a pair of binoculars. Their duties included using the binoculars from the lofty position of the steward's box to watch the nearby Cowley Airfield.

From a personal point of view, my uncle Pete Baiden was employed as a kennel lad by the stadium management.



The trainers line up in 1940- Jack Young (3rd from left,) Bill Davies (5th from left,) Bill Higgins (7th from left).



Inter track Oxford v Wembley 11th January 1941 in aid of the Red Cross.

Left to right – Percy East (kennel hand), Mr H.G.Flintham (winning owner), Jim Syder (Wembley trainer), two Wembley kennel hands, Mrs J.M.Regan, Jim Tanner (Kennel hand), Miss Hutt, Miss Gomershall, Miss Webb, Miss Stochford, Mr Calcutt (Owner of Stadium).

1941

Racing Manager Mr Parker, and most of the older kennel lads were called up to serve in the war decimating staffing levels. Saturday afternoon meetings continued throughout the early part of 1941 and then, on April the 25th the meetings switched back to Friday evenings for the summer time and later black out times.

Regular inter track meetings were held and Oxford lost out to Wembley, with the previously mentioned Grosvenor Friendship winning the first inter track in January. A 16-6 victory against Reading in May was followed by 12-10 defeat to Wimbledon in July.

At the time trainer Bill Davies was awarded twenty shillings a week, of which one went to the vet, six to Mr Leslie Calcutt for upkeep of the track and he retained the remaining thirteen.

However, the finances of the trainers were still stretched with the continual problem of owners being called up. As well as the established distances of 310 and 525 yards, the introduction of more hurdle races over 525 yards was a success with the race normally being the first on the card.

In September hurdle handicaps were introduced for the first time, a greyhound called New Range, with a 12-yard handicap, was the winner by six lengths.

Performance of the year came from Much Jay, owned by E.J Fuller and trained by Davies when on the 13th June, he broke the 30-second barrier recording 29.99 and beating the decent Cross Dee Jane by four lengths.

His owner was presented with a special trophy for breaking the track record. Mr P.D.Gordon was also awarded a trophy for his 1940 record breaking greyhound Galtee Ham.

October saw the return of Saturday afternoons mainly due to the night's drawing in and black out restrictions.

It was around this time that the first superstar of Oxford arrived. 'The Gunner' a £400 acquisition by Leslie Calcutt, was put with Jack Young, and trained over the hurdles, he became an instant success by winning Open race hurdles races and drawing in large crowds. He went on to win the Christmas Vase at Wimbledon over 500 yards hurdles by 15 lengths at 6-4 on.

The year ended with an exciting challenge for the top trainer title, but Jack Young pulled clear of Bill Higgins to triumph with 164 winners.

Speedway fared badly. They suspended racing until after the war, and in fact, did not race again until 1949.

1942

Joe Sargent was brought in as Racing Manager to oversee the race meetings and ensure the rules of racing were followed. Joe was to stay associated with the stadium for another 57 years until his death in 1998. There was a standing joke throughout the 1990's, when Joe was in his eighties. When visitors were introduced to the stewards box, by this time Joe had retired, he would still sit in the corner watching the racing. The visitors were told that no one knew the old gentleman and that he just turned up every meeting for fifty years and no one liked to ask him who he was. A memorial race in his honour has been held on an annual basis since 1999.

The training ranks still only numbered three, Bill Davies, Bill Higgins and Jack Young, but in March Bill Davies went to work in a local factory and was replaced by Frank Schock. However Schock would only last until September when Gore arrived to take over the kennel range. The trainer replacements would have been decided by Leslie Calcutt.

Frank Schock went on to train at Sheffield, Nottingham and Park Royal before leaving and training successfully for many years in Australia.

Handicap races were brought in to help even up the top grades. The race would normally be the last with the best six available taking part.

Attached trainers

Bill Davies
Gore
Bill Higgins
Frank Schock
Jack Young

The Gunner continued where he had left off the previous year. He was bought by Mr Moran and the Jack Young star even won an intertrack race over the flat due to lack of hurdle opposition. During the whit Monday meeting he led a long way over the hurdles when the hare broke down to the disappointment of the crowd, while another flat win saw an excellent 30.09 run.

The Gunner went on to win eleven open race hurdles in succession.

Jack Young meanwhile was rattling out the winners, he claimed 80 in the first four months and duly went on to take his third successive trainers title.

He also became the first trainer to claim all eight winners on one night.

Controversy surrounded the stadium continually throughout 1942; the first incident arose when criticism was received due to the fact that paper was not being put into the receptacles provided to be recycled for munitions in the war effort.

In a letter to the newspapers Mr Calcutt stated that all racecards and tote tickets were put into the receptacles and the only exception would be when the public threw them on the ground in wet weather and they could then not be used.

The next problem was that the free buses provided to and from the Swan Hotel were using too much rationed petrol, but again Mr Calcutt felt that they needed two buses due to the large crowds attending.

Finally a rumour had started about greyhounds being interfered with and that a number of valuable dogs had died. Once again poor Mr Calcutt had to explain that the rumour had come about following the fact that some dogs had caught a chill and one had died of enteritis.

The greyhound that had died was indeed a useful hound, Cross Dee Jane, trained by Young, had recorded 29.95 in a handicap race (not a track record due to the fact that she received a start). Cross Dee Jane had finished second to Much Jay the night he broke the track record.

Incidentally Much Jay changed his name to Tenbury in August and would race at Oxford for another five years until the ripe old age of eight.

Mr Calcutt must have breathed a sigh of relief as the year came to an end following all the controversy but, just as he thought things might quiet down, the stadium had a police raid. Chief constable Supt Waistie arrived with a police team and started identity checks. Those unable to produce them were kept for interrogation. A practice used during the war years.



TRACK RECORD HOLDERS

Left - 310-yard holder, Galtee Ham.

Right - 525-yard holder, Much Jay.

1943

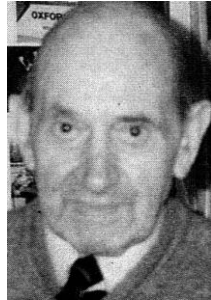
The Saturday afternoon meetings continued during the war with eight races, they were so popular that the summer Friday night meeting did not return. Leslie Calcutt and his business partner Harold Brown acted as Director of Racing and steward respectively.

In the trainers ranks Gore left for Gloucester after Bill Davies returned in May, Davies recuperating after an operation had been told to give up his factory work and return to open air work.

Bill Davies however was once again to leave this position in October due to health problems.

The 310 and 735-yard distances were now held rarely and the majority of races were 525 yards, however hurdles were held regularly and the track record was lowered twice during 1943.

Gypsy Win trained by Franks at Eastville recorded 30.82 in April followed by What A Lad in September, who, trained by Young, recorded 30.70.



Joe Sargent
Racing Manager

A new star was born, Dark Tiger trained by Bill Higgins made his debut in early October winning the top grade by 12 lengths in 30.00 (one spot off the track record). Three weeks later he was beaten in the Trafalgar Cup heats at Wembley by Allardstown Playboy, trained by Stanley Biss, in a time of 29.82.

However on final night the Oxford Stadium Ltd owned greyhound gained revenge on Allardstown Playboy by winning by 3/4 of a length. He also made the Puppy Derby Final at Wimbledon two weeks later, losing out this time to his great rival Allardstown Playboy.

The Stadium sold Dark Tiger to Mr W.J.Oliver (cost unknown) and he was later to join Stanley Biss on the open race circuit.

As the year came to a close Jack Young once again trained all eight winners on one night, but Bill Higgins regained the trainer's title with 180 winners.

Attached Trainers

- Bill Davies
- Gore
- Bill Higgins
- Jack Young



Frank Schock (Trainer) left for Australia.

Telephone OXFORD STADIUM COWLEY, OXFORD.		Under the Rules of the National Greyhound Racing Club.	
31st MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1943		3.30 p.m.	
1st RACE	525 YARDS FLAT	3rd, 4th & 5th	5th, 6th & 7th
1st & 2nd	3rd	4th & 5th	6th & 7th
1—BORDER NIGGER Red			
Heat 32.20 T (23/8/43) Messrs. W. G. Naah & G. Cannon (Young)			
hd.d. Dee Hook—Border Boy, Oct. '38	(1) 2 31.80 Dallas	23/3 32.13	
Sep.18 20f 71 525F	(2) 2 31.21 Galtie Hunter	17/3 32.31	
Sep.11 20f 72 525F	(3) 6 32.30 The Brush, Boy Trial Ok	32.50	
Sep. 4 N 63 525F	(4) 1 31.82		
2—RIDGWAY RENOWN Blue			
Heat 32.30 T (28/4/43) Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Thomas (Higgins)			
hd.d. Wise Client—Norco Bustle, Mar. '39	(1) 1 31.80 Olive's Pride	20/3 B 32.52	
Sep.11 20f 62 525F	(2) 1 32.65 Galtie Hunter	5/3 AL 32.55	
Aug.28 20f 63 525F	(3) 1 31.89 Always Winkle	Trial AL 32.20	
Aug.23 N 63 525F	(4) 1 31.89		
3—ALWAYS WINKLE White			
Heat 31.80 (4/9/43) Messrs. N. Hoddinott & F. Tredwell (Young)			
f.d. Wainline—Jeanie Hornal, Mar. '37	(1) 4 31.42 Bally Ginger	35/0 31.84	
Sep.15 20f 58 525F	(2) 4 31.42 Lady Brindy	Trial 31.82	
Sep.12 N 58 525F	(3) 4 31.42 Snowflake Ataxy	Trial 31.82	
Sep. 6 N 59 525F	(4) 4 31.42		
4—DALLAS Black			
Heat 31.09 T (31/5/43) Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Barton (Higgins)			
hd.d. Dee Hook—She May, Apr. '39	(1) 1 32.10 Border Nigger	6 B 32.10	
Sep.11 20f 61 525F	(2) 4 31.89 Olive's Pride	18/0 B 32.50	
Sep. 6 N 63 525F	(3) 2 31.74 Cumner Laddie	Trial 32.13	
5—SOCIAL BOY Orange			
Heat 31.55 (6/8/43) Mr. O. Moss (Young)			
f.d. Tinarant—Social Attire, Jan. '40	(1) 5 31.30 Bally Ginger	18/0 31.82	
Sep.18 20f 64 525F	(2) 2 31.63 Olive's Pride	7/8 32.53	
Sep.11 20f 65 525F	(3) 2 31.81 H. Snowman	11/3 FS 31.79	
Sep. 4 20f 62 525F	(4) 2 31.81		
6—NORTHWAYS Stripes			
Heat 32.42 (31/7/43) Mrs. H. A. Parrin (Young)			
f.d. English Warrior—Publication, Apr. '37	(1) 3 31.19 Dallas	15/0 32.18	
Sep.11 20f 68 525F	(2) 3 32.11 Galtie Hunter	23/3 FS 32.15	
Sep. 4 20f 67 525F	(3) 3 31.60 Always Winkle	28/0 32.14	
Res.—GALTIE HUSTLER Oxford Stadium Ltd.			
hd.f. Hunting Killbuck—Grove Green, Feb. '38	(1) 4 31.11 Dalriha	5/0 32.11	
Sep.11 20f 62 525F	(2) 4 31.60 Always Winkle	12/0 31.59	
Sep. 4 20f 61 525F	(3) 4 31.60		
1st	2nd	Time	Distance
Div: Win	1st Place	2nd Place	Forecast
525 YARDS FLAT 3.55 p.m.			
1st RACE	2nd & 4th & 5th	3rd & 4th & 5th	6th & 7th 192
1—ON TO VICTORY Red			
Heat 30.79 ST (8/2/43) Mr. W. Treuby (Young)			
f.d. Bunty's Best—Theory Princess, June '40	(1) 3 31.30 The Brush, Boy Trial	31.84	
Sep.20 20f 59 525F	(2) 3 31.50 Home Double (10) Tr	32.13	
Sep.16 N 59 525F	(3) 1 31.22		
Sep. 9 N 60 525F	(4) 1 31.22		
2—LITTLE BOY BLUE Blue			
Heat 31.82 T (27/5/43) Mrs. E. L. Hartland (Young)			
f.d. Cook Robin—Handington True (11) Jan. '38	(1) 4 31.30 Bally Ginger	19/3 31.89	
Sep.18 20f 62 525F	(2) 4 31.21 Graham's Folly	11/0 L 31.89	
Sep.11 20f 61 525F	(3) 5 31.61 H. Snowman	12/0 B 31.87	
Sep. 4 20f 62 525F	(4) 5 31.61		
3—ROCKPORT BOY White			
Heat 31.72 (20/8/43) Mr. R. A. Deele (Young)			
f.d. Smoky Cutlet—Balted Lady, May '39	(1) 6 31.21 Graham's Folly	17/0 31.84	
Sep.11 20f 63 525F	(2) 1 31.82 Dick from Knock	11/3 B 31.82	
Aug.28 20f 62 525F	(3) 2 31.75 Cross Louisa	0/6 31.39	
Aug.14 N 63 525F	(4) 2 31.75		
4—DICK FROM KNOCKNACROHY Black			
Heat 31.95 (10/4/43) Miss J. Sharro (Higgins)			
f.d. Melkham Nobody—(14) Dallas Lady Again, Jan. '41	(1) 4 31.30 Bally Ginger	17/3 31.70	
Sep.18 20f 60 525F	(2) 4 31.21 Graham's Folly	18/3 31.84	
Sep.11 20f 61 525F	(3) 4 31.38 Dr. Keys Darkie	14/0 31.77	
Sep. 4 20f 61 525F	(4) 1 31.38		
5—LONE PRAIRIE Orange			
Heat 32.08 T (22/9/43) Miss E. Brinklow (Young)			
hd.f.d. Brilliant Bob—Lucky Plum, June '36	(1) 3 31.50 The Br. Boy (So) Tr.	31.86	
Sep.22 20f 63 525F	(2) 3 31.60 New Range (2)	10/3 32.56	
Sep.18 20f 64 525F	(3) 2 32.08 New Range (5)	Trial 32.59	
Sep.12 N 62 525F	(4) 2 32.08		
6—CUMNER LADDIE Stripes			
Heat 31.42 T (8/2/43) Mrs. H. A. Parrin (Young)			
f.d. And Some Don't—Bassing Away, Aug. '40	(1) 2 31.85 Olive's Pride	Trial Ok 31.82	
Sep.20 20f 58 525F	(2) 2 31.21 Graham's Folly	7/9 QA 31.57	
Sep.13 N 57 525F	(3) 3 31.21		
Sep.11 20f 57 525F	(4) 3 31.21		
Res.—OLIVE'S PRIDE			
Heat 31.37 ST (16/9/43) Mr. F. D. Huddy (Young)			
hd.b. His Lordship—Olive's Sister, Jan. '42	(1) 1 31.51 Beaumont Beauty	Tr. 31.51	
Sep.20 20f 49 525F	(2) Solo	Trial 31.37	
Sep.16 N 49 525F	(3) Solo		
1st	2nd	Time	Distance
Div: Win	1st Place	2nd Place	Forecast

A programme from 1943
Note the prize money
Winner £3, 2nd £1 Others 10/-

1944

1944 saw a fire destroy the main stand, not by German bombs but by a newspaper that had blown onto a heater. This did not seem to hold up racing however as a busy year took place.

On the 12th February the Racing Manager Joe Sargent left his position to take up the empty kennel range vacated by Bill Davies the year before. This seemed a strange decision, but Joe was one of those people who liked to try new things in life. He started well with a spread of winners, but only had a small kennel compared to the other two trainers.

This left Jack Young and Bill Higgins fighting it out for top honours, they both posted over 40 winners in the first three months alone.

A greyhound called Special Display was a regular top grade winner, he was the litter brother of Dark Tiger. The Gunner was still wowing the crowds despite his age and track record holders Galtee Ham and Tenbury (formerly Much Jay) were all regular performers.

A lesser grade greyhound called Yankee Doodle became a favourite with American servicemen who loved to see this one win. Hurdle track record holder What A Lad, trained by Young, made the final of the Empire Hurdles at Wembley.

In June a new Racing Manager was appointed, called Charles Ainley and he seemed popular with the Oxford Mail, who regularly applauded his efforts in grading.

In December however he would leave after becoming the Racing Manager at Owlerton, Sheffield.

The editor of the Oxford Mail Mr G.R Hardacre also publicly thanked Mr Calcutt for his fund raising efforts during 'Salute the Soldier' week.

Attached Trainers

Joe Farrand Bill Higgins Joe Sargent Jack Young
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Higgins and Young traded blows throughout the year, both had over 80 winners over the next six months leaving just the last three months to decide the fate of top trainer.

In September a new trainer Joe Farrand arrived from Coventry to take the range vacated by Joe Sargent. Farrand started as a kennelhand at Wembley in 1938 and then moved to Coventry in 1939.

He brought along a greyhound called Winnie of Berrow who was owned by Mr W.J Read. The 1940 whelp and daughter of the great Beef Cutlet, only started her racing career after having a litter of six, that litter would also bring great success.

The greyhound quickly became very popular and won the valuable Eclipse Stakes at Coventry defeating the highly regarded 'Ballyhennessy Seal' that went on to win the Derby in 1945.

In the Eclipse qualifying heats, Ballyhennessy Seal, Allardstown Playboy and Race Day had claimed victories but all finished behind 'Winnie' in the final.

The first match race took place shortly after between some of Oxford's best hounds in aid of the 'Airborne Forces week'. Winnie of Berrow justified favouritism and duly won that as well.

One interesting note is that during handicap races if a trap failed to open properly the result stood, the rules stated that as long as the greyhound left the trap the race should go ahead.

The year ended with Bill Higgins claiming top trainer with 161 winners, he had beaten Jack Young by just one winner.



Mr Leslie Calcutt

1945

The war finally ended and the Saturday afternoon slot remained. The three stadium trainers Joe Farrand, Bill Higgins and Jack Young now had a close rivalry that would last quite a few years.

Attached Trainers

Joe Farrand
Bill Higgins
Jack Young

The year started well for two new Oxford hounds who quickly became two of Oxford's best, Whitey Marsh trained by Jack Young and Garnaman Invader trained by Bill Higgins both qualified for the Wembley stayers Final in February.

Higgins took an early lead in the trainers' title from Young with Farrand struggling to keep up with the pair.

The decision was made to introduce a new distance of 475 yards, as previously stated the 310 was rarely used and 475 was seen as the ideal replacement.

The first two good times produced were by 'Lord Peter' trained by Young, who recorded 27.88, followed by kennelmate Sound Touch, who went 29 spots better two weeks later.

Only once more in the year was the time improved, by open race raider Anglesey Angel trained by Boyle at Romford. He recorded 27.45.

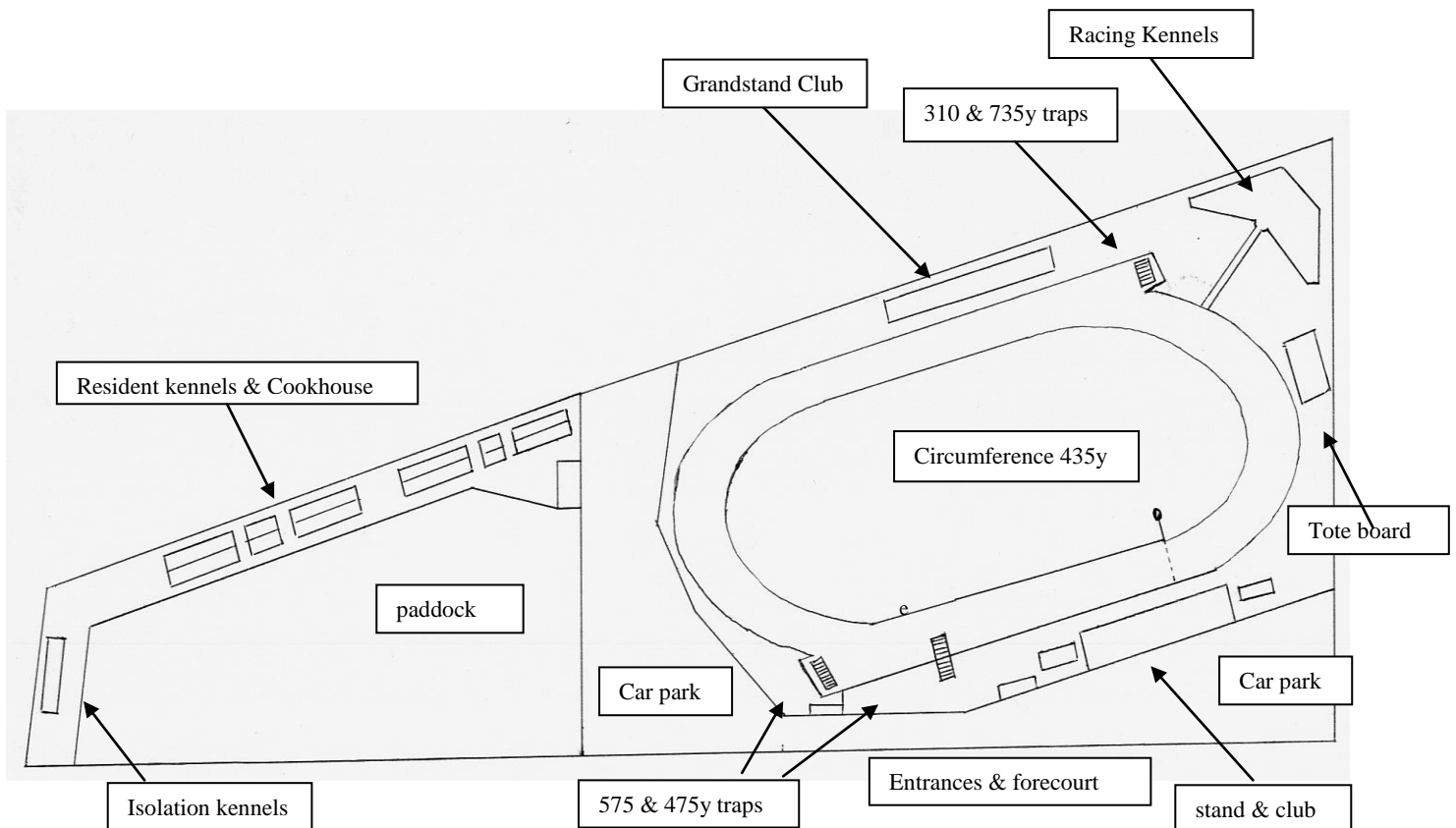
Track records seemed to crash during the spring, Young's Whitey Marsh set new figures of 29.95 for the 525 yards followed by Higgins' Garnaman Invader, who lowered the clock to 29.85 just seven days later when beating Whitey Marsh by 1/2 length.

The hurdle record went as well when Bill Higgins-trained Baytown Brougham ran 30.60, lowering the time by ten spots.

During July it was decided to stop Saturday afternoons and go to Tuesday and Friday nights. With no black out since the end of the war, Mr Calcutt thought the move would bring in the crowds.

It was during July that Winnie of Berrow (Oxford's top dog in 1944 trained by Bill Higgins) stormed to a new track record over 525 yards, she stopped the watch at 29.84 when coming off scratch in the handicap top grade (a great feat having to come through the field to set the time).

Jack Young finished the year as leading trainer.



A diagram of Oxford Stadium in the 1940's

Dark Tiger & Winnie of Berrow

Trafalgar Cup Final (Wembley) (06/11/43)

1 Dark Tiger - Bill Higgins (Oxford)	9-2
2 Allardstown Playboy - Stanley Biss (Private)	8-11f
3 Farloe Mac - J Hudspeth (Brough Park)	7-2
4 Trevs Autocrat - Johnny Bullock (West Ham)	100-6
5 Dashing Kilre - Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	25-1
6 Letty Lind	20-1
Time - 30.18	

The Eclipse Stakes, Coventry (07/10/44 £250)

1 Winnie Of Berrow – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	6-1
2 Race Day – I.Regan (Private)	100-6
3 Ballyhennessy Seal -Stan Martin (W'don)	1-2f
4 Black Nap	100-8
5 Allardstown Playboy – Jerry Hannafin (W'don)	6-1
6 Lucky Rap	100-1
Time – 30.40 (hd hd 1½ nk 1½)	

Puppy Derby Final (Wimbledon) (27/11/43)

1 Allardstown Playboy - Stanley Biss (Private)	9-4
2 Ballyhennessy Seal - R Morley (Catford)	10-11f
3 Spittle Smoke	10-1
4 Dark Tiger - Bill Higgins (Oxford)	6-1
5 Dashing Kilrea -Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	33-1
6 Toneybane - Sid Jennings (Wembley)	25-1
Time – 29.32	

(14/10/44)

1 Winnie of Berrow – Joe Farrand	4-5f
2 Cheers For Friarsfield – Bill Higgins	9-2
3 Dashing Chieftain – Bill Higgins	10-1
4 Special Display – Bill Higgins	2-1
Time - 30.25	

1946

The year started well. There was renewed hope with the cloud lifted following the war years. The track staff worked well covering the track with straw to avoid the grass becoming frozen, and, on one occasion, a meeting was delayed after the straw took longer than expected to clear.

A new war started against counterfeit tote tickets and the stadium was forced to invest in a new type of tote paper to combat this problem. All three trainers started well but by the end of February Higgins and Young has started to pull clear of Farrand.

Fringford Queen, trained by Joe Farrand, recorded a smart 30.05 in March and also beat 'Judy N' in an open race around Oxford. Judy N had previously lowered Reading's track record on two occasions. The pattern of Oxford winning the open races continued and home hounds were hard to beat.

In April Bill Higgins trained 'Good West End' to a new track record. The greyhound set new figures of 29.84, just three weeks later, Jack Young steered 'Ryans Rose' to an improved 29.78 time. These two runs were superb considering both had to come from scratch in handicap races, Ryans Rose then went for a tilt at the Derby.

A superb spring for Jack Young saw him take a big lead in the trainers' title and looked well set for a fifth success.

Other notable performers were Edermine Boy (Jack Young), who recorded 29.72 on 21st May, and

Summer Jubilee (Bill Higgins), who recorded 29.62 on 28th June. Neither of these runs constituted track records because they had been off 12 yards and 5 yards respectively in handicap races.

On 6th July 'Good West End' travelled to Slough and broke the record for 675 yards. It was the second track record of the year by the Higgins trained dog.

Due to a lack of varied distances a new schedule of open races were to be brought in by Leslie Calcutt, they were to include 310 yards (now rarely held), 475 and 735 yards. The graded cards were almost exclusively 525 yards.

The open races had an immediate effect with Please Peter, privately trained by Scadgell, winning the semi finals and final of the 475 yards on the same day. Both runs saw improved track record times, in the heats he recorded 27.39 followed by a 27.22 final win, an interesting result bearing in mind that nowadays a greyhound is not allowed to run twice in one day.

Mischievous Red, trained by Crowley at Clapton, lowered the 735 track record to 43.20 and, three days later, Rushbrook Bob, trained by Raymond at Eastville, was the new 475 best with a time of 27.04.

As the year drew to a close Garnaman Invader made the St Leger semi-finals at Wembley and Jack Young duly wrapped up the title with a massive 319 winners ahead of Bill Higgins, who managed 300 winners.

1948

The ban on midweek racing remained, therefore Calcutt continued with the Saturday slot of twelve races from 4.15pm to 8.10pm. As from March he decided to go back to the format of two meetings instead of one on a Saturday.

On the 13th March the stadium experienced its first ever triple dead heat in history between Kussnacht, Narrogar Woolie and Crazy Loon.

One of Winnie of Berrows' litter 'Narrogar Ann' (sired by Dutton Swordfish) won the Western Two Year Old Produce Stakes for Joe Farrand. The fawn bitch would of course go on to win the 1959 Derby.

The dreaded kennel sickness struck in May, resulting in an incredible 40 official non runners.

However under the rules of racing you were allowed to produce new races with replacements and the staff were praised in the local press for the fact that they produced fresh cards and carried the racing through.

An announcement was made at the end of May that a photo finish system was going to be installed; this would result in new distances because the winning post would have to be moved 20 yards nearer the centre of the stand.

Therefore the old distances of 310, 475, 525 & 735 ceased and the new ones would be 290, 455, 500 & 715.

The first track records set under the new distance are listed below. The 290-yards holder Gortnagory went on to win the Scurry Gold Cup, one of the classic races at the time.

The midweek racing ban was lifted and Calcutt quickly applied to race Tuesday evenings as well as Saturday evenings from July.

A new competition was introduced nationally for greyhound tracks, it was called the 'Intertrack Challenge Cup', sponsored by the News of the World, and Oxford would compete in the West competition.

The opening match saw Gloucester defeat Oxford in the first round, it was a small consolation that Gloucester went onto to win it.

August soon arrived and a new tax hit greyhound racing. This tax would have serious affects at later dates, but for now the track bookmakers decided to retain one shilling on winnings paid out over £1. The government scooped £300 during the rest of the year in tax.

There was a call from patrons to introduce the same system as Wimbledon, which was calling a photo finish on any result under half a length.

Tax problems seemed to be causing Oxford a few problems and the tote units decreased from 4 shillings to 2 shillings. Unusually a Boxing Day meeting was not held.

A description of the track in 1948 by the publishers of a greyhound encyclopaedia read as follows –

Track Characteristics

A good size course with full use made of length of straight.

Good run-up to the first bend.

Type of Hare

Inside (McWhirter track-less)

Distances (Yards)

290, 455, 500, 715 and 500 hurdles

Principal Events

Regular open and restricted races

Kennel Facilities

Situated at the stadium with accommodation for 132 greyhounds, at one guinea per week. 3s per day.

Amenities

Oxford Stadium club 5s enclosure, Oxford Stadium racing club 2s 3d enclosure.

Instaprint photo finish installed. Totalisator units 4s win and forecast.

Nearest Railway stations

Morris Cowley (G.W.R) half-mile, Oxford (L.M.S) 3 miles, Oxford (G.W.R) 3 miles.

Western Two Year Old Stakes Final (Eastville (2/08/48) (500y)

1 Narrogar Ann – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	1-1f
2 Narrogar Dusty – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	9-4
3 Narrogar Tommy – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	6-1
4 Brilliant Defence -	8-1
5 Gorse Tiger	7-1
6 Blackhouse Curly	8-1
Time – 29.28 (5, 2 ½, 1, ¾, 8)	

290	GOLDEN MONARCH II	16.26	Mrs.V.Bevis (Private)	17.07.48
	GORTNAGORY	16.16	P.J.Power (Private)	18.09.48
455	EARL OF KILALLY	26.22	Reg Holland (Private)	24.07.48
	LUCKY STOKER	26.15	Bill Gigg (Private)	24.08.48
	KNOCKER'S LATEST	26.00	J.P.H.Bott (Private)	07.09.48
500	COLIN RANGER	28.60	Norman Merchant (Private)	03.07.48
	PEMBROKE FAIR	28.32	Jack Young	06.07.48
	PATSYS RECORD	28.24	Fred Farey (Private)	13.07.48
	PEMBROKE FAIR	28.15	Jack Young	13.07.48
	DON GIPSEY	28.04	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	14.09.48
715	NORTHAM STAR	41.18	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	06.07.48
	COME UP FIRST	40.72	Bob Burls (Wembley)	13.07.48

NEW TRACK RECORDS SET IN 1948

1949

An air of gloom surrounded greyhound racing in 1949, the tax imposed by the government was causing problems and then Leslie Calcutt attentions turned to Speedway when it returned for the first time in ten years. In March a competition to name the team was held and eventually they were called the 'Cheetahs'.

On April 21st the first official Speedway match for the Oxford team was held, they lost a close match 47-37.

The Duchess of Marlborough conducted the opening ceremony and was taken around the track as a pillion passenger by the Australian Speedway legend Aub Lawson.

The Racing Manager Henry Chandler was called in to take over the Speedway team from Ron Bear, who left the Oxford Cheetahs, and it was felt that he did a fine job in charge.

Back to the greyhounds, and graded racing was the main staple throughout the first six months of racing, Jack Young was clear of the other three trainers in winners list and no open races took place.

The cost to hold them clearly had an effect and Calcutt was spending his time with the Speedway following record crowds attending despite the fact that they were bottom of the league. In fact the greyhound racing moved to Tuesday and Friday nights to allow speedway the Saturday night slot.

The previously mentioned Narrogar Ann (one of Winnie of Berrow's May 46 litter) went on to win the English Derby. Muncross Ann, trained by Hugh Kennedy, set a new track record, recording 29.95 over 500 yards hurdles on 26th August. He also steered Magic Blissful to a 26.06 run over 455 yards, only six spots off the track record.

Kennedy was struggling to get a run for some of his better hounds and on November 7th he left to take up the position of a trainer at Coventry, leaving just the three trainers again in the stadium kennels.

Despite the new distances only being one year old, performances were way off the track records, graded racing dominated and not a single open race was held during the year.

From October the racing was held just on Fridays and the situation looked bleak with small attendances, the only highlight was that there were still some high profile owners – including the greyhound 'Jacks Temple' who was owned by the Duchess of Marlborough.

The Tuesdays were quickly reintroduced from November when the Speedway finished; the last Speedway match attracted a record crowd of 10,000.

The 'News of the World' Intertrack Challenge Cup was in it's second year, and the format remained regional. Oxford did not take part in the Western region, leaving Gloucester to win it for the second year running.

Jack Young won the trainers crown again, this time it was title number seven and the final tote returns for 1949 saw £333,947 staked, £279,633 paid in winnings and £33,295 paid in tax duty to the government leaving only just over £20,000 gross profit.

After deductions, such as staff wages and prize money, you could see the problem Oxford were having.

Attached Trainers

Joe Farrand
Bill Higgins
Hugh Kennedy
Jack Young

1950

Leslie Calcutt still took an active role in the Speedway and greyhound racing, but it was notable that the Bristol Greyhound Racing Association, under the respected Con Stevens, was now actively involved in the greyhound racing.

The exact relationship between Calcutt and the Bristol company at this time is unknown, but Calcutt had sold some of his interests in greyhound racing to them for a figure reputed to be in six figures - he was of course already a director with the Bristol company.

In the early part of the year Jack Young and Bill Higgins had a close battle for the most winners; by the end of March Higgins led 79-78.

Meanwhile the 'News of the World Intertrack Challenge Cup' had started and Oxford beat Eastville (Bristol) 23-21 to qualify for the semi-finals. Defending champions Gloucester lay in wait and Oxford won comfortably by virtue of the home leg win of 16-6.

<p>Stadium Kennels Joe Farrand Bill Higgins Jack Young C Licence Henry Kibble George Peverell Owner/Trainers B.V Berry J Fawdry C Godwin O.C Papps F.E Pollard</p>

The final would take place in late March and the opposition was Cardiff. The Oxford hounds did not fare well and left the Welsh track 14-8 behind, leaving a mountain to climb.

The return leg was set for Saturday 18th March and representing Oxford was the highly rated Lambourn Commander and two Joe Farrand hounds., Cardiff suffered an early setback after Sometime Lizzie was withdrawn sick and replaced by one of their reserves.

The race resulted in a perfect 1-2-3 for Oxford and a 16-6 win. Oxford was crowned Intertrack Champions of the West for the first time, the trophy was presented by Norman Evans of the News of the World and Tom Meanes from the Sporting Chronicle.

The fastest time of the year so far came in July following a victory by Cleovastos, trained by W.H Mills, in winning the Oxford agricultural Shoe Stakes final. The time of 28.28 was nothing special, but the open races were still virtually non-existent.

On the graded front however a greyhound called 'Jesmond' trained by Jack Young became the first greyhound at Oxford to win 50 times. It was believed at the time that this was the first time any greyhound at any track had achieved this at the same venue, the hound owned by Mr A.B.Cutler had won 53 by the end of the year.

In August an unusual scenario arose, many races were introduced where the owners could train their own greyhounds in graded races.

It was introduced to encourage larger attendances, but could not help the stadium trainers financially and, around this time, 'C' licences were introduced.

C licences were trainers that could own and train a small kennel; the C licence is not to be confused with the races that were open to Oxford owners to race their greyhounds, although both are basically the same thing.

The first owner trained winning greyhound was 'Moreton Lily', who was owned and trained by F.E.Pollard.

A competition started which asked patrons to pick six winners to scoop a prize (they even had the jackpot pool idea then).

Despite Bill Higgins holding a lead in the trainers' title, Jack Young caught and overtook him to end the year with his eighth trainers title success. He finished with 301 winners compared to Higgins' 275.

News of the World Intertrack Challenge Cup Final (18/03/50)

1 Lambourn Commander – Bill Higgins	1-1f
2 Demones Tessie – Joe Farrand	7-2
3 Narrogar Rusty – Joe Farrand	3-1
4 April The Seventh – Jim Todd (Cardiff)	10-1
5 Fling Violet – Driscoll (Cardiff)	7-1
6 Rock Cottage Tom – Bill Doolan (Cardiff)	8-1
Time – 28.95	

1951

The tax situation finally caught up with Oxford Stadium and the sad announcement was made by Leslie Calcutt that Oxford Greyhounds would close.

In a statement to the press he said "the conditions brought about by the instigation of heavy and discriminatory tax on greyhound racing has left him no choice.

Totalisator turnover has steadily worsened and through the winter months they would run at a £200 a week trading loss if they should remain open." He also added that "it was the first time since 1939 that he would have to close and he hoped that if the tax problem was resolved the greyhound racing could return.

It is crazy that the public can stay away from the track and have tax free bets at the starting price and yet they get taxed if they come to the track"

Joe Farrand transferred to Eastville (Bristol), which was sort of like a sister track at the time. Higgins and Young remained looking after the greyhounds at the stadium kennels until their future would be decided for them.

Calcutt however decided that greyhound racing could return on Easter Monday and race on Fridays only to try and combat the costs involved.

Open races once again were just a memory and the graded racing was supplied just by Higgins and Young, at last Bill Higgins pulled clear of Jack Young in the race to be top trainer and he notched his fifth title.

Tuesday nights returned in addition to Fridays in August and there was even one month (October) when for the first time ever, they raced three times a week on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. November saw a return to normality with Mondays being dropped.

It appeared that Calcutt was trying everything to make the greyhounds work, but the tax once again took its toll when the tote figures were produced. £225,898 turnover (nearly £100,000 down from two years previously), tax (£22,898) still in the region of 10%.

The owner and trainer races and C Licence races came to an end in 1951, probably due to the closure in January and February and they were not introduced again until November the following year.

Gloucester regained the News of the World Intertrack Challenge Cup; Oxford did not take part in it due to the closure of the stadium in the early part of the year.

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Name of Greyhound	Colour	Sex	Sire	Volume	Dam	Volume	When pupped
<i>Appleford Willie</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Latest Selection</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>Appleford Sally</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>May 49</i>
				Breeder	<i>W. Nash</i>		

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A certificate of transfer from 1951 for the greyhound Appleford Willie. The 1949 whelp was owned by Mr Ray Wiggins.

1952

The problems with the greyhound racing took their toll on Calcutt, and he must have wished for an easier time. The continued problems with tax resulted in a two month break again during January and February.

The racing returned in March and as usual the stadium held two meetings on Easter Monday, Open races were not held until June and the times recorded by greyhounds were nowhere near the track records set in 1948.

Oxford Stadium was truly in a time of depression, despite some good news arriving by way of the budget in April - after which tax was reduced on greyhound racing.

Then things got worse as Leslie Calcutt fell ill in the summer, he had to go to hospital for a major operation and was recuperating at Acland nursing home. However he suffered a relapse and on Sunday 3rd August he passed away aged just 49.

Alderman Frank Wise paid tribute to Calcutt by saying 'he started from nothing and made good, a man who makes good like that is a credit to his village'.

The Bristol Greyhound Racing Association was soon to change their name to Bristol Stadium Ltd and they took control of affairs at Oxford following the death of Calcutt.

They brought in Fred Beckett to look after proceedings and he was also the promoter of the Speedway team. Henry Chandler remained as racing boss until the end of the year when he left his position as racing manager and speedway manager to join Swindon as their racing manager.

Swindon had started greyhound racing in 1952 and Chandler's first love was greyhound racing so he took the opportunity to help the new track.

A new racing manager was appointed on December 1st in the form of Fred Asher; Asher had been a judge and steward at Eastville (Bristol) for eight years.

On the racing front the two trainers were covering all the racing and, in May, the schedule included Saturday evenings.

Stadium Kennels
Bill Higgins
Jack Young
Owner/Trainers
Albert Batchelor
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O.C Papps
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Walter Phipps
F.E Pollard
R.S Scarrott

The format was now three meetings a week, eight races on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. With the extra racing, the trainers duly trained the most winners they ever had previously and, going into August, they had both already passed 200 each. Higgins then had a blow as his head lad Bert Manning left to take up a trainer's position at Reading.

Approaching September and a boost was needed. It came in the shape of a new champion greyhound, a puppy called 'Kensington Perfection' had started winning graded races and was now looking like a superb prospect.

His trainer Bill Higgins and owners Mr & Mrs Phipps decided that they would have a crack at the British Breeders Produce Stakes at Catford; they would also send his litter brothers Kensington Partridge, Kensington Pheasant and Kensington Prince. Perfection and Partridge duly qualified for the final and on the 20th September, Perfection, at odds of 13-8f, won the competition.

Kensington Perfection and his brothers then moved onto the National Breeders Produce Stakes at Stamford Bridge. In the heats Perfection won at 11-10F and Prince was second in his heat at 66-1. Perfection claimed victory again in the final and had now earned £1,000 in prize money, he had a well earned parade around Oxford the following week.

The boost given by Kensington Perfection seemed to coincide with a new dawn at Oxford.

During September Ray-timing was installed, this was a system that worked when the traps went up and then the greyhounds noses crossed a beam of light that went onto a photo cell and amplifier.

Just a couple of weeks later automatic starting was introduced.

During November owner races began again and Jack Young suffered badly as a result, he had been 30 winners clear of Higgins at 341 and heading for a magical 400 winners by the end of the year.

However, he only managed seven winners in November and ten in December due to the owners now training their own greyhounds.

Higgins took advantage and won his sixth trainers' title by claiming 373 winners.

British Breeders Produce Stakes Final (Catford 20/09/52) (440y)

1 Kensington Perfection – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	13-8f
2 Hunsdon Happy – Gordon Nicholson (Clapton)	4-1
3 Priceless Spot – Frank Gawn (Catford)	7-4
4 Summer Breeze	6-1
5 Kensington Partridge – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	100-7
6 Ellava Bluebird – Eddie Wright (Stamford Bridge)	25-1
Time – 26.00	

British National Breeders Produce Stakes Final (Stamford Bridge 28/09/52) (500y)

1 Kensington Perfection – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	11-4
2 Hunsdon Happy – Gordon Nicholson (Clapton)	100-6
3 Bunny Hutch – Fred Lugg (Brighton)	8-1
4 Priceless Spot – Frank Gawn (Catford)	8-11f
5 Hopeful Luck	33-1
6 Hunsdon Dopey – Gordon Nicholson (Clapton)	10-1
Time – 28.28	

1953

A quiet start to the year saw all races open to owner trainers, the practice of closing in January and February stopped as a Friday evening meeting was held once a week instead.

Once again open races were at a minimum and track times under the ray-timing were not close to the track records. The highlight of the year so far was the coronation tankards presented to the winners on 2nd June to celebrate the Queens coronation.

Stadium Kennels

Bill Higgins - Jack Young

Owner/Trainers

Jim Bassett - Albert Batchelor - B.V Berry - Phil Bull
 G.M Christie - Keith Collett - Tom Emmott - J Fawdry
 J.W Gibson - Fred Gillingham - Jack Hanks - V.C.Jones
 Tim Holtom - B.A Howe - Henry Kibble - Longdon
 P.A Millard - Bill Nash - Aubrey Oakey - O.C Papps
 Mrs Flo Partridge - George Peverell - Walter Phipps
 F.E Pollard - R.S Scarrott - L Shennan
 Paddy Sweeney - Walcroft

Oxford crashed out of the 'News of the World' Intertrack competition to champions Gloucester at the semi final stage on their second appearance in the competition, the first time Oxford had been beaten.

Kensington Perfection, the best hound to ever be connected to the stadium, continued his great endeavours. The brindle dog had won two Produce Stakes the previous year and was about to surpass these efforts.

First came the Eastville Produce Stakes on 3rd August, not only did he win the event but he smashed the track record by recording 28.29 beating the previous 28.41 mark. (kennelmate Kensington Partridge ran a creditable third place). From there Perfection went for a crack at the Regency at Hove, once again he proved a star as he claimed the title on 1st September in 29.56. The Cesarewitch was just beyond him after that when he lost out in the final in October, a race won by the brilliant Derby finalist Magourna Rejact.

Eastville Produce Stakes (03/08/53) (500y)

1 Kensington Perfection – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	1-2f
2 Tillside Beech – W.McLean (Edinburgh)	20-1
3 Kensington Partridge – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	100-8
4 Morgan Sweet	13-2
5 Priceless Spot – Frank Gawn (Catford)	4-1
6 Bright Design – Stan Raymond (Knowle)	8-1
Time – 28.29 (Track Record)	

Golden Crest (19/09/53) (Eastville 500y)

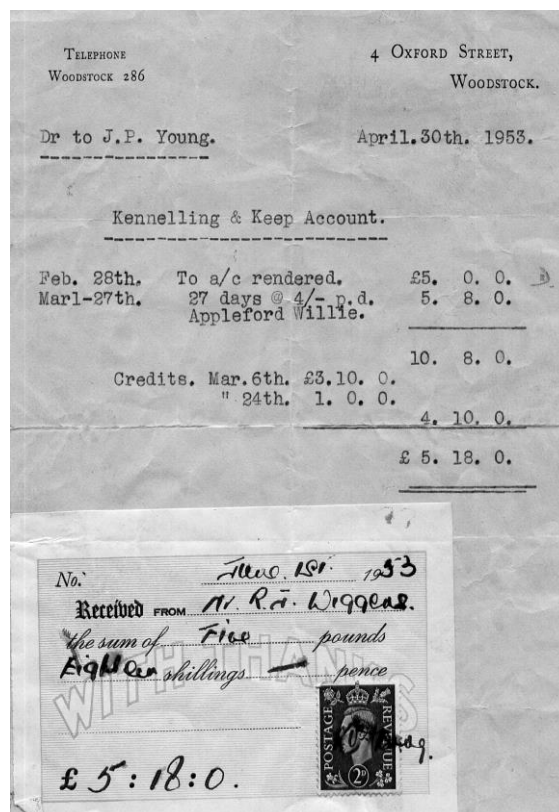
1 Parkroe Bob – Jack Young (Oxford)	10-11f
2 Spanish Pinetree – Jimmy Quinn (Eastville)	33-1
3 Dismal	33-1
4 Spanish Minister – E.Mercer (Eastville)	33-1
5 Kensington Perfection – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	11-10
6 Tiger Bright	14-1
Time – 28.68	

The success was catching, as Parkroe Bob trained by Jack Young brought more success to Oxford by winning the Buckinghamshire Cup at Slough in August after dead heating with Romantic Crisis.

The Golden Crest final at Eastville in September resulted in Parkroe Bob defeating Kensington Perfection.

Jack Young claimed the trainers' title just passing 200 winners and a new eliminator place pool was introduced, similar to the jackpot pool nowadays.

One of the owner trainers was Paddy Sweeney, who was to go on to be one of the most respected greyhound veterinary surgeons in the country.



A kennel bill, courtesy of Mr Ray Wiggins from 1953. The bill is for Appleford Willie trained by Jack Young.

Buckinghamshire Cup (19/08/53) (Slough 475y)

1 Parkroe Bob – Jack Young (Oxford)	11-4
2 Romantic Crisis – Paddy McEvoy (Crayford)	5-2
3 Our Dan – Henry Parsons (Crayford)	9-4f
4 Clan Tango	100-7
5 Cherry Handy	100-8
6 Cloan Stream – Henry Parsons (Crayford)	5-1
Time – 26.94	

1954

The new practice of holding just one meeting on Friday evenings during January and February continued.

A notable change in winners had come into play, Bill Higgins and Jack Young (the resident trainers) had lost a lot of greyhounds to the owners that wished to train the greyhounds themselves and this produced many races won by owner trainers.

Jack Young still led the winners list from Bill Higgins but just behind them were owner trainers Henry Kibble and Tom Emmott. Henry Kibble was offered a position at the stadium kennels in March, he duly joined the training ranks and was to become very influential over the next twenty years plus.

It is very interesting to note the conditions of the position (see letter on following page).

Parkroe Bob, trained by Jack Young, continued his winning ways after claiming the Jasmine Cup over 525 yards at Wembley in March, the greyhound owned by Mr Walter Catlin was 6-1 and won in a good time of 30.58. He even made the Grand National final in May.

The 'News of the Word' Intertrack competition kicked off with an easy victory over Cardiff Arms Park, not surprising with an Oxford team that consisted of Kensington Perfection, who won by 10½ lengths, followed by Imperial Blue Boy (Kibble) and Parkroe Bob, - they finished in that order with the Cardiff hounds 4th, 5th and 6th.

Kensington Perfection's time was 28.25, the best time seen since 1948.

The semi-final followed in June and this time Knowle (Bristol) were put to the sword 16-14 on aggregate; the team was Kensington Perfection, Kensington Briar and Imperial Blueboy. The winning time was strangely listed as a track and ray-timing record, which is a little confusing seeing as he had recorded 28.25 the previous month and ray-timing had been in place since September 1952.

It seemed that a decision was made to introduce new track records, this does not come as a big surprise following the fact that fast times had not come even close to the 1948 records when the new distances were introduced. All pre-1952 times would have been hand timed.

In early July Jack Young retired as a trainer, ending an association that started in 14 years earlier. He was quickly replaced at the stadium kennels by John Coombes.

Racing Manager Fred Asher began efforts to improve the open racing situation by holding some decent opens, in particular arranging top hurdle events. One such race saw 'Outlaw O'Leer' scorch round in 29.59 in June, he was trained by Chadwick.

During July the final of the 'News of the World' Intertrack took place and Oxford was looking for their second success after winning the event in 1950. Standing in their way was once again Gloucester who continually won the competition. Oxford had lost the first leg at Gloucester 10-5 so needed a massive turnaround of fortune like in 1950, however this time it was one step too far as Kensington Perfection was beaten a short head by Gloucester's 'Ozark'.

The Gloucester track was crowned champions yet again.

Oxford Stadium Ltd decided to have a switch around of staff, which resulted in Fred Beckett arriving from Eastville to take over as Racing Manager from Fred Asher who remained in management role at Oxford.

Bill Higgins claimed the trainers' title after the decision by Jack Young to retire; Henry Kibble pushed him all the way. John Coombes left as a stadium trainer after an unsuccessful spell.

News of the World Intertrack Challenge Cup Final (16/07/54)

1 Ozark – Arthur Shelton (Gloucester)
2 Kensington Perfection – Bill Higgins (Oxford)
3 Kensington Pheasant – Bill Higgins (Oxford)
4 Bright Design – Ronnie Mills (Gloucester)
5 Narrogar Joanna – Ronnie Mills (Gloucester)
6 Kensington Briar – Bill Higgins (Oxford)
Time – 28.92

Stadium Kennels

John Coombe - Bill Higgins - Henry Kibble - Jack Young

Owner/Trainers

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2nd March, 1954.

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Dear Mr. Kibble,

With further reference to your application to be appointed as trainer at Oxford Stadium I am now pleased to offer you an appointment as track trainer under the following terms.

1. You will occupy a range of kennels at Oxford Stadium free of rent to you.
2. You will be responsible for rendering kennel accounts to the owners of greyhounds kennelled with you and it is suggested that the charges made by you to your owners shall be at the usual rate of 4/- per greyhound per day.
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5. Your owners will give you authority, as their agent, to receive on their behalf prize money won by their greyhounds in races at Oxford Stadium and a cheque for the total amount of prize money payable to them will be sent to you in your name at the end of each calendar month.
6. As track trainer you will work under the direct supervision of the Oxford Racing Manager and will accept all the rules covering the employees at Oxford Stadium.
7. Your appointment will be subject to your successfully obtaining a licence to train from the National Greyhound Racing Club and will be subject to one month's notice on either side.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Hare
J. P. HARE (Director)

A copy of the letter sent to Henry Kibble confirming his position at Oxford.



Superstar 'Kensington Perfection'

Winner of the Catford Produce Stakes, Eastville Produce Stakes,
Stamford Bridge Produce Stakes and the Regency.

1955

The National Greyhound Racing Club (N.G.R.C) annual report for the year of 1954 concluded that greyhound racing continued to suffer from the 10% tax imposed on totalisator betting at greyhound racecourses.

Since 1946 a steady decline had been seen at all tracks, in 1954 Stoke closed leaving 66 tracks under the N.G.R.C rules of racing. There were 263 trainers, 649 kennel men, 744 kennel maids, and 7,475 greyhounds.

Meanwhile, at Oxford, the January and February practice of one meeting per week continued.

The early pace setters in the trainers title were Henry Kibble, Bill Higgins, Marjorie Phipps and George Peverell.

During March former Coventry head lad Mr Alan Austin joined the stadium kennel trainers to bring the number back up to three. He would soon reel off the winners, but missing three months would not put him into a position to challenge for the title.

Stadium Kennels

Alan Austin - Bill Higgins - Henry Kibble

Owner/Trainers

Albert Batchelor - B.V Berry - Phil Bull - Bullock
Mrs Cahen - Tony Capel - G.M Christie - Keith Collett
Tom Emmott - Gasson - Fred Gillingham
Jack Hanks - Tim Holtom - B.A Howe - Jonah Lewis
Longdon - Marcuson - Len Massey - P.A Millard
Aubrey Oakey - Mrs Flo Partridge - Les Parvin
George Peverell - Walter Phipps Mrs Marjorie Phipps
F.E Pollard - R.S Scarrott

Kensington Perfection was still going strong, claiming the Easter Stakes at Kings Heath and Kensington Bramble clocked 19.10 over 340 yards at Reading to win the Easter Sprint.

Outlaw O'Leer returned for an Open race over the 500 yards hurdles, the greyhound trained by J.H.Chadwick set a new mark for the distance by recording 29.48.

The 1955 'News of the World' competition ended for Oxford at the semi final stage, Knowle (Bristol) had won the first leg 10-5 and in the return, despite a 9-6, win Oxford lost 16-14 on aggregate.

The trainers' title ended with Bill Higgins holding off a challenge from Henry Kibble. Bill Higgins had now claimed his eighth crown, just one behind Jack Young.

However the challenge from other trainers was improving. Previously it took 300-400 winners to take the honours, but now 150 could be enough due to the strength of competition.

1956

The stadium traded under Oxford Stadium Ltd, but remained a part of the Bristol company. A pattern had emerged with the racing schedule, which involved racing only on Friday evenings from 1st November to 1st March. Racing took place on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 1st March to 1st May and 1st September to 1st November and meetings were held on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights from 1st May to 1st September.

Open races remained scarce and graded racing dominated until September, before the first open race of the year was held. A boost seemed necessary to the racing schedule and that would take place the following year with an introduction of Oxford's first major competition.

A close battle for the trainers' title started with Higgins on 40, Austin on 39 and Kibble on 38 winners respectively at the end of April. The appointment of George Peverell was made in April to bring the number of stadium trainers to four. Marjorie Phipps saw one of her hounds 'Streamline Raymond' complete seven successive victories, and the stadium favourite was 'Rip Breasley' trained by Austin.

Oxford's fine record in the 'News of the World Intertrack Challenge Cup' continued as they made the final for the third time, after overcoming Cardiff in the semi finals.

Once again, three times winners, Gloucester would be waiting in the final. Unfortunately Gloucester ran out easy winners. They stormed to a 13-3 victory at Oxford and duly wrapped up the second leg to claim their fourth competition win.

Controversy arose in the summer after complaints from patrons that the greyhounds were not being paraded in front of the cheap side, on the back straight. Fred Beckett stated that Oxford made their best efforts to parade in front of the public cheap side but had a duty to go off on time so occasionally they could not.

Alan Austin left his position as a trainer at Oxford to train privately and after a brilliant summer for winners, Bill Higgins caught and eased ahead of Henry Kibble in the trainers championship. Higgins would once again retain the title.

Lady Blanche Douglas secured 100 winners to be top owner trainer and Kensington Perfection was still winning graded races.

News of the World Intertrack Cup Final (20/07/56)

1 Braemar Mottled – Arthur Shelton (Gloucester)	4-1
2 Exevale Sparrowhawk – Arthur Shelton (Gloucester)	6-1
3 Normans Wit – Arthur Shelton (Gloucester)	
4 Jolly Princess – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	
5 Magic Belita – Alan Austin (Oxford)	
6 Colins Patch – Bill Higgins (Oxford)	
Time – 28.73	

1957

A switch in the management team took place, Fred Beckett became the General Manager and John Hare was brought in from Bristol to be the Racing Manager.

John Hare introduced the first major competition to Oxford. The competition was the 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes'. It was to prove very popular in future years but started rather low key, with only three heats consisting of 13 entries, for the inaugural event for 1955 whelps. The first prize of £130 attracted entries from as far away as Newcastle.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

The heats were run in September and were won by Highwood Stephen and Highwood Samson (two very useful hounds from the Leslie Reynolds range at Wembley). Stephen recorded 28.57 at odds of 1-2f and Samson won in 28.56 at odds of 1-4f. The third heat was won by Milbury Customer, privately trained by Millard, in a time of 29.02 at odds of 6-4j.

The final was not surprisingly dominated by the Highwood's. Highwood Samson took the honours comfortably in a very useful time of 28.40 to win the first prize, kennelmate Stephen finished third, being split by Golden Nugget from Newcastle. The event was seen as a success and was a much needed competition to break up the monotony of graded meetings.

Inaugural Two Year Old Produce Stakes (20/09/57)

1 Highwood Samson – Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	5-4f
2 Golden Nugget – Norman Oliver (Newcastle)	6-1
3 Highwood Stephen – Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	6-4
4 Kilpoole Baron – Jimmy Jowett (Clapton)	6-1
5 Milbury Customer – Len Millard (Private)	10-1
6 Kitty's Amina – George Miller (Reading)	50-1
Time – 28.40	

The trainers' title was retained by Bill Higgins with 217 winners. He was closely followed by George Peverell who had 195 winners.

The track was still grass at this point and the need to re-turf the bends was a continual problem, some tracks were already thinking about sand bends.

Stadium Kennels

Bill Higgins - Henry Kibble - George Peverell

Owner/Trainers

Albert Batchelor - Phil Bull - Mrs Cahen
 Tony Capel - Keith Collett - Lady Blanche Douglas
 Gasson - Fred Gillingham - Gratton-Holt
 Jimmy Haines - Jack Hanks - Tim Holtom
 Jonah Lewis - MacLeod - Len Massey
 Ken Moody - Aubrey Oakey - Mrs Flo Partridge
 Les Parvin - Walter Phipps - Mrs Marjorie Phipps
 Edward Smart— Mrs B.G Smith

1958

There were eight-race meetings on every Tuesday and Friday. However, an eight race meeting was also held every Saturday from April.

The race card cost one shilling and races were over 500 yards and 715 yards.

Ken Whitrow replaced the Racing Manager John Hare, who became a Managing Director.

Jeanne Chapelle arrived as a new C Licence trainer, she was to hold the J.C prefix and supply many good greyhounds to Oxford Stadium. Her sister, Linda Mullins, was to become a major name in greyhound racing years later.

Resident trainer Bill Higgins died and Joe Farrand replaced him at the Stadium kennels, returning after spells at Eastville and Reading.

The Bill Higgins trained Drum Major II recorded the best 500 yard graded time of 28.83, and the best 715-yards time went to Knightwick Meg, also trained by Higgins.

Gloucester won the 'News of the World Championship for the sixth time in ten years.

George Peverell claimed the trainer's title.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

In the second 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes' hot favourite Ballyvinitter Lass, trained by Jack Harvey at Wembley, led all the way to win. He held off a strong challenge from the fast finishing Rusty Star, another Wembley hound, by half a length.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (19/09/58)

1 Ballyvinitter Lass – Jack Harvey (Wembley)	5-4f
2 Rusty Star – Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	12-1
3 Monnow Wizard – Stan Raymond (Eastville)	14-1
4 Fairies Reject – Hugo Spencer (Portsmouth)	20-1
5 Knightwick Mac – Henry Kibble (Oxford)	50-1
6 Cree Sambo – Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	11-8
Time – 28.93	

Graded Prize Money scale

	First	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
A1	£5	£2	£1	0
A2-3	£4	£1	0	0
A4-6	£3.10s	£1	0	0
A7 C1-C3 (bottom grades)	£3	£1	0	0
S1-S6	£6	£2.10s	£1	10/-
Hurdles	£5	£2	£1	0

No prize money for fifth and sixth places

OFFICIAL RACE CARD		ONE SHILLING	
OXFORD — 8th Meeting			
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Friday 21st Feb. 1958, at 7.30 p.m.			
1st RACE 7.30 p.m. (19)		500 Yards C3	1st £3 2nd £1
1	REMOVE SOON	R. W. STONE—Peverell	
Red	Pb 19 500y 32.12 -50 1 4 3n 3n 2n 2n	bd.w.d. Kylon Escher—Spring Note, Sep., '56	651 — 31.77
	Pb 10 500y 32.31 -50 2 3n 3n 1 1n 11	(T) Winton Sheba	651 — 31.81
	Pb 5 500y 31.22 N 2 3 3w3 2w3n	(T) Collins Tich	644 — 31.70
	Pb 3 500y 32.29 -20	(UT) Solo (V. Slow Start)	661 — 32.09
2	LEIGHLIN JACQUELINE	In Season Miss B. EDGINGTON—Peverell March '53	
Blue	Pb 7 500y 31.03 -10 1 1 1n 5 5 412	bd.w.d. Ballymangan Tainist—Just A Hope, C3 46 4-1	
	Jan29 500y 31.68 -70 5 2 2n 1w 1 12	(T) Launton Lucy	452 — 30.98
	Jan24 500y 31.45 -50 1 4 4 5n 40 5Dn	Daddy Name	C3 463 5-2
	Jan 1 500y 31.44 S	(UT) Solo (Railed)	473 — 31.04
	Dec 30 500y 31.43 G 6 1 1n 1 1 22	(T) Blewbury Tom	473 — 31.45
	Dec 11 500y 31.03 S 2 2n 2n 2 2215	(T) Hunston Clover	485 — 31.43
3	CRANBOURNE GLEN	Mrs. D. L. WILKINSON—Higgins	
White	Pb 10 500y 31.98 -50 4 1 2 2n 2n 11	f.d. Desert Attack—Fashion's Julie, August, 1954, C3 62 4-1	
	Pb 5 500y 31.02 N 1 2 3n 3n 3n 3n	(T) Humston Byegrass	621 — 31.30
	Jan31 500y 31.48 -50 2 6 2n 5n 5 412	Spider's Pal	C3 614 4-1
	Jan27 500y 31.96 -50 4 1 2n 1 1n 19	(T) Farmer's Lamb	614 —
	Jan15 500y 31.40 -50 3 1n 3 3 3n 371	(T) Prize Packet	C2 591 2-1
	Dec 26 500y 31.29 S 4 3 3n 1 1 21	Fly Dan	C2 614 3-1 31.05
4	STRATTON FAITH	A. H. BOULTON—Kibble	
Black	Pb 12 500y 31.19 -50 3 3 2 2 2n 312	bd.b. Clifton Perfect'n—Tiny Courtown, Oct. '56, C3 62 4-1	
	Pb 10 500y 31.98 -50 6 3 3 3n 3n 33	(T) Ryan Spring	621 — 31.41
	Pb 5 500y 31.43 N 2 1n 1 1 1 12	(T) Cranbourne Glen	631 — 31.70
	Pb 3 500y 31.55 -20	(UT) Solo (Slightly Wide)	631 — 31.43
5	WINTON SHEBA	In Season F. R. PRATT—Kibble	
Orange	Pb 19 500y 32.12 -50 23/7/57	bd.b. Barefooted Jack—Bryn Penley, Mar., 1955, C3 49 2-1	
	Pb 10 500y 32.17 -50	(T) Remove Soon	49 — 31.62
	Pb 5 500y 31.48 N 6 3 3n 2n 3n 371	(UT) Solo (Railed)	485 — 31.67
	Jan31 500y 31.48 -50 6 1 1 2 4 413	(T) Stratton Faith	485 — 31.88
	Jan 3 500y 31.21 G 4 2n 5n 2w 4w 512	Spider's Pal	C3 463 8-1 31.76
	Dec 26 500y 31.22 S 5 2 4n 6n 6121	Dawn Archer	C2 473 10-1
		Dry Martin	C3 463 20-1
6	RED HUNTER	In Season R. L. HAINES—Haines (C)	
Stripes	Pb 7 500y 31.03 -10 5 6 6 4 4 22	bd.b. Bronze Badge—Brains and Energy, June 1953, C3 661 6-1 31.44	
	Jan31 500y 31.27 -50 4 4 5 5n 6 6121	Merville Prince	C1 573 20-1
	Jan27 500y 30.45 -50 5 3 4n 4 4 418	Blewbury Joyce	573 — 31.63
	Jan15 500y 31.59 -40	(UT) Solo (Railed)	573 — 31.19
	Jan 8 500y 31.14 -30 3 1 2n 2n 2n 22	(T) Lucky Dragon	562 — 30.99
	Jan 1 500y 31.06 -30 2 3 3 3n 3n 3Dn	(T) Crown Gold	573 —

A typical race card from the fifties and sixties.

1959

The top trainer during 1959 was Henry Kibble with 257 winners and £1,554 earned, then came George Peverell with 256 winners £1,374, and Joe Farrand with 491 winners and only £420. The title of top trainer was decided by money earned and not winners.

The C Licence returned and the going hit -100 from January to March as the grass track turned to mud.

Oxford favourite Drum Major II once again recorded the fastest time of the year with a 29.01, the greyhound was now with Henry Kibble following the death of Bill Higgins.



The Directors Bar in 1959.

The local Blackbird Leys estate was experiencing a population boom and many changes were taking place, one of which was the construction of the petrol garage in Sandy Lane that was welcomed by greyhound racing patrons.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

The 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes' saw a surprise winner of the £247 first prize in the form of Clapton's The Pieces trained by George Miller.

The fawn bitch, who had won the two year old Western Produce stakes at Eastville outclassed the opposition by with an easy eight length victory.

Semi-final winners Super Beaver and Tams Torness, finished second and fifth respectively.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (18/09/59)

1 The Pieces – George Miller (Clapton)	6-1
2 Super Beaver – Birch (Brighton)	3-1
3 Top Green – George Miller (Clapton)	4-1
4 Silver Coin – Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	3-1
5 Tams Torness – Jimmy Jowett (Clapton)	2-1f
6 Tarrys Dandy – Johnny Bullock (West Ham)	20-1
Time – 28.40	



Drum Major II
Oxford's top greyhound during 1958 and 1959.
Pictured with Angie Cooke (later Kibble).

Stadium Kennels

Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble - George Peverell

C Licence Trainers

Albert Batchelor - Phil Bull - Tony Capel - Miss Jeanne Chapelle
Lady Blanche Douglas - Fred Gillingham - Jimmy Haines
Tim Holtom - Jonah Lewis - Len Massey - Aubrey Oakley
Mrs Flo Partridge - Les Parvin- Mrs Marjorie Phipps - Tony Sharpus
Edward Smart - Mrs B.G Smith - Jack Turner

1960

1960 saw the advent of greyhounds on national television with an ITV transmission from Park Royal on January 29th. More coverage was to follow later with Hackney Wick.

Oxford would experience the same several years later with live coverage of races on ATV Today.

On the graded front Drum Major II became only the second greyhound to win fifty races on July 22nd. The event was marked by Ken Whitrow (the Racing Manager) presenting Drum Major II's owner John Grandi with a silver cigarette box.

Albert Batchelor moved into the stadium kennels to bring the number of resident trainers back up to three following the departure of George Peverell.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

The competition was brought back to the earlier month of July, with heats in June. Wembley hot pot Joans Courage duly won one heat, the other two going to Tams Tramore from Clapton and Kensington Pioneer.

Going into the semi finals Joans Courage and Kensington Pioneer claimed victories.

On July 9th, the final night, Mrs Marjorie Phipps steered Kensington Pioneer to glory, he led all the way to hold off Joans Courage by a neck. Joans Courage was trained by Leslie Reynolds and was sent off as strong favourite at 5/4 against. Third place went to Carfax trained by another Oxford trainer Squadron leader John Niven. Joans Courage later joined the Oxford ranks with Jeannie Chapelle.

Kensington Pioneer went on to win the Produce Stakes at Eastville later in the year, defeating 1/3f Wheatfield Countess by four and a half lengths in 30.19.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (09/07/60)

1 Kensington Pioneer - Mrs Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	3-1
2 Joan's Courage - Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	5-4f
3 Carfax - John Niven (Oxford)	8-1
4 Tam's Tramore - Jimmy Jowett (Clapton)	7-2
5 Dingo McNab - Clark (Private)	6-1
6 Saltire Azure - Jack Harvey (Wembley)	8-1
Time - 29.00	

Eastville Produce Stakes (01/08/60) (Eastville 525y)

1 Kensington Pioneer - Mrs Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	6-1
2 Wheatfield Countess - Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	1-3f
3 Alassio Romeo	16-1
4 Willow Bank - Stan Raymond (Eastville)	20-1
5 Chetcombe Buster	20-1
6 Pewhill Felucca - George Miller (Clapton)	6-1
Time - 30.19	

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble

C Licence Trainers

Phil Bull - Tony Capel - Miss Jeanne Chapelle
 EA Davis - Ron Day - Fred Gillingham - Mrs Brenda Gray
 Jimmy Haines - Tim Holtom - Peter Hunt - Jonah Lewis
 Paddy Killoran - Len Massey - Sqdn Ldr John Niven
 Mrs Flo Partridge - Les Parvin - Mrs Marjorie Phipps
 Tony Sharpus - Edward Smart - C Timms - Jack Turner



A view of the Stadium in the early sixties.

1961

Trainer John Rowe (father of Bob Rowe) joined the track in early 1961 after the closure of the Knowle track in Bristol. Another trainer Ron Day was dismissed and left the stadium kennels to pursue other avenues.

Drum Major II, trained by Henry Kibble, finally retired after winning more than fifty races at the stadium. The white and brindle dog had reached six years old; and John Grandi, his owner, decided that he would sponsor a competition in honour of the greyhound.

Oxford met Gloucester and Cheltenham in the semi finals of the News of The World Inter Track Challenge Cup. Gloucester had won the regions competition six times in the past twelve years. Despite a 10-5 home leg victory, Oxford failed to progress.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

In Town Tonight, trained by Jim Irving, won the competition at odds of 2-5f. The privately trained hound had destroyed his opposition in the semi-final, winning by no less than eleven lengths.

The first prize of £205 and a silver rose bowl were presented by the Lord Mayor of Oxford 'Alderman Lionel Harrison'



Left to Right -Ken Whitrow Racing Manager, Edgar Allen Director of Racing at Oxford and Bristol, Bill Field Assistant Racing Manager pictured in 1961.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (14/07/61)

1 In Town Tonight – Jim Irving (Private)	2-5f
2 Bellfire Prince – Jim Sherry (Reading)	20-1
3 Broadway Pat – Dennis Hannafin (Wimbledon)	5-1
4 Lucky Prince II – John Edwards (Gloucester)	33-1
5 Rambling Sonny – Ken Moody (Private)	10-1
6 Kilbeg Man – Bob Thomson (Romford)	6-1
Time – 28.96	

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble - John Rowe

C Licence Trainers

Phil Bull - Tony Capel - Miss Jeanne Chapelle
 Mrs Brenda Gray - Jimmy Haines - Tim Holtom - Peter Hunt
 Jonah Lewis - Len Massey - Sqdn Ldr John Niven
 Mrs Flo Partridge - Mrs Marjorie Phipps
 Tony Sharpus - Edward Smart - C Timms - Jack Turner



'In Town Tonight' winner of the 1961 Produce Stakes.

Trainer Jim Irving holds the trophy, and note the kennel lad in the white coat, it is Bob Rowe.

Bob went on to be Group Racing Manager for the Greyhound Racing Association and organised the 'Greyhound Derby' for many years.

1962

General Manager Fred Beckett became a director to concentrate more on his business in Cowley, so Fred Asher was appointed General and Racing Manager. Incidentally Fred Beckett's business was run from the stadium and it was well known that he produced products from underneath the totalisator building.

Trainer John Rowe, left after gaining the position of Racing Manager at Leicester.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

In the 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes' Daring Decoy lived up to his favourites tag by catching leader Red Bracken to win. Both hounds had won their semi finals and the decider was a hotly contested affair.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (13/07/62)

1 Daring Decoy – Jack Harvey (Wembley)	4-6f
2 Red Bracken – L.J.Wells (Private)	7-2
3 Beware Ginger – Albert Batchelor (Oxford)	6-1
4 Fortunate Fortria – Jim Barry (Cardiff)	6-1
5 Glendale Rebel – Gordon Hodson (Private)	10-1
6 Kensington Protector – Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	50-1
Time – 28.91	

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand
Henry Kibble - James Rowe

C Licence Trainers

Sid Brindle - Harry Brown - Phil Bull - Tony Capel
Miss Jeanne Chapelle - Bernard Cousins - Trevor Derrick
Les Drummond - Dave Exley - Fred Gillingham
Mrs Brenda Gray - Tim Holtom - Paddy Killoran
Jonah Lewis - Mrs Kathleen Malin - Len Massey
Peter McDonnell - George Miller - John Niven
Mrs Flo Partridge - Mrs Marjorie Phipps
Tony Sharpus - Edward Smart - Jack Turner

1963

The Drum Major II Challenge Trophy was introduced by his owner John Grandi. The event was to be the top race for graders during the sixties and was held in a kennel sweepstake format, the first final was held on 27th September.

Fred Asher scrapped the C grades and introduced an A10. The grades now ran from A1 to A10.

James Rowe, from Gloucester joined as a residential trainer, filling the kennel range previously occupied by John Rowe (no relation). James Rowe was the son of private trainer Rex Rowe.

In August 1963 Lauradella Champion recorded a new track record of 28.19 for the 500 yards distance.

Oxford made the final of the News of The World Inter Track Challenge Cup. They had beaten Newport in the semi finals 35-19.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

Hebes Choice stormed to victory as a 1-2f in the final of the 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes'. The White City greyhound trained by Joe Pickering, recorded a very useful 28.34. Marjorie Phipps once again made a final with a 'Kensington', this time Kensington Pressure finished fourth. Two other Oxford greyhounds made the final, Silly Robbie trained by John Niven and Knightwick Story trained by Henry Kibble.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (12/07/63)

1 Hebes Choice - Joe Pickering (White City)	1-2f
2 Pride of Darien - Caistor (Private)	100-6
3 Silly Robbie – John Niven (Oxford)	3-1
4 Kensington Pressure – Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	50-1
5 Knightwick Story – Henry Kibble (Oxford)	25-1
6 Nautical Nick – Jim Sherry (Reading)	4-1
Time – 28.34	



Henry Kibble with the first litter for the popular Drum Major II.
Drum Major is far right.

1964

The Oxfordshire Stakes was introduced to Oxford for the first time. The event was to carry a £1,000 first prize and it quickly became apparent that this would overshadow the Produce Stakes.

The Oxfordshire Stakes

Three heats took place and were duly won by Wembley Raider 'Kans', That's Crazy from Bristol and Peace Sprite from Perry Barr. The final was held in September and 'That's Crazy' took the honours at 7-2. 'Kans', the strong favourite, could only finish third with Oxford's own 'Abbey From Bally' splitting the pair.

That's Crazy recorded 28.20 in the heats, one spot off Lauradella Champion's clock.

Meanwhile, Bill Field took over as Racing Manager from Fred Asher who remained solely in the role of General Manager. His promotion from Assistant Racing Manager made him the youngest Racing Manager in the country.

Trainer of the year was James Rowe with 142 winners and £1,400 earned, followed by Joe Farrand 145-£1,130, Henry Kibble 128 winners and Albert Batchelor 102 winners.

James Rowe's kennel included 'The Bearded Wonder', owned by the then famous footballer, Jimmy Hill of Coventry City. He also trained a dog for Brian Hewson the Olympic Miler; named 'Clonalvy Mile Bush'.



Winter of 64, a massive snow clear up allowed racing to go ahead.

Oxfordshire Stakes (04/09/64)

1 That's Crazy – Harry Sayer (Bristol)	7-2
2 Abbey From Bally - Norman Andrews (Oxford)	8-1
3 Kans – Jack Harvey (Wembley)	1-1f
4 Light Headed – Gordon Hodson (White City)	100-30
5 Peace Sprite – Jimmy Quinn (Perry Barr)	3-1
6 Charlie Caesar – Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	33-1
Time – 28.37	

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

There was a shock in the final of the 'Two Year Old Produce Stakes' as Wally Hardman trained Careful Choice to the Trophy. Oxford trainer Hardman had three finalists, but the win came as a big surprise because Old Berry Hermes had won his heat and semi final so easily and went to the traps as a warm favourite. Another Kensington made it to the final which was worth £276 to the winner.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (10/07/64)

1 Careful Choice - Wally Hardman (Oxford)	11-2
2 Old Berry Hermes – Don Berrow (Private)	2-5f
3 Super Swift – Wally Hardman (Oxford)	100-6
4 Slip Spark – Wally Hardman (Oxford)	100-8
5 Velvet Blue – Des Ellington (Oxford)	10-1
6 Kensington Pleasure – Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	10-1
Time – 28.31	



Left to right - Resident trainers in 1964
Henry Kibble, Albert Batchelor, Fred Asher (Racing Manager) James Rowe, a kennel maid for Joe Farrand.

1965

The racing schedule consisted of Friday's only, but Tuesday's were introduced throughout the summer.

James Rowe retired and vacated his position at the Stadium kennels and a scandal hit the headlines that resulted in the loss of another six trainers.

The N.G.R.C held an inquiry into Oxford trainers and owners who were seen at Bletchley independent track. At the time to visit a 'flapping' track was a breach of rule 33 of the NGRC rules of racing. Oxford owners Tony Dunn and Blondie Cobb gave evidence that they saw no less than six trainers attend Bletchley.

The NGRC disqualified the six trainers for twelve months. They were Len Massey a building contractor, his 31 year old son Gordon, Mrs Kathleen Malin, Andy Cullen, Pete Winfield and George Miller.

Len Massey an original C Licence trainer wanted the NGRC to reconsider, and questioned why no action was taken against Dunn. Another trainer Kathleen Malin, wife of Abingdon farmer Stanley, (also an Oxford owner) was staggered that evidence was given against her. Along with Andy Cullen they were prepared to give further evidence that Dunn had been seen at Abbey stadium, Swindon (another independent track).

It appeared that the NGRC had blackmailed Dunn into saving himself as long as he gave evidence against the others. This was a very questionable decision on their part, due to the fact that they should be seen as upholding integrity at all times.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

The Produce Stakes attracted a massive 104 entries and Oxford did well to have two finalists, the fast improving Henry Kibble trained Lindsay Sue finished third whilst Hes A Champion, trained by Joe Farrand, went one better and took the runner-up position behind Reading raider Corrigeen Prairie.

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The second Oxfordshire Stakes attracted some of the fastest hounds in the country and the heats saw the track record broken twice. In heat two, Lindsay Sue set a new mark of 28.12, but the Henry Kibble bitch only held the record for two races because in heat five Frank White's 'Tonys Blaze' stormed round in 28.10.

The second round, held only one day later, produced a few shocks with Produce champion Corrigeen Prince and Tonys Blaze both crashing out. The second round heats were secured by Silver Glory, Orphan Swan, Bank Note and Duckspool.

The semi finals saw Orphan Swan win again in a track record equalling run of 28.10. Lindsay Sue could only manage fifth. The second semi went to Glenview Fire.

The final itself saw Ray Wilkes steer 'Steady Singer' to success despite the fact that he had not won a race up to the final. The time of 28.15 was very respectable.

Oxfordshire Stakes (03/09/65)

1 Steady Singer - Ray Wilkes (Private)	100-8
2 Bank Note - Frank White (Private)	4-1
3 Glenview Fire - Frank White (Private)	4-1
4 Orphan Swan - Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	5-4f
5 Venpact - Peter Collett (Private)	100-6
6 Jim Crackers - Jimmy Quinn (Perry Barr)	3-1
Time - 28.15	

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (16/07/65)

1 Corrigeen Prairie - Jim Sherry (Reading)	5-2
2 Hes A Champion - Joe Farrand (Oxford)	100-8
3 Lindsay Sue - Henry Kibble (Oxford)	6-1
4 Naldwyk Patsy - Paddy Milligan (Private)	6-1
5 Mushera Bob - Hughes (Derby)	7-4f
6 Wattlehurst Duke - Phil Rees (Wimbledon)	7-2
Time - 28.94	



Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, chief steward of the NGRC presents the 1965 Oxfordshire Stakes Trophy to owner Mr L.V.Cannon after Steady Singer won the race. Left To Right - Trainer Ray Wilkes, kennel man, Chief Constable of Oxford Mr.C. G.Burrows, Racing Manager Bill Field, Mr Cannon, Edgar Allen Director of racing, Sir Leslie, Mr Woodhouse MP for Oxford, John P Hare Managing Director, Fred Beckett General Manager and resident director.

1966

1966 proved to be a quiet year compared to the controversy of the previous year. Joe Farrand was champion trainer for the first time and a superb Oxfordshire Stakes competition took place.

Oxford beat Cardiff in the Mackeson National Intertrack, but then lost at home to Crayford 16-11.



Bill Field presents the Produce Stakes Trophy to Mr D.Hockey representing the owner Mr M.Clayton.

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble

C Licence Trainers

Norman Andrews - Albert Baker - Sid Brindle

Harry Brown - Phil Bull - Miss Jeanne Chapelle

Bernard Cousins - Des Ellington - Tony Evans

Mrs Brenda Gray - Wally Hardman - Tim Holtom

John Niven - Mrs Flo Partridge - Mrs Marjorie Phipps

Tony Sharpus - Lila Shennan - Jack Turner - John Wichall

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes was becoming an established competition and the 1966 event saw impressive heat winners and the track record crashed no less than three times. In race three 'Thats Airy' trained by Geoff De Mulder recorded 28.01 followed by Laughing Flame one race later, who clipped seven spots off the new record by winning in 27.94 for Mr Adkins (the first greyhound to break the 28 second barrier). A third track record, two races later, completed a remarkable first round, this time the Peter Collett trained 'Tell Nobody' won in 27.88.

'Tell Nobody' went into the second round as favourite and duly won, as did Laughing Flame, but defending champion Steady Singer, Produce champion Marvellous Caper and former track record holders Thats Airy and Orphan Swan all crashed out.

The semi finals then saw the downfall of Tell Nobody and Laughing Flame. Tornado Clipper, trained by Ron Chamberlain, won the big race despite a quiet run through to the final.

Oxfordshire Stakes (02/09/66)

1 Tornado Clipper - Ron Chamberlain (Private)	3-1
2 Wonder Settler - Johnny Bassett (Private)	20-1
3 Millies Valley - Gordon Hodson (White City)	3-1
4 Speak Your Mind - Bill Dash (Private)	7-1
5 Lyons Princess - Arthur Hancock (Brighton)	6-4f
6 Stately Val - Brian Jay (Perry Barr)	100-8
Time - 28.33	

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (15/07/66)

1 Marvellous Caper - Ted Brennan (Owlerton)	5-4f
2 Old Berry Rusty - Don Berrow (Private)	6-1
3 Taper Speed - Frank Melville (Wembley)	3-1
4 Buster Boy - Mrs Brenda Gray (Oxford)	4-1
5 Glassmoor Actor - David Geggus (Walthamstow)	7-1
6 Ashgrove Jet - Len Bane (Kings Heath)	5-1
Time - 28.36	



Left to right - Jeanne Chapelle, Flo Partridge and Terry Kibble (son of trainer Henry).

1967

BAGS ARRIVES FOR THE FIRST TIME

Oxford was awarded an inaugural BAGS (Bookmakers Afternoon Greyhound Service) contract along with Hackney, Kings Heath and Park Royal.

The four tracks were set to have afternoon racing for the benefit of bookmaking shops in exchange for a fee and the contract was to run into the following year.

Another major change took place with the grass track being replaced with sand.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

In July, the Produce Stakes got underway with 1966 Trafalgar Cup champion 'Lucky Me', trained by Len Drewery, breaking the track record twice, first in the heats in 27.87 and then in the semi finals he recorded 27.79.

Never Seen won his heat and semi final to qualify for the final but Lucky Me destroyed the field by five lengths.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (14/07/67)

1 Lucky Me - Len Drewery (Private)	4-6f
2 Stay Late - Henry Kibble (Oxford)	20-1
3 Sutton Valley - (Perry Barr)	3-1
4 Marton Joe - Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	8-1
5 Never Seen - Joe Pickering (White City)	6-1
6 No Poaching - Henry Kibble (Oxford)	100-1
Time - 28.02	

Top trainer was once again Henry Kibble after regaining the title from Joe Farrand. Sadly Len Massey died, leaving the kennel to be run by his wife.

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble

C Trainers

Norman Andrews - Albert Baker - Sid Brindle

Harry Brown - Miss Jeanne Chapelle - Bernard Cousins

Des Ellington - Tony Evans - Dave Exley

Mrs Brenda Gray - Wally Hardman - Tim Holtom

Mrs L. Massey - John Niven

Mrs Flo Partridge - Mrs Marjorie Phipps

Tony Sharpus - Jack Turner - John Wichall

Top Trainer title

Henry Kibble 184 (£2,016)

Joe Farrand 187 (£1,930)

Albert Batchelor 117 (£1,152)

C Licence -

John Niven 59-£427

Norman Andrews 39-£386

Flo Partridge 26-£270

Albert Baker 26-£259

Marjorie Phipps 23-£253

Tim Holtom 27-£183

Wally Hardman 12-£168

Des Ellington 18-£139

Brenda Gray 12.5-£130

John Wichall 19-£108

Dave Exley 15-£105

Bernard Cousins 11-£95

(Note - Due to foot and mouth outbreak C Licence trainers could not travel in December.)

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The popular Oxfordshire Stakes started well when 'Billy the Mink' recorded a new track record time of 27.74 during the heats; he failed to make the final however.

The final was won by Maison Fox in a very smart 27.80, one spot outside the previous track record set by the Produce and Reading Hunt Cup champion 'Lucky Me' who, incidentally finished runner-up.

Oxfordshire Stakes (02/09/67)

1 Maison Fox - Jack Kinsley - (Wembley)	7-2
2 Lucky Me - Len Drewery (Private)	11-10f
3 That Cailin - Pete Billingham (Private)	5-2
4 Stylish Lad - Peter Collett (Private)	100-6
5 Ardrine Chief - Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	10-1
6 Ard Ceol - Frank White (Private)	33-1
Time - 27.80	



The stadium view from Sandy Lane in 1967.

1968

A busy 1967 was followed by an even busier 1968. The opening of the new supporters club, by Lord Mayor Alderman Frank Pickstock; at the cost of £20,000, took place on 1st May. The building was state-of-the-art at the time and was to hold regular boxing/dinner evenings as well as being a great place for the punters to frequent. However, you had to be a member to use the club.

A second BAGS contract was awarded, and two new tracks joined the service, Hendon and New Cross. Stamford Bridge closed and the Drum Major II trophy for graders was won by Park Oriel. Jeanne Chapelle moved to Swindon following their conversion to N.G.R.C status.

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes was now cementing its place as a major race in the calendar and the fifth edition of the Stakes produced a shock as outsider Shady Peacock, trained by Jim Todd, defeated the shortest ever favourite in a final at Oxford. Discretions, trained by David Geggus, broke the track record by recording 27.70 in winning his semi-final by six lengths. However, in the final he was baulked at the quarter and ran on to lose out by a head.

Oxfordshire Stakes (30/08/68)

1 Shady Peacock – Jim Todd (Kings Heath)	100-7
2 Discretions – David Geggus (Walthamstow)	1-3f
3 Betting Bargain – Len Shaw (Private)	10-1
4 Fiery Melbet – Jim Todd (Kings Heath)	33-1
5 Duck Snatcher – Adam Jackson (Clapton)	5-1
6 The Grand Show – Ronnie Mills (Gloucester)	20-1
Time – 28.08	

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

174 entries were received for the Produce Stakes of which Jim Morgan had five live contenders. Four of them came with great reputations. He trained Happy Harry (who won the Western Two Year Old Produce Stakes at Bristol) and Hiver Whitenose (who would be voted best English bred bitch of 1968 and was a beaten St Leger favourite). He owned Swankys Spot (that was Park Royal-trained) and Harrys Oppo (trained by the husband and wife team of Vicky and Dick Holloway).

Harrys Oppo was the eventual winner and Glenis Parratt (Miss Greyhound 1968) presented the trophy to Dick and Jim.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (12/07/68)

1 Harry's Oppo – Vicky Holloway (Private)	3-1
2 Katies Pigalle – J.Brookes (Private)	9-2
3 Fully Booked – John Coleman (Private)	7-1
4 Happy Harry – Jim Morgan (Private)	7-4f
5 Reviewfield King – Ted Dickson (Private)	5-2
6 Hazelbury Prince – Jimmy Jowett (Clapton)	33-1
Time – 28.22	

Jim Morgan was to become an influential trainer at Oxford for the next forty years and Vicky Holloway was also to join the Oxford trainers with a continual conveyor belt of class greyhounds.

The trainers' title went to Henry Kibble with 178 winners and £2,640 in prize money. Runner up was Joe Farrand with 196 winners, but less prize money of £2,365. The best C licence trainer was Norman Andrews with 55 winners and £800 in prize money.



The N.G.R.C badges worn by the stewards in the sixties.



Discretions

Broke the 500 yard track record, recording 27.70 in the Oxfordshire Stakes semi-finals.

1969

A third successive BAGS contract was awarded and a small explosion took place in May in the director's bar as a water heater blew up.

Marton Tim secured a brilliant Produce Stakes – Oxfordshire Stakes double, the greyhound trained by Frank Baldwin was an easy six lengths scorer in the Produce Stakes and then followed up with a win in the Oxfordshire Stakes.

The Produce Stakes heat winners were the locally trained duo of Glendoran and Prince Harry, Rum Club from White City and the favourite Marton Tim (28.55 best heat win). Prince Harry and Marton Tim also secured semi final wins.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (11/07/69)

1 Marton Tim – Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	5-4f
2 Rum Club – Gordon Hodson (White City)	7-1
3 Prince Harry – Des Ellington (Oxford)	9-4
4 Spring Ash – (Oxford)	100-1
5 Got The Idea – Robert Ward (Oxford)	11-2
6 Glendoran – Henry Kibble (Oxford)	8-1
Time – 28.30	



The new supporters club.



Inside the new supporters club

Stadium Kennels

Albert Batchelor - Joe Farrand - Henry Kibble

C Licence Trainers

Norman Andrews – Albert Baker - Sid Brindle
 Harry Brown - Bernard Cousins - Norman Dawson
 Des Ellington – Tony Evans - Dave Exley
 Fred Gillingham - Wally Hardman - Tony Hedges
 Mrs Vicky Holloway - Tim Holtom - Mrs L.Massey
 Sqdn Ldr John Niven - Mrs Flo Partridge
 John Perrin - Mrs Marjorie Phipps - Tony Sharpus
 Jack Turner – Tom Wallington - Robert Ward

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes heats saw a great performance from Kerry Long Ago in 28.37, James Morgan steered Perth Pat to a heat and semi final win but went off at 7-1 in the final of the Stakes. Perth Pat was destined for greater things a year later.

Marton Tim eased through the first two rounds but only just scraped into the final by claiming third place behind Perth Pat in the semis.

Ices Please lined up as favourite in the final by virtue of reaching the decider unbeaten, but it was Marton Tim who took the honours again.

Oxfordshire Stakes (29/08/69)

1 Marton Tim – Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	6-4
2 Ices Please – Cutler (Private)	5-4f
3 Prince Harry – Des Ellington (Oxford)	25-1
4 Ivy Hall Jewel – Natalie Savva (Private)	7-1
5 Kerry Long Ago – Frank Conlon (Private)	100-8
6 Perth Pat – James Morgan (Private)	7-1
Time – 28.79	



Marton Tim

Pictured after winning the Produce Stakes in 1969.
 (He also won the Oxfordshire Stakes)
 Owner is Mr.G.A.Mallaber receiving trophy from Major Spiller.

1970

Oxford trainer Jim Morgan won a Classic race with Perth Pat (Maryville Hi – Hiver Swanky, Sep 67). The white and brindle greyhound had made the Oxfordshire Stakes final the year before and went on to win the Oaks at Harringay. This was a great achievement for Jim who reared her himself. Albert Baker retired and passed the licence to his son Bob.

The Two Year Old Produce Stakes

In the Produce Stakes, owner-trainer Bernard Cousins trained Glen There to an easy six length win in the final; the hound had justified his tag as even money favourite. The greyhound was then sold to Geoff DeMulder who steered him through to the Oxfordshire Stakes final the following month.

The Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes produced a worthy winner in Moordyke Spot; the greyhound trained by Stan Martin had already won the Pall Mall at Harringay and arrived as favourite for the competition.

He had won 25 of his 50 races going into the final and duly won. His closest challenger had been Boy Blue who won his semi final but could only manage third in the final, Boy Blue was owned by Mrs Haden who won the Oxfordshire Stakes two years before with Shady Peacock.

Marton Tim who was looking to defend his title was sadly a non runner in the first round.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (10/07/70)

1 Glen There – Bernard Cousins (Oxford)	1-1f
2 Wheatfield Trick – Paddy Sweeney (Private)	3-1
3 Puddle Run – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	100-7
4 Lovely Trained – (Oxford)	100-7
5 Red Sky – George Curtis (Brighton)	7-2
6 Cash For Harry – (Nottingham)	8-1
Time – 28.28	

Oxfordshire Stakes (28/08/70)

1 Moordyke Spot - Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	1-1f
2 Gun Black – Jim Singleton (Harringay)	100-8
3 Glen There – Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	8-1
4 Boy Blue – Wally Ginzel (Private)	3-1
5 Healthy – (Wimbledon)	20-1
6 Larch Border – Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	100-7
Time – 28.31	

The English Oaks (Harringay 525y - 18/05/70)

1 Perth Pat – Jim Morgan (Oxford)	13-8f
2 Tibretta – Les Parry (White City)	7-4
3 The Marchioness - Reg Young (Private)	14-1
4 Sister Kuda	8-1
5 Farma Sally – Phil Rees Sr. (Wimbledon)	3-1
NR - Blackoaks Lady – Natalie Savva (Private)	
Time – 28.81	



Jim Morgan receives the 1970 Oaks Trophy. His superb bitch 'Perth Pat' was to run at Oxford for many years.



Oxford owner-trainer Bernard Cousins centre receives trophy from Edgar Allen.

1971

1971 produced a lean year when it was announced by the company that no BAGS contract had been awarded. This meant that financially the stadium would need to maintain decent crowds on the evening meetings to break even. Oxford would not see BAGS meetings again until 1987.

To make matters worse top trainer Henry Kibble left for sister track Bristol at the request of the company and Albert Batchelor retired leaving only Joe Farrand in the Stadium Kennels on his own.

John Edwards arrived from Gloucester and took one of the spare kennel ranges.

A change in licensing took place, as C Licence trainers could upgrade to a Regional and Private Licence to allow trainers to race greyhounds for other owners instead of family only. Several trainers upgraded their C Licence to take up this option.

Produce Stakes

The 15th Produce Stakes arrived and Stan Martin from Wimbledon brought a special greyhound with him. The greyhound was a black dog called 'Dactars Speed'.

In the heats and semi finals he produced two comfortable wins and duly qualified for the final.

Eddie Moore steered three hounds through to the final including 'Black Myross' who was victorious in the second semi final.

However, there was no stopping Dactars Speed in the final as the hot favourite picked up the first prize. Former Oxford trainer John Perrin, now at Slough had two finalists, and saw his 10-1 shot Isiglad run a creditable second.

Oxfordshire Stakes

The popular Oxfordshire Stakes began with a surprise defeat for Dactars Speed in the first round, but he did manage to qualify for round two.

In the second round he made amends by claiming victory, the other second round heat winners being Trojan Blackie and Houghton Ash.

Dactars Speed lost again in the semi finals but managed to make the final. Semi final winners Royal Reward and Hexapod went into the final behind Dactars Speed in the betting market.

The black dog then won the Produce Stakes-Oxfordshire Stakes double. This emulated Marton Tim's achievement two years earlier. He destroyed the Stakes final field, actually winning by six lengths and recording 28.47, one spot faster than his produce final win.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (09/07/71)

1 Dactars Speed – Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	4-5f
2 Isiglad – John Perrin (Slough)	10-1
3 Itsabluebell – Eddie Moore (White City, Man)	7-1
4 Seldom Sober – John Perrin (Slough)	11-2
5 Black Myross – Eddie Moore (White City, Man)	11-2
NR–Ploverfield Wish – Eddie Moore (White City, Man)	
Time – 28.48	



Joe Farrand
Champion trainer in 1966, 1971 and 1972.

Oxfordshire Stakes (27/08/71)

1 Dactars Speed – Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	7-4f
2 Banogue Tom – Pam Heasman (Private)	25-1
3 Spectres Dream – Mick Puzey (Portsmouth)	5-1
4 Royal Reward – Brian Jay (Perry Barr)	9-4
5 Hexapod – Mick Puzey (Portsmouth)	7-2
6 Houghton Ash – Barbara Tompkins (Private)	14-1
Time – 28.47	

Stadium Trainers

John Edwards
Joe Farrand

Regional & Private Trainers

Norman Andrews
Des Ellington
Wally Hardman
Mrs Vicky Holloway
Jim Morgan
Sqdn Ldr John Niven

C Licence Trainers

Bob Baker
Sid Brindle
Harry Brown
Bernard Cousins
Norman Dawson
Des Ellington
Dave Exley
Tony Hedges
Tim Holtom
Mrs L. Massey
Mrs Flo Partridge
Tony Sharpus
Tom Wallington
Robert Ward
John Wichall

1972

Racing was held three evenings a week, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The cost of entry was 40p and there were eight races.

In February there was a Stadium fire which caused one of John Edwards's dogs to escape from the stadium kennels.

Despite the financial loss of the BAGS the management were trying hard to promote the racing.

The Produce Stakes

The Produce Stakes now carrying a £408 first prize, was now well and truly Oxford's second event behind the Oxfordshire Stakes.

The competition was invaded by the 'Martons', a highly respected litter, and three of them Marton Tommy, Marton Simon and Marton Major all won first round heats.

Other heat winners included Westmead Flame from the Savva kennel, C'est La Vie the fastest heat winner in 28.51 trained by Vicky Holloway and Midi Tail.

Both semi finals were won by Eddie Moore who steered his two runners to the final, the year previous he had guided three through.

This time his Midi Tail won the first semi and Wonderful Ned took the second. Bizarrely all three Marton heat winners crashed out, but two more Marton Jack and Marton Manor made it to the final. Midi Tail took the honours and Eddie Moore had a well deserved success. Midi Tail would go on to reach the finals of the Circuit and Edinburgh Cup.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (07/07/72)

1 Midi Tail – Eddie Moore - (Belle Vue)	2-1f
2 C'Est La Vie – Vicky Holloway (Private)	9-4
3 Wonderful Ned – Eddie Moore (Belle Vue)	11-2
4 Westmead Flame – Natalie Savva (Private)	4-1
5 Marton Jack – Jim Russell (Private)	12-1
6 Marton Manor – Jim Russell (Private)	25-1
Time – 28.53	

The Oxfordshire Stakes was pushed to a later slot in the N.G.R.C calendar which made sense due to the fact that it was being held only one month after the Produce Stakes.

The final trophy was presented by Boxing World Champion Chris Finnegan and the honours went to Kybo Venture trained by Paddy Coughlan.

He defeated Geoff De Mulder's well respected hound Fiery Cooper. Wimbledon greyhounds filled places three to six in the final.

Oxfordshire Stakes (13/10/72)

1 Kybo Venture - Paddy Coughlan (Crayford)	7-2
2 Fiery Copper – Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	4-5f
3 Carry On Monalee – Clare Orton (Wimbledon)	4-1
4 Forest Noble – Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	10-1
5 Jumbo Boy – Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	25-1
6 Jocelaine – Phil Rees Sr. (Wimbledon)	8-1
Time – 28.38	

Stadium Kennels

Joe Farrand

Regional & Private Trainers

Norman Andrews – Bob Baker - Des Ellington -
Wally Hardman - Mrs Vicky Holloway - Jim Morgan

C Licence Trainers

Albert Batchelor - Sid Brindle - Cooper - Norman Dawson
Dewick - Bill Dore - Dave Exley - Tim Holtom
Mrs L.Massey - Mrs Flo Partridge - Tony Sharpus
Tom Wallington - John Wichall

1973

The National power crisis hit in 1973 and at the time it was felt that an emergency generator was needed due to the ban on floodlighting.

The new General Manager, Clark Osborne, found a heavy duty three-phase coupling device in the Netherlands at the cost of £10,000. Permission was granted from the local government to keep it running.

It was driven by truck between Oxford and Bristol and connected by electricians every three days. This procedure went on for a few months.

It is also interesting to note that the general managers at the time resided in the 'White Buffalo'; this was a building on site that had a swimming pool and tennis court

It was the last year that 500 yards would be run; the decision was made to change the hare which would result in new distances of 490 and 715 yards. The hare was to be a state of the art 'outside summer'.

John Edwards left the Stadium kennels for new pastures, leaving Joe Farrand as the only remaining resident trainer.

Albert Batchelor returned for another stint as a trainer.

The Produce Stakes

Heat winners in the Produce Stakes included Cosmic Flash, Cash On Demand and Jade Star. In the semi-finals Cash On Demand won again in 28.43 and Hazel Walden won the other with Pile Driver in a time of 28.42.

The final was won in good style by Cosmic Flash, trained by Paddy McEvoy, the greyhound won by 1¾ lengths from the previously unbeaten Cash on Demand.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (13/07/73)

1 Cosmic Flash – Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	8-1
2 Cash On Demand – Joe Pickering (White City)	8-11f
3 Grainne Mhaol – W Behan (Private)	12-1
4 Pile Driver – Hazel Walden (Private)	4-1
5 Jade Star - Hazel Walden (Private)	7-2
6 Cosmic Jet – Reg Young (Private)	20-1
Time – 28.53	

Oxfordshire Stakes

The tenth Oxfordshire Stakes attracted a great entry and Geoff DeMulder sent a formidable team. DeMulder was establishing himself as one of the greatest trainers to grace greyhound racing. Two of his team Arctic Tern, and Leugh Silver, scored first round successes.

The second round saw wins for Dazzling Own (Ginzel) and Kenneallys Moor (Orton) and both went into the semi finals as the only unbeaten hounds. In the semi finals Leugh Silver won again for DeMulder and Westmead Valley claimed the other, leaving a very open field for the final.

The competition was claimed by Geoff DeMulder's 'Arctic Tern', this was to be the first of many big race successes for DeMulder at Oxford.

Oxfordshire Stakes (12/10/73)

1 Arctic Tern - Geoff De Mulder (Hall Green)	3-1
2 Dazzling Own - Wally Ginzel (Wembley)	2-1f
3 Westmead Valley – Paddy McEntyre (Bletchley)	11-4
4 Leugh Silver – Geoff De Mulder (Hall Green)	7-1
5 Kenneallys Moor – Clare Orton (Wimbledon)	8-1
6 Black Donnelly – P.Lavelle (Private)	20-1
Time – 28.33	

1974

During January the 500 yards and 715 yards distances were replaced by new distances of 490 and 706 yards, following the introduction of the new hare system 'The outside Summer'. Later in the year the country turned metric so therefore the new 490 and 706 yards distances became 450 metres and 645 metres, the marks still in use today.

Business in the summer months suffered due to the football World Cup, the stadium management advertised that a new Granada Hi-Fi colour television would show the World Cup in each of the four bars.

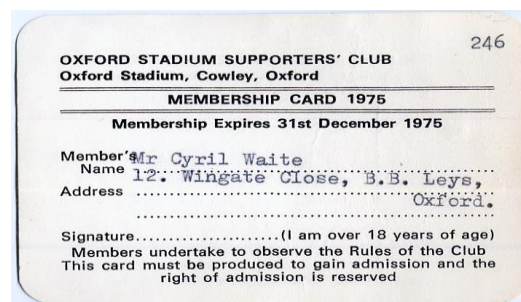
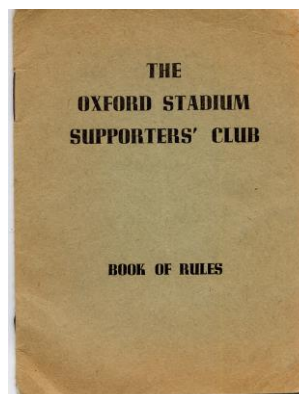
The Produce Stakes

The Produce Stakes was run for the only time over 490 yards and got off to a flying start.

Ante-post favourite Clear Reason trained by Mrs. Dorin Clark, won his first round heat at 4-6F. Daemonic Gambol claimed a heat win and Longnor Lad progressed with the fastest time of 27.80.

In the semi finals a shock was created by a first round winner, Badminton Yank at 8-1, trained by Tony Jowett. The other semi final went to Clear Reason in 27.98.

The final was won easily by Clear Reason in a new track record time of 27.50. This black dog would contest some major races in the future and finished runner up in the 1975 Scurry Gold Cup and won the Sussex Cup.



The Oxford Stadium supporters club book of rules and membership card, used during the 60's and 70's.



Ian Stevens and Clark Osborne pictured with the generator that was purchased from the Netherlands in 1973.

Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes produced a very entertaining competition. Westmead Valley, who had finished third the previous year, returned and duly won his heat. Produce finalist Longnor Lad also claimed a heat win and the Barbara Tompkins trained Crown Walter won his heat in a very fast 27.56.

The second round saw Tompkins gain double success with Young James and Crown Walter; once again Crown Walter recorded a great 27.64.

The semi finals were won by Young James and the Paddy McEntyre 'Westmead Valley' who bounced back with a fast 27.78.

Crown Walter became Oxfordshire Stakes champion following a tremendous three way battle in the final. Westmead Valley and Young James flashed passed the line just behind. ATV celebrity Garry Newbon presented the winners prize.

Two Year Old Produce Stakes (12/07/74) 490y

1 Clear Reason – Mrs Dorin Clark (Private)	10-11f
2 Daemonic Gambol – Paddy McEvoy (W'don)	5-2
3 Longnor Lad – Les Parsons (Hall Green)	6-1
4 By Chance – Henry Kibble (Bristol)	8-1
5 Picketts Boy – David Geggus (Walthamstow)	33-1
6 Badminton Yank – Tony Jowett (Slough)	8-1
Time – 27.50 (Track Record over 490 yards)	

Oxfordshire Stakes (11/10/74) 490y

1 Crown Walter - Barbara Tompkins (Private)	3-1
2 Westmead Valley – Paddy McEntyre (Bletchley)	9-4
3 Young James – Barbara Tompkins (Private)	6-4f
4 Longnor Lad – Les Parsons (Hall Green)	20-1
5 Clane Leader – Norman Andrews (Oxford)	14-1
6 Tims Dancer – Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green)	25-1
Time – 27.76	

1975

THE END OF THE STADIUM

This was the year that the announcement was officially made that Oxford Stadium was to close for good. Managing Director Ian Stevens (son of Con Stevens) acting for Bristol Stadium Ltd sold Oxford Stadium to the City Council housing committee for £235,000 in October.

Almost immediately S.O.S was born (Save Our Stadium) which was a large group of people who protested because they did not want to see the Stadium close for housing. A 27,000 strong petition was lodged with the local authorities and Tory MP Michael Heseltine called for a public meeting. S.O.S was given a deadline to find a new buyer.

Key members of the SOS were Peter Franklyn Jones and Donald Joyce (a Banbury timber merchant) who were to be appointed joint Managing Directors of the Stadium, Mrs Joy Saxton who led the protesters, and bookmaker John Turner and trainer Bob Baker who tried to raise money. Other notable S.O.S names included Dave Clinkard and Mick Harris.

The stadium was renamed Cowley Stadium but on the 31st December the Stadium closed for a three month period. Speedway co-promoters Danny Dunton and Bob Dugard placed a £220,000 bid to buy the stadium but it could not match the council's price.

1975 also saw the last running of the Produce Stakes. The event held since 1957 was phased out, the event had been in the shadow of the Oxfordshire Stakes since the latter's inception. Sadly the final on the 11th July was void. The traps failed to open twice and then opened with no hare. The event was re-run on 25th July and won by Mitcham Meg trained by Tom English.

The Last Two Year Old Produce Stakes (25/07/75)

1 Mitcham Meg – Tom English (Private)	8-13f
2 Something Soon – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	8-1
3 Doubtful Tim – Tom Riley (Romford)	6-1
4 So Softly – Joe Farrand (Oxford)	7-1
5 Cowgrove Charlie – Harry Sayer (Bristol)	10-1
6 Greenmoor Hope – Henry Kibble (Bristol)	14-1
Time – 28.09	

The year ended on an all time low with an uncertain future. No one involved with either the greyhounds or Speedway held much hope that the stadium would survive after the council had agreed a buying price.

Attached Trainers

Norman Andrews – John Ansell - Bob Baker
 Sid Brindle - Cooper - Norman Dawson
 Des Ellington - Dave Exley - Joe Farrand
 Mrs Vicky Holloway - Tim Holtom - Harry Keen
 Mrs L. Massey - Ken Moody - Jim Morgan
 Mick Mullagh - Mrs Flo Partridge
 Tony Sharpus - Tom Wallington - John Wichall



Mrs Joy Saxton who led the protesters in the S.O.S (Save Our Stadium) campaign.

Oxfordshire Stakes

There was some cheer during the year as 'By Chance' trained by former Oxford handler Henry Kibble not only won the Oxfordshire Stakes, but also broke the track record in the semi finals recording 27.32. Locally trained Black Gent won the other semi final but only managed third in the final.

Oxfordshire Stakes (10/10/75)

1 By Chance – Henry Kibble (Bristol)	5-4f
2 My Dowry – Pam Heasman (Hackney)	5-1
3 Black Gent - Joe Farrand (Oxford)	9-2
4 Rugged Gem – Davis (Private)	7-1
5 Carhumore Secret – John McAuliffe (Private)	5-1
6 Cloch An Iolair - Norman Andrews (Oxford)	12-1
Time – 27.76	



By Chance trained by Henry Kibble after winning the Oxfordshire Stakes.

1976

Action resumed at the stadium on 17th March with the Oxford Speedway taking on Eastbourne Eagles. Two days later greyhound racing resumed under the control of Fred Asher who replaced Bill Field as Racing Manager. Stock Car racing and the Sunday market were also resumed.

The 'Cowley' Stadium management team were now under pressure to find a new buyer and a couple of potential buyers fell by the wayside. Mr Harry George secretary of 'Greyhound Company Cardiff' failed in a bid after trying to replace Cardiff with Oxford following Cardiff's closure. Mr Denis Diffley a London businessman also failed in a 21 year lease bid. The mood was bleak with only one other investor mentioned Northern Sports Ltd, a London Sports company.

On the racing front Jim Morgan had a home success by claiming the Oxfordshire Stakes with Mister Little. Jim had returned after a short spell at Reading during the closure. Whilst at Reading, Jim returned with a greyhound called 'Dale Silver' and set a new 450m track record of 27.30. This time was bettered in the summer by Oulartwick Kybo who recorded 27.19.

However, the main racing talk was all about two stayers 'Black Beetle' trained by Henry Kibble and 'Hunscote Dan' trained by Brian Price. Their 1976 rivalry was superb. On the 11th May 'Black Beetle' set a new track record for 645 metres recording a time of 40.93. Hunscote Dan from Leicester but owned by Don Joyce and Peter Franklyn Jones challenged Black Beetle in 645m Open races which resulted in some great tussles. On the 30th May Hunscote Dan dipped under the track record by a further 13 spots in 40.80, then on 6th June, on a track that was clearly very fast, Black Beetle smashed the record by an incredible 72 spots, passing the line in 40.21. Brian Price then moved to Oxford to train his greyhounds and in September Hunscote Dan went even faster by setting a new clock of 40.19. This new 645 record would last over three years. 1975 champion trainer Des Ellington left for Reading but would return the following year.

Unfortunately, the year ended with no buyer and with the cloud of closure still over the stadium. There was a warning from the joint managing directors that crowds needed to improve for the stadium to remain open as a viable option.

Oxfordshire Stakes (15/10/76)

1 Mister Little – Jim Morgan (Cowley)	9-4
2 Xmas Holiday – Phil Rees (Wimbledon)	10-11f
3 Correct Car – Dave Catterall (Private)	10-1
4 Lady Cash – Jeff Sealey (Reading)	8-1
5 El Teide – Ray Wilkes (Hall Green)	33-1
6 Ballydonnell Jet – Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	8-1
Time – 27.30	



1976 Oxfordshire Stakes
Mick McManus with Mr & Mrs Leeper.

Attached Trainers

- Norman Andrews – John Ansell - Bob Baker
- Cooper - Norman Dawson - Joe Dickson
- Des Ellington - Dave Exley - Joe Farrand
- Mrs Vicky Holloway - Tim Holtom - Harry Keen
- Gordon Massey - Mrs L.Massey - Ken Moody
- Jim Morgan - Mick Mullagh - Mrs Flo Partridge
- Brian Price - Tony Sharpus - Tom Wallington
- John Wichall

6th Race (161) 8.45 P.M. 645 METRES FLAT. THE SECOND COWLEY STAKES. AN OPEN RACE

WINNER: £50 and Trophy, 2nd: £15. 3rd: £10. OTHERS £5 EACH.	FIN LTHS		ODDS
40.93 BLACK BEETLE (BRI) KTB 31.9 1 6 5 3W 1 1	1	1	4/7F
41.17 HUNSCOTE DAN (OXF) PRI 32.5 5 2 2B 2W 2 2	2	3	2/1
41.51 TUOHY TEMPLE (OXF) MAS 32.5 2 3 1 1 3R 3 4	3	4	6/1
41.55 GULLANE RUSTY (OXF) WIC 32.5 6 1 6 6 5W 4 1/2	4	1/2	20/1
41.63 CASHELS KING (OXF) HLL 28.9 3 4 3 4R 4 5	5	1	14/1
42.22 COWGROVE LIZ (POO) RAN 29.7 4 5 4 5 6 6	6	7 1/2	33/1

TIME: 40.93 - TRACK RECORD OWNER: W.C. Tohill TRAINER: Kibble (Bristol)
OFF AT: 8.55 P.M. WIN: 36p. PLACES: 33p & 42p FORECAST (1 & 5) 71p

BLACK BEETLE stayed on strongly from the 1/2 to quite outpace HUNSCOTE DAN who was pinched back at the 1/4. TUOHY TEMPLE was outstayed from the 1/2. GULLANE RUSTY and COWGROVE LIZ were outpaced and outstayed. CASHELS KING was quite outstayed from the 1/2.

4th Race (255) 8.15 P.M. 645 METRES FLAT. 'THE JOYNES STAKES' AN OPEN RACE FOR 12 GREYHOUNDS @ £5 EACH. WINNER: £15. 2nd £8. OTHERS £5 EACH. THE FIRST 3 GREYHOUNDS TO FORWARD TO THE 'JOYNES TROPHY' TO BE RUN ON TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 1976. DIVISION 1.

P.T.	NAME	TR	WT	TRAP	ST	1/2	3/4	FIN	LTHS	ODDS
40.21	BLACK BEETLE (BRI)	KTB	31.6	3	1	2	1R	1R	1	17/3F
41.06	ERNEST PERCIVAL (SLO)	COX	31.2	4	3	3R	3R	3R	2	10/1
41.27	HOPE FIN (REA)	SEA	26.8	2	4	4	4R	4	3	16/1
41.42	OUR SAM (GLO)	WHE	32.4	1	2	1W	2W	2	4	12/1
42.32	ROXTOWN RITA (ITE)	WAL	25.4	5	5	5	5C	5	5	12/1
	TIDY LOU (BRI)	WAL		6						Withdrawn 11.00 a.m. Strained Muscle N/

TIME: 40.21 TRACK RECORD OWNER: W.C. Tohill TRAINER: Kibble
OFF AT: 8.17 P.M. WIN: 26p. PLACES: 24p & 34p FORECAST (3 & 4) 78p

BLACK BEETLE had a solo run to quite outpace the field. The remaining runners were quite outpaced and outstayed.

Black Beetle's two track record results in 1976 as printed on the racing return.

1977

Once again the Stadium ceased to operate for four months, but the good news was that Northern Sports were to buy it from the council if the price was right. A fee reported to be £250,000 finally sealed the deal and the future looked bright.

However, on 31st October the Stadium ceased to operate and 70 employees were given notice by the previous employers. Most were re-employed by Northern Sports.

Former trainer Ron Day was brought in as Racing Manager on a short term basis following Fred Asher's departure.

An announcement was made in November that when restarting, the trainers would be cut from nineteen to seven as Northern Sports wanted to employ only professional licenced trainers.

John Ansell, Joe Farrand, Bob Hobbs, Mrs Len Massey, Mrs Gwen Lynds, Jim Morgan and Ken Moody were the seven trainers who were to be given contracts for the first time.

Terry Atkins moved to Reading after only a few months at Oxford and Des Ellington followed two months later. Vicky Holloway, Bob Baker, James Morgan and Tim Holtom all left for spells at Reading and John Wichall left for Swindon.

Two other trainers were sacked, they were Mick Mullagh and Joe Dickson (a former Liverpool footballer) who had their licences withdrawn by the N.G.R.C after time finding. Dave Exley also left, after 18 years, following a disagreement with the management and Norman Dawson retired after a twenty year connection.

Earlier in the year there was a major boost during March as television coverage came to Oxford in the form of 'ATV Today' presented by Gary Newbon. Live races would go out on the programme and the stadium hosted Open races for this purpose sponsored by Ladbrokes.

This was a huge success for Oxford, the ATV race was worth a very valuable £250 at the time and was won by Pall Mall champion Gin And Jass who had an open race record of 14 wins from 23 starts at the time.

The trophy was presented by National Hunt champion jockey Terry Biddlecombe.

On the same night a first ever 250 metre race was held, won by Jim Morgan's Start Again in 15.61. A week earlier, Askinvillar King trained by Hammond at Rye House broke the 845metre track record after a heavy gamble from 6-1 to 6-4F recording 54.29.

ATV Today Stakes (25/03/77)

1 Gin And Jass – Bill Drinkwater (Bletchley)	1-2f
2 Fiery Jet – Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	10-1
3 Connors Style – Andy Agnew (Perry Barr)	50-1
4 Kilcolman Stuart – Barbara Tompkins (Bletchley)	6-1
5 Bowling Alley – Des Ellington (Cowley)	7-2
6 Melrose Boy – Howard (Private)	8-1
Time – 27.22	

Oxfordshire Stakes

There was a brilliant contest in the Oxfordshire Stakes between Rathduff Spring and Greenfield Fox. 'Fox' trained by Mr O'Sullivan at Swindon recorded a new track record in the heats; he was timed at 27.18 breaking Oulartwick Kybo's former mark.

In the semi finals 'Rathduff Spring' trained by Geoff DeMulder lowered that mark by 5 spots, coming home in an impressive 27.13.

No one could look further than these two contenders for the final and so it proved. 'Rathduff Spring' stormed round in a new track record of 27.03 followed by 'Greenfield Fox', only one and a quarter lengths behind. The time for Greenfield Fox was 27.13 which would have equalled the former record.

Stadium Bookmakers Oxfordshire Stakes (14/10/77)

1 Rathduff Spring - Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	9-4
2 Greenfield Fox – O'Sullivan (Swindon)	11-10f
3 Joyful Maestro – Terry Dartnall (Reading)	16-1
4 Legs Of Gold – Frank Watson (Wolverh'ton)	5-1
5 Bredas Black – John Cox (Slough)	16-1
6 Out All Night – James Morgan (Cowley)	50-1
Time – 27.03 (Track Record)	

Attached Trainers

John Ansell - Joe Farrand
Bob Hobbs - Mrs Gwen Lynds
Mrs L.Massey - Ken Moody
Jim Morgan

1978

Northern Sports officially took over in April 1978 with the proviso that the Stadium must be used as a recreational Stadium until 1983.

The head of Northern Sports was the popular David Hawkins and he wasted no time in renaming the Stadium back to 'Oxford Stadium'.

The new opening nights were March 30th for Speedway and 9th June for Greyhounds.

Bob Newson was appointed the new General Manager and Tony Vasquez was Racing Manager until the arrival of Jim Layton who brought in a new improved race card.

Despite the eight month closure on the greyhound front the contracted trainers managed to supply enough greyhounds to restart on June 9th. The stadium would race on Friday nights only until the numbers of greyhounds increased and then Saturdays were added in July.

Maurice Massey took over the kennels from his mother Mrs L.Massey, Mrs Vicky Holloway arrived back to Oxford with a high class kennel and Rod Markwell also arrived from Bristol.

Ken Moody left and Mrs Gwen Lynds resigned after a local inquiry following a time finding incident with a greyhound called Toytown Sparkle.

Jack Coker arrived from Bletchley in November and brought a strong kennel, incidentally Jack Coker's head lad was Arthur Hitch who would become an Oxford trainer several years later.

The Assistant Racing Manager Geoff Hammond left after 18 years to join Coventry as Racing Manager where he would team up with Ron Day.

Vicky Holloway, courtesy of a high class kennel, won the trainers title after being pushed all the way by Rod Markwell.

Attached Trainers

John Ansell
Jack Coker
Joe Farrand
Bob Hobbs
Mrs Vicky Holloway
Rod Markwell
Maurice Massey
Jim Morgan

Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes attracted a good field that included Saucy Buck, a 1977 Derby finalist and track record holder at Watford and Bletchley. The brilliant Rathduff Spring returned to defend his title despite the fact that he was near the end of his career for De Mulder. De Mulder also had the ante-post favourite, a well respected hound called 'Dale Lad'.

Saucy Buck however duly won all rounds to make the final as hot favourite; this went against the trend as big price winners dominated the competition.

With the exception of Saucy Buck all of the eight first round heat winners failed to make the final. The round two winners included Ballybeg Blaze 10-1, Comedy Jig 10-1 and Rathduff Spring 6-1. Dale Lad was a shock loser and failed to make the semi finals. In the semi finals Shiloh Amber continued the trend of big price winners, this time landing the spoils at 8-1.

The final arrived with Saucy Buck looking a good thing but it was clearly written that this competition was to provide surprises as Ballybeg Blaze at 8-1 won for home trainer Vicky Holloway. Hot favourite Saucy Buck finished second whilst Rathduff Spring could not reproduce his previous years form, finishing last.

Oxfordshire Stakes (13/10/78)

1 Ballybeg Blaze - Vicky Holloway (Oxford)	8-1
2 Saucy Buck - Ted Dickson (Slough)	4-5f
3 Miss Fishpond - John Ansell (Oxford)	33-1
4 Shiloh Amber - Mick Puzey (Portsmouth)	8-1
5 Cobble Stone - Jack Coker (Bletchley)	14-1
6 Rathduff Spring - Geoff De Mulder (Coventry)	14-1
Time - 27.43	



The outside Summer hare photographed in 1976, it had been introduced in 1974 and remained in place until 2000.



The stadium pictured in the seventies from Sandy Lane.
Note the lack of buildings as you can see the gasometer that is not visible now.

1979

Harry George replaced Bob Newson as General Manager, and John Cooper replaced Jim Layton as Racing Manager. Dan McCormick a future General Manager also arrived to run the Speedway team.

The training ranks increased in number from eight to nine with the acquisition of Larry Whitfield.

In February, 'Tonapandy' trained by Maurice Massey broke the 250m track record in a time of 15.31.

In October Vicky Holloway's Ballybeg Delight set new figures of 39.93 for the 645 metres.

Gan On Rita and Right Arkle, both trained by Ted Dickson, claimed new marathon and hurdle records in November, 54.19 and 28.42 respectively.

Jack Coker had a big race success by winning the Cambridgeshire at White City with 'Tic N Tot' beating 1979 Derby Champion Sarahs Bunny in the race.

Coker went on to win the trainers title in his first full year at Oxford.

Ralph Russell, a tote engineer for 30 years, retired.

Oxfordshire Stakes

The Oxfordshire Stakes attracted another top class field which included Suffolk Derby winner Johns Luck, who was quoted as the ante-post favourite, and Derby finalist First General.

The heats saw a tremendous run from the Tom Johnston trained First General who recorded a smart 27.05. However, the greyhound crashed out in the semi finals before breaking the track record in the consolation final.

The 27-second barrier had been broken for the first time but came too late in the competition for First General.

In the final itself, Faoides Choice trained by former Oxford handler Gwen Lynds took the glory with a fastest ever sectional time of 04.06. Unbeaten, Northway Champ could only finish third and semi final winner Johns Luck and the former John Ansell Oxford grader 'West Block' were both unplaced.

Oxfordshire Stakes (05/10/79)

1 Faoides Choice – Mrs Gwen Lynds (Coventry)	8-1
2 Ahaveen Phantom – Bob Baker (Bletchley)	4-5f
3 Northway Champ – George Morrow (Cambridge)	33-1
4 Johns Luck - John Coleman (Wembley)	8-1
5 West Block - Wally Ginzel (Wembley)	14-1
6 Craheen Connie - John Cox (Slough)	14-1
Time – 27.27	



West Block pictured after a 1979 open race win. West Block was a former oxford grader with John Ansell but switched to Wally Ginzel and made the 1979 Oxfordshire Stakes final.

Far left is the owner Mrs Cindy Barrett, the trophy is being presented by 'Cerberus' or John Gaisford as he is better known. John has reported on the greyhound racing for the Oxford Mail for well over thirty years starting in 1974.

1981

The job of Racing Manager didn't seem to last long as another new Racing manager arrived, this time Brian Ward replaced Geoff Hammond.

The two trainers who had arrived the previous summer both departed, Ray Iremonger left for Slough and Jim Gilliland had to leave after losing out on leased kennel facilities. The Gilliland team of Jim and Shirley ran privately afterwards. Jack Coker, who was looking for new kennels, moved in to those same kennels vacated by the Gilliland's.

Bob Baker returned after a spell at Bletchley, Rod Markwell came back after a short stint at Bristol and Larry Whitfield retired late in the year due to financial reasons.

Jim Morgan gained success after steering Careless Dragon to Trafalgar Cup glory at Wembley and former Racing manager and trainer Ron Day passed away whilst in South Africa.

Attached Trainers
Bob Baker - Jack Coker
Joe Farrand - Bob Hobbs
Mrs Vicky Holloway - Rod Markwell
Maurice Massey - Jim Morgan
Larry Whitfield

Oxfordshire Stakes

The 18th Oxfordshire Stakes saw a surprise winner in Bright Tiger trained by Les Stiles at Reading.

Hot favourite Coolmakee Hero had won all three of his races to get to the final and had also recorded a superb 27.18 but could only finish runner up to the 8-1 shot.

George Morrow steered Northway Champ through to the same final that he had made two years earlier, a great achievement.

Local runner Winsome Whisky who had only been recently acquired by Rod Markwell from Larry Whitfield, also made the final.

Ante-post favourite Prince Spy, who finished second in the Derby, was knocked out in semi finals.

Oxfordshire Stakes (09/10/81)

1 Bright Tiger – Les Stiles (Reading)	8-1
2 Coolmakee Hero – John Gibbons (Crayford)	5-4f
3 Moy Athlete – Ron Chamberlain (Private)	12-1
4 Northway Champ – George Morrow (Cambridge)	8-1
5 Winsome Whisky – Rod Markwell (Oxford)	20-1
6 Currakeen Hiker – Joe Cobbold (Cambridge)	9-4
Time – 27.57	



Jim Morgan
Won the Trafalgar Cup with Careless Dragon.

NORTHERN SPORTS (OXFORD)LIMITED - OXFORD STADIUM					
MEETING NO.46 PROBABLE RUNNERS FOR SATURDAY, 30th MAY, 1981 at 7.45p.m.					
1st Race 7.45p.m.	450 Metres Flat	A10	WINNER:£12	OTHERS:£3 EACH	
		TRAINER	L.T.	B.T.	
GREYHOUND		COKER	29.41	29.14	
LIN LADY		WHITFIELD	29.14	28.69	
LEGUARD CHAMP		HOBBS	29.37	28.96	
PAULS PORKY		WHITFIELD	29.55	29.16	
LITTLE WARRIOR		HOBBS	29.19	28.62	
HOWDY GLIN	(w)	COKER	28.89	28.89	
GROVESY PAL	(w)				
2nd Race 8.00p.m.	450 Metres Flat	A10	WINNER:£12	OTHERS:£3 EACH	
KEELIN O.K		COKER	28.74	28.74	
HIGHSPEED JAZZ		HOBBS	29.04	28.89	
TUAR BEAG		MASSEY	28.87	28.85	
TEMPLE ROSE		HOBBS	28.82	28.82	
PIUMARETA		MORGAN	29.39	28.71	
TIKKEERAN MIST	(w)	COKER	28.78	28.40	
3rd Race 8.15p.m.	450 Metres Flat	A9	WINNER:£13	OTHERS:£3 EACH	
TARTANS FOLLY		COKER	28.86	28.51	
CLIPPERS HOPE		WHITFIELD(Racing Friday)	28.41	28.41	
GLEN KERRY		MORGAN (Racing Friday)	28.94	28.43	
WEST BELL		MORGAN (Racing Friday)	28.77	28.49	
GANDERSTOWN LAD	(w)	MASSEY (Racing Friday)	28.62	28.62	
LADY MILDEW	(w)	MASSEY (Racing Friday)	28.65	28.65	

An advance card from 1981.
Note the third race, where five of the six runners were due to run the day before as well.

1982

Northern Sports announced plans to build a new complex within the next five years, following massive investment into sister track Ramsgate.

Managing Director David Hawkins was certainly improving the reputation of Oxford Stadium.

The Bell Punch totalisator system was finally replaced by computerised tote switches. The system had been used since its inception in 1939 and the tote manager Ted Bangs was sad to see it go.

The Oxfordshire Stakes was renamed the Oxfordshire Trophy and the prize money dropped by £500 which clearly made its prestige drop considerably.

There were many other open race events around the country that were being introduced that could now top the competition in relation to prize money offered.

The Oxfordshire Trophy

In The Know, trained by Rita Wood, took the honours after coming from behind the leader Hillville Flyer to win by two and a quarter lengths.

Hillville Flyer, trained by Geoff DeMulder had arrived with a big reputation after 10 wins from 17 starts and a track record at Belle Vue.

The trophy was presented by the famous football manager Jim Smith.

Jack Coker steered two local greyhounds through to the final, his last major feat as an Oxford trainer.

The final night itself proved a disaster for the management as the tote failed and no bets could be placed.

There were a couple of trainer changes throughout the year. First Rod Markwell quit following a positive sample from his greyhound 'Pic and Pay'.

Then in December Jack Coker's licence was suspended for six months by the N.G.R.C and he left Oxford. He would move to Peterborough in 1983.

In April Cushie Sandy trained by Paddy McEvoy recorded 28.19 over the hurdles to equal the previous mark set by Shyan Trader.

A month later Keen Fowler set new figures for the 645 hurdles (41.89) and in September Crickets Delight set a new marathon mark of 53.49.

Joe Farrand received a suspension from the N.G.R.C for the way his greyhounds were kennelled and former trainer Tom Wallington died.

Vicky Holloway had a good year guiding Crickets Style through to the Derby semi finals; the brindle dog was beaten by Lauries Panther who went on to win the competition unbeaten. Holloway also trained Ballybeg Sport to a track record at Wimbledon recording 15.21 for 252metres.

The year ended with high hopes, the greyhound industry had seen the new ideas by Northern Sports being put into place at Ramsgate. All those involved in Oxford were keeping their fingers crossed that the track at Cowley would follow suit.

Attached Trainers
 Bob Baker - Jack Coker
 Joe Farrand - Bob Hobbs
 Mrs Vicky Holloway - Rod Markwell
 Maurice Massey - Jim Morgan

Oxfordshire Trophy (09/10/82)

1 In The Know - Rita Wood (Private)	3-1
2 Hillville Flyer - Geoff DeMulder (Coventry)	1-1f
3 The Bounder - Jack Coker (Oxford)	7-1
4 Whats On - Charles Sweetland (Maidstone)	8-1
5 Knockgarry - Jack Coker (Oxford)	4-1
6 Rikasso Velvet - Theo Mentzis (Milton Keynes)	12-1
Time - 27.50	

6th RACE 9.00p.m. (OFF 9.03) INTER TRACK OXFORD v SLOUGH 845M FAST +40		WINNER £35 & TROPHY 2nd £10 OTHERS £7					
TR	T S	$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ F	LTHS	REMARKS	WT	SP	P.P.
Cricket's Delight	Hol 1	1(27.79)	2 1 1 1	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	Led 5 Styd Well	25.5	2/1 53.79
Sandown Lass	Mas 5	2(27.77)	1 2 2 2	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	Soon Led to 5	27.0	5/2JF 54.19
Twinkle Star	Ire 6	6(28.55)	5 4 4 3	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	S.A. W Nearest Finish	26.3	5/2JF 55.27
Minnesota Post	Far 5	3(28.08)	3 3 3 4	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	E.P. Wide	31.5	8/1 55.28
Nenagh Star	Mrs Holt 4	5(28.99)	6 6 5 5	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ckd Between 2 - 3	25.6	7/1 55.84
Highfield Glin	Jow 2	4(28.89)	4 5 6 6	32	Clr Run	34.2	8/1 56.04
DIST: 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ SH 7 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ OWNER R.G.MITCHELL TR:HOLLOWAY WIN:50p PL:32p 33p FOR:£1.45							

The result of the 9.00 race, on 17th September 1982.
 Crickets Delight trained by Vicky Holloway set a new track record of 53.79 over 845 metres.

1983

Peter Miller, who had arrived from sister track Ramsgate the previous year, was promoted to Racing Manager but due to his age there were licensing problems with the NGRC. Soon after Peter moved on to Wembley.

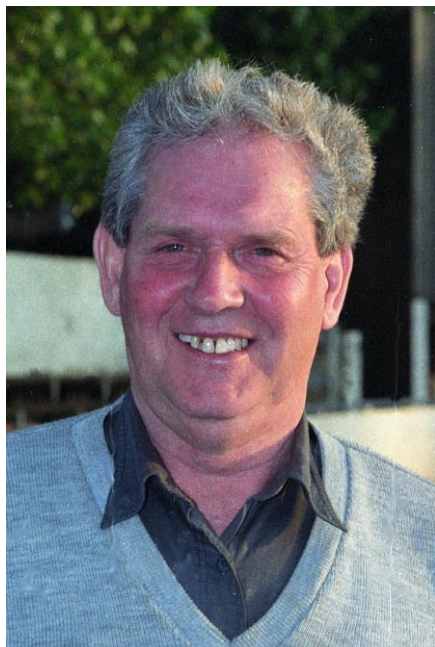
There were three new arrivals in the training ranks, John Peterson arrived from Swindon after seven years there, Terry Atkins from Reading and Arthur Hitch brought a small but top class kennel. The Hitch kennel included owner 'Desmond Morris' the successful author, film & television producer and head of Granada TV.

The Oxfordshire Trophy saw a second successive final appearance for 'The Bounder' trained by the now private trainer Jack Coker. He ended runner up behind 'Rathduff Tad' the Gold Collar Champion trained by Arthur Dennis. The three semi final winners Mankoya Prince, Gentle Setanta and Disco Prince were all unplaced.

Afghan racing was introduced on Sundays but only ran for a short time, and local track Gloucester closed leaving only Bristol to the West of Oxford.

Oxfordshire Trophy (09/10/83)

1 Rathduff Tad – Tony Dennis (Southend)	11-8f
2 The Bounder – Jack Coker (Private)	6-1
3 Mankoya Prince – Harwood (Coventry)	
4 Gentle Setanta – John Gibbons (Crayford)	
5 Disco Prince – Gordon Hodson (Brighton)	
6 Halstead Jet – John Gibbons (Crayford)	
Time – 27.30	



Maurice Massey
Fourth straight title trainer's title in 1983.

1984

Financial director Kevan Hedderly stated that Northern Sports would scrap the plan of the 1.5 million stadium upgrade if they were unable to charge a fee of 15p for the car parking facilities.

Andrew Smith a Labour MP hoped a compromise could be found but the argument went on for months with newspapers following the story and hundreds of people expressing opinions.

Finally the stadium was given permission to allow a charge to be made and the big plans for development were back on.

Mick Wheble arrived as Racing Manager from Leicester in place of Tony Vasquez who had filled the post on a short term basis after Peter Miller had left for Wembley.

New trainers included John Annett from Swindon who had his first winner in October and Theo Mentzis.

Joe Farrand retired after 45 years as a trainer and 40 years after joining Oxford. He had vacated the Stadium kennels in 1980 and his racing strength had been diminishing for some time. Terry Atkins arrived back from Reading.

Arthur Hitch had BBC TV Trophy winner in Weston Prelude. The greyhound won by three quarters of a length from the privately trained Middleton Rebel at Wimbledon. The BBC TV Trophy was greyhound racings only televised race and was the showpiece event.

Hitch also had a St Leger finalist in the form of Tally Ho Bomber.

The Oxfordshire Trophy

The Oxfordshire Trophy saw a one dog demolition, Nippy Law trained by Geoff DeMulder stormed to victory in the final in a fast 27.25. He had smashed the track record in the heats recording a brilliant 26.90.

It was the first time a major final at Oxford had been held on a Saturday night instead of Friday. The final had a withdrawal in the form of Blackwater Tower and then Swift Spirit and Rikasso Mick were both knocked over during the race.

Oxfordshire Trophy (06/10/84)

1 Nippy Law - Geoff DeMulder (Nottingham)	1-2f
2 Creamery Cross - Alan Briggs (Private)	3-1
3 Pams First - John Anderson (Wolverhampton)	20-1
4 Swift Spirit - Arthur Hitch (Oxford)	10-1
5 Rikasso Mick - Theo Mentzis (Oxford)	5-1
N/R Blackwater Tower – Off Colour	
Time – 27.24	

BBC Television Trophy (Wimbledon) (12/04/84)

1 Weston Prelude - Arthur Hitch (Oxford)	4-1
2 Middleton Rebel - G.Middleton (Private)	7-1
3 Market Mover - J.Gardner (Private)	1-1f
4 Wild Surprise - Harry White (Private)	25-1
5 Blue Shirt - George Curtis (Brighton)	7-1
6 Jos Gamble - Jerry Fisher (Private)	5-1
Time – 52.14	

1985

Racing Manager Mick Wheble introduced a new event to the Stadium, the Oxfordshire Gold Cup. He felt that another competition was needed to run alongside the Oxfordshire Stakes.

The competition was worth £2,000 to the winner and would soon surpass the Oxfordshire Trophy in terms of the quality of entry.

A new trainer arrived in the form of Ron Bicknell. Whilst waiting to join Oxford from Milton Keynes he won the Scottish Grand National with Brendas Luck. Ron replaced Arthur Hitch who left for Slough; Hitch was to win the Derby with Tico the following year.

Monarch Tom trained by Norah McEllistrim set new figures of 41.63 over the stayers hurdles in January and the 250 metres track record was smashed in November by Hardy Champ (DeMulder) 15.10.

Oxfordshire Gold Cup

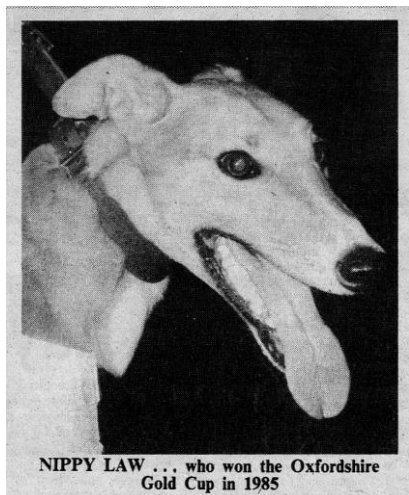
The Oxfordshire Gold Cup attracted 'Nippy Law' the Oxfordshire Stakes champion and track record holder, who was now an Oxford hound after Geoff DeMulder's attachment to Oxford. Other entries included Carrigeen Chimes and Walstone (both Derby finalists) and Bertie Gaynor's 'Parkers Sage'.

However, once again it was DeMulder's star Nippy Law who proved his worth by storming through the competition and winning the final in a fast 27.04 by eight lengths. Parkers Sage ran a game second after bunching at the first bend.

On the same night Westmead Account (Terry Atkins) recorded 15.29 and Burgess Rocket (Jim Morgan) went round in 27.85 to set new track records for 250 metres and 450 metres hurdles respectively.

Inaugural Oxfordshire Gold Cup (31/08/85)

1 Nippy Law - Geoff DeMulder (Oxford) 4	13-8f
2 Parkers Sage - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green) 3	7-2
3 Walstone - John Copplestone (Portsmouth) 6	10-1
4 Flashing Yank - Ken Linzell (Walthamstow) 1	10-1
5 Black Cognac - Gary Baggs (Ramsgate) 2	16-1
6 Carrigeen Chimes - Gary Baggs (Ramsgate) 5	7-2
Time - 27.04 (8, 2, 2, 4, 2)	



Nippy Law
A newspaper cutting from the Oxford Mail, reporting his Gold Cup victory.

The Oxfordshire Trophy

The Oxfordshire Trophy produced a cracking final that involved Nippy Law, Parkers Sage and Laurels Champion Amenhotep trained by Linda Mullins.

Parkers Sage had broken the track record in the heats recording 26.89 and looked a real threat to Nippy Law.

The final however was won by 6-1 shot Amenhotep with Nippy Law and Parkers Sage third and fourth respectively. Maurice Massey steered Nicked Again 25-1 into second place, a great achievement in such a class field.

Hawkins of Harrow Oxfordshire Trophy (05/10/85)

1 Amenhotep - Linda Mullins (Harringay)	6-1
2 Nicked Again - Maurice Massey (Oxford)	25-1
3 Nippy Law - Geoff DeMulder (Oxford)	11-10f
4 Parkers Sage - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green)	5-2
5 Parkers Bronze - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green)	14-1
6 Celtic Gambler - Mark Sullivan (Milton K)	16-1
Time - 27.51	



Superstar 'Scurlogue Champ'
Ran the marathon at Oxford in 1985
and won in a time of 53.84 at 7/4 on.

The year ended with great anticipation, everyone was watching the construction in progress that would bring Oxford into a new era.

The new summer competition, the Oxfordshire Gold Cup had been a success and the company had proven to be loyal towards greyhound racing by investing heavily into Oxford on the back of the Ramsgate success.

The building of the new grandstand and sporting facilities were well underway and Oxford would soon be regarded as one of the best provincial tracks in the country.

Attached Trainers

John Annett - Terry Atkins
Bob Baker - Ron Bicknell
Geoff DeMulder - Bob Hobbs
Mrs Vicky Holloway - Maurice Massey
Theo Mentzis - Jim Morgan
John Peterson

1986

On July 22nd 1986 Northern Sports unveiled their 1.5 million pound investment, two weeks after the originally planned opening night of July 8th.

However, everybody in the greyhound industry was highly impressed with the brand new 150 seat Grandstand restaurant, which took Oxford Stadium into the realms of a major provincial track.

There were four squash courts, six snooker tables, a gymnasium, sun beds and a sauna that made up the new Oxford Sports & Leisure Centre. Annual membership was £15. Guest of honour on opening night was top jockey John Francombe, and the NGRC secretary Fred Underhill cut the ribbon. The Managing Director David Hawkins used his construction firm 'Hawkins of Harrow' for much of the work.

A new video company was brought in called P.R.Productions (in the capable hands of Pete Thomas) who were to record every race at the track. It was the start of the years known as greyhound racings 'boom time'.

Three new trainers arrived, Norman Andrews returned from Bletchley; Norman had previously trained at Oxford with a C Licence many years before. He arrived as a replacement for Theo Mentzis who left for Milton Keynes. Lorraine Oakman from Reading and Paddy Doyle from Coventry (which closed in October) were the other two new acquisitions.

Doyle's premier owner Ken Higson had a long line of class animals and also introduced an event, the Ryan Price Memorial after the race horse trainer whom had died at a young age.

Higson owned sprint track record holder Hardy Champ which transferred from DeMulder to Doyle.

Geoff DeMulder regarded as the best trainer in the country left in the summer but returned once again a couple of months later.

In August another Ken Higson owned greyhound Jaroadel trained by Bertie Gaynor from Hall Green, recorded a remarkable 52.91 over the marathon trip, the first greyhound to break 53 seconds.

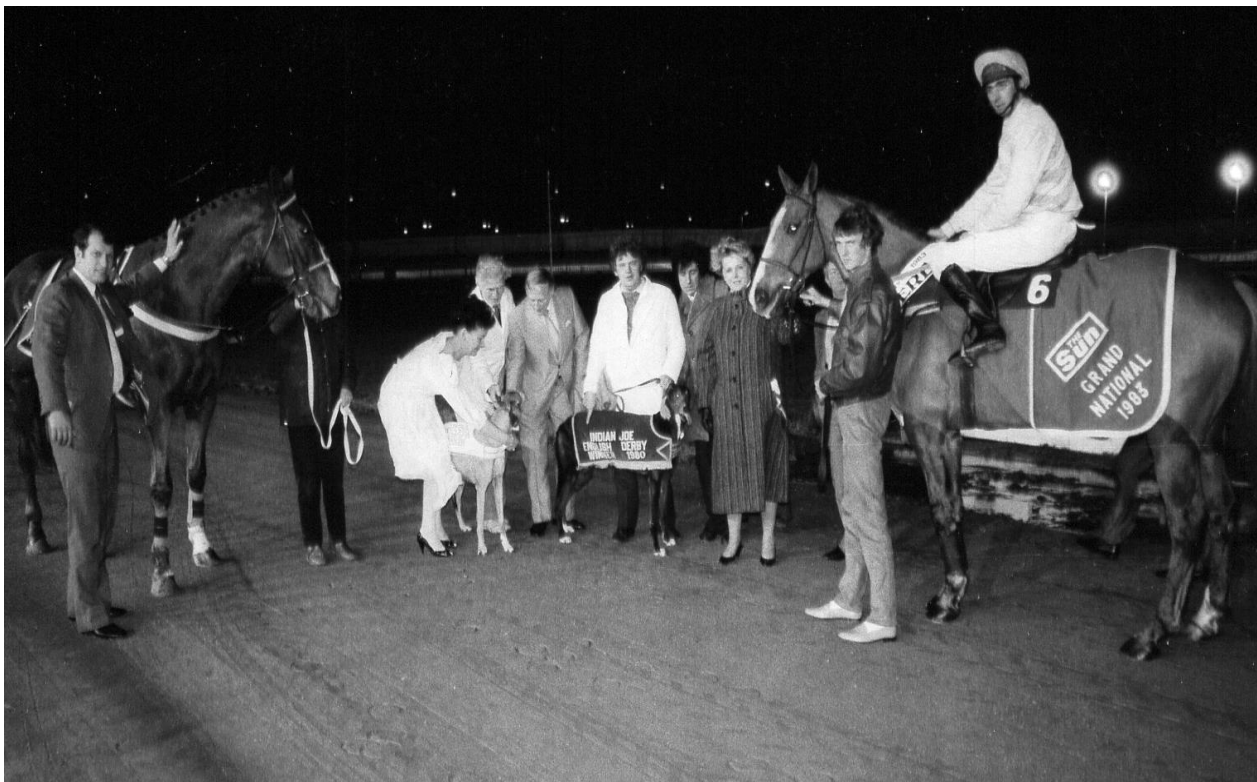
The seven year 645metre track record was broken twice, first Lugwardine Lord was timed at 39.70 and finally Tony Meek from Swindon saw his hound Run Free set a new record of 39.46 that would last for twelve years.

Lugwardine Lord trained by Ann Finch and Deal Now (DeMulder) had a rare match race on 14th October in a £600 winner take all race. Deal Now triumphed in 39.83 at odds of 8-11F.

The management team consisting of Harry George (General Manager) and Mick Wheble (Racing Manager) were now looking for new ways to bring publicity and success to build upon the wonderful platform now in place.

With the increase in business Mick Wheble brought in an Assistant Racing Manager (that happened to be me).

Harry George however would soon plan to hand over to a new General Manager after announcing he would retire the following year.



The popular charity nights organised by Kathy Russek were great events.

This one in 1986, saw all the following attend.

1981 Grand National winning horse and jockey, Aldaniti and Bob Champion (far left),

Greyhound Derby winners Sarahs Bunny (1979) and Indian Joe (1980) (centre),

1983 Grand National trainer, horse and jockey, Jenny Pitman, Corbiere and Ben de Haan (right).

Incidentally Pitman also owned greyhounds at Oxford.

1986 cont

Oxfordshire Gold Cup

The big races started with Mel Bass training Cannonroe to a shock Gold Cup victory in August, runner-up was Sandwinder, a greyhound that was to become Oxford's favourite son. Sandwinder was owned by John Townsend and trained by Vicky Holloway, a bar in the stadium is still named after him today.

Sandwinder had eased through the first round in a heat that saw track record holder Parkers Sage crash out.

Ground Speed impressed going into the final after beating Sandwinder into second place in the first semi final and Dicksboro became hot favourite following a good second semi final win over kennelmate and ante post favourite Fearless Action who could only manage fifth.

However, it was Cannonroe an 11-2 shot who was triumphant in front of a packed house.

Oxfordshire Trophy

Geoff DeMulder returned in October to gain consolation by winning the Oxfordshire Trophy with Fearless Swift.

Swift, Hardy Champ and Back Fire all won their heats, Back Fire recorded an impressive 27.08 but could not cope with Swift in the final.

Yet another DeMulder hound 'Fearless Action' won the Juvenile at Wimbledon in the same year and Oxford also held a Summer Cup over 645 metres that was won by 25-1 shot Rock Solid, but this event was soon to be scrapped.

Halls Skol Gold Cup (30/8/86)

1 Cannonroe - Mel Bass (Unattached) 6	11-2
2 Sandwinder - Vicky Holloway (Oxford) 2	7-2
3 Dicksboro - Geoff De Mulder (Oxford) 1	1-1f
4 Ground Speed - Ron Luton (Ramsgate) 3	6-1
5 Tooreen Rover - Paddy Hancox (Hall Green) 5	33-1
6 Spiral Darkie - Gary Baggs (Ramsgate) 4	10-1
Time - 27.13	

Halls Skol Oxfordshire Trophy (4/10/86)

1 Fearless Swift - Geoff De Mulder (Oxford) 6	15-8
2 Lively Sailor - John Gibbons (Crayford) 2	7-4f
3 Capital Cinema - John Gibbons (Crayford) 1	14-1
4 Hardy Champ - Paddy Doyle (Oxford) 5	10-1
5 Spurhill Lad - Terry Atkins (Oxford) 3	8-1
6 Back Fire - Tommy Johnston (Wembley) 4	5-1
Time - 27.13 (Hd, 7/4, 3, 1/2, 2 3/4)	

Attached Trainers

Norman Andrews - John Annett
 Terry Atkins - Bob Baker
 Ron Bicknell - Geoff DeMulder
 Paddy Doyle - Bob Hobbs
 Mrs Vicky Holloway - Maurice Massey
 Lorraine Oakman - Jim Morgan
 John Peterson

1987

The upward trend continued with more great news for the stadium, a new BAGS contract was awarded to Oxford; they had not been on the service since 1966 and were chosen to appear on the service along with six other tracks, Bristol, Brough Park, Crayford, Hackney, Hove and Monmore. This would bring financial security to the business.

Harry George the General Manager duly retired and was replaced by John Blake who arrived from Harringay after that track's closure in September. He was to bring the prestigious Pall Mall Stakes with him after gaining permission from GRA (The Greyhound Racing Association) to hold the rights to the event.

There was a major shift in the training ranks as five new trainers arrived. Sam Chetwynd took out his first licence in May after working for Paddy Doyle previously; he ran a high-class kennel owned mainly by racehorse owner Ken Higson whom transferred his greyhounds from Doyle. Tony Meek came with a high reputation after arriving in October from Swindon.

Bob Hobbs returned to Oxford for a second time and in December Felicitas 'Litzi' Miller came from Swindon, she was to become a very influential trainer at the track. Finally private trainer John Ansell also arrived in December, John had previously trained at Oxford in the seventies.

Three trainers left, three times champion trainer Terry Atkins moved to Wembley, Bob Baker's contract was terminated and Geoff De Mulder left to train privately.

Geoff had managed to steer two hounds through to the final of the Derby whilst an Oxford trainer, Slaneyside Speed and Enecee. The Derby final also saw Rikasso Tiller take part, owned by local businessman Mick Freshwater, Tiller was to join Maurice Massey soon after his Gold Cup Final appearance in August.

Gary Baggs agreed to join the track but when he was trialling greyhounds in for racing he received an offer from Walthamstow that he could not refuse.

Yet another coup for the Stadium was the choice of venue for the 1987 BBC Television Trophy, this was the only event that was televised at the time. Harry Carpenter introduced the programme on BBC Sportsnight.

Vicky Holloway's 'Trelawney' set a new track record for the hurdles in February recording 27.81, the Holloway kennel then forgot to take him home on the same night and he was left in the Stadium kennels.

In June, Rapid Mover trained by Fred Wiseman equalled Hardy Champ's track record over 250 metres of 15.10 and Hurricane Jack won the first ever 1040m race recording 67.94 in August.

Champion trainer was Vicky Holloway who scored 213 winners; next best was Maurice Massey with 169.

The year ended sadly with the death of Dick Holloway which led Vicky to vastly reduce her training operation. One of her best hounds Rathkennan Red joined DeMulder

1987 cont

A very strong entry for the Gold Cup ended with success with Fairway Wink, Derby finalist Rikasso Tiller finished second, another DeMulder newcomer Money Matters was third with Sandwinder only managing fifth. The class of the competition was superb with sub 27-second wins by Surge Home (26.93) and Rikasso Tiller (26.94).

Sandwinder at last took major honours when winning the Oxfordshire Trophy in front of huge cheers from the locals.

An interesting story arose concerning the previously mentioned Rathkennan Red. Racing Manager Mick Wheble had organised home and away inter tracks with sister track Ramsgate. The first leg at Oxford upset Wheble after he graded races equally i.e. A3 against A3, however he had not been told that A1's and A2's were not run at Ramsgate, resulting in a tough night for the Oxford hounds due to the fact that they were running against better class graders.

The return leg approached and Wheble put Rathkennan Red returning from an injury in the Oxford team in an A5 grade, it appeared that all of Oxford descended on Ramsgate that evening; the opening show was 5-1 and after the bookmakers finished taking bets, a return of 5-1 **ON** was seen on the boards.

The greyhound recorded the fastest time of the evening and the Oxford Stadium management and staff were asked to leave the restaurant. It transpired that everyone tried to bet Red including a renowned gambling group known as the 'Quality Street Gang', because they shared the winnings. They failed to get all of their money on, because local businessman Mick Harwood had got the first price of 5-1.

Kent & Roberts Oxfordshire Trophy (3/10/87)

1 Sandwinder - Vicky Holloway (Oxford) 3	5-2
2 Bomber Glory - Sam Chetwynd (Oxford) 6	4-1
3 Woodman - Fred Wiseman (Milton Keynes) 1	2-1f
4 Parkers Sage - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green) 4	9-2
5 Thanks Nor - Geoff DeMulder (Private) 2	16-1
6 Darklawn Express - Gary Baggs (W'stow) 5	14-1
Time - 27.17 (3¼, 3, 1¾, 3, sh)	

BBC Television Trophy (8/4/87)

1 Glenowen Queen - Dick Hawkes (W'stow) 4	7-1
2 Super Spell - Tony Martin (Private) 6	33-1
3 Change Guard - Trevor Draper (Sheffield) 5	5-1
4 Role Of Fame - Adam Jackson (Wembley) 1	4-9f
5 Tender Champ - Walter Dewbury (Rye House) 3	10-1
6 Irish Pallas - Ernie Wiseman (Rye House) 2	11-2
Time - 53.37	

English Greyhound Derby (29/6/87)

1 Signal Spark - Gary Baggs (Walthamstow)	14-1
2 Tapwatcher - Bob Young (Hove)	11-10f
3 Rikasso Tiller - Theo Mentzis (M Keynes)	3-1
4 Slanayside Speed - Geoff De Mulder (Oxford)	7-1
5 Enecee - Geoff De Mulder (Oxford)	5-1
6 Stouke Whisper - John Honeysett (Wembley)	12-1
Time - 28.83 (hd, 3, Nk, ¾, 3½)	

E.J.Watts & Sons shop fitters Gold Cup (29/8/87)

1 Fairway Wink - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green) 6	5-1
2 Rikasso Tiller - Theo Mentzis (Milton K) 5	4-1
3 Money Matters - Geoff De Mulder (Private) 3	2-1f
4 Rhincrew Ringo - Ron Luton (Ramsgate) 2	12-1
5 Sandwinder - Vicky Holloway (Oxford) 4	10-1
6 Surge Home - Fred Wiseman (Milton K) 1	5-2
Time - 27.07	



To the left is Rathkennan Red, winner of the 1987 Wafcol Federation Cup at Ramsgate. On the right is Sandwinder, an Oxford legend and Oxfordshire Trophy winner in 1987. He also won the Greyhound Breeders Forum Final at Wembley in the same year. In the centre is Mrs Vicky Holloway trainer of both hounds.

1988

1988 was all about the Pall Mall, the prestigious event was held for the first time at Oxford following the demise of Harringay.

The Pall Mall

The Pall Mall attracted a lot of interest and immediately became Oxford's premier event. John Blake and Mick Wheble designed it to be Oxford's showpiece and it was.

Leading the many entries were Gold Cup champion Fairway Wink, the 1997 Oxfordshire Trophy first three Sandwinder, Bomber Glory and Woodman. Sprint track record holder Rapid Mover (McGee), Lissadell Tiger (Gaskin) who would win the Peterborough Derby, Drogheda Boy (Honeysett), Local Fan (Law) and Gold Goblet (Gaskin). The competition was so strong that a reserve for the competition 'Sam Bridge' broke the Wimbledon track record after the heats had been drawn.

First round winners were Sandwinder, Drogheda Boy, Fairway Wink and Lissadell Tiger. Casualties were Rapid Mover, Local Fan and Sam Bridge which was called upon following a withdrawal. The quarter and semi finals resulted in the elimination of Lissadell Tiger, Drogheda Boy and Woodman.

The final night was a full house and amid a band and trumpeters Fearless Ace trained by Geoff De Mulder claimed the honours with a fine run in the final. Fairway Wink ran a great race to take second place. Sandwinder made a final again, finishing fourth, and Gold Goblet could only manage fifth despite a sparkling semi final win.



George Best being interviewed on Pall Mall final night.

The Henry Cooper Slough ex boxers Association charity night started in July and became an annual event with many famous boxers past and present attending on these evenings along with Henry himself.

A considerable amount of money was seen around the track during the late eighties, a strong betting market saw many large gambles, some landed and many lost. The 'Quality Street Gang' had one such gamble that landed trainer Jim Morgan in hot water. Kylehill Jewel recorded 27.55, after a best recent time of 28.11, opening 4-1 and returning at 1-2F. The sample returned negative and Jim's explanation of being 17 weeks out of season was not accepted. Jim was fined £100 for the incident that was reputed to have taken £30,000 out of the bookmakers satchels.

There was one new trainer, Mick Mercer who arrived from Milton Keynes. Leaving were Paddy Doyle who retired and Lorraine Oakman had her contract terminated after an incident where her head kennel hand refused to parade a greyhound and then struck a greyhound on the head with a sample bowl.

In October Debby's Lad trained by Tony Meek, set a new track record over 250 metres of 14.88 and the 645 hurdles record was lowered twice, first by Trap Flier trained by Norah McEllistrim in July (41.45) and then by Mixer Mick trained by Gordon Hodson in October (41.17). Mixer Mick went on to join John Ansell at Oxford. Local Fan trained by Derek Law, set a new mark of 26.87 for the 450 metres in June.

Private trainer John McGee asked for some trials to qualify five new greyhounds he had bought, the five duly trialed and were registered and qualified at Oxford. One was Hit the Lid who went on to win the 1988 Greyhound Derby.

The stadium kennels were rebuilt as the old ones had become very worn down. Oxford won the Sean Doyle Memorial Cup for the only time in its four year existence; it was an intertrack between Oxford, Monmore and Hall Green in memory of trainer Paddy Doyle's son. Monmore won the race on the other three occasions.

The Pall Mall (25/03/88)

1 Fearless Ace - Geoff DeMulder (Private) 6	5-4f
2 Fairway Wink - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green) 3	5-1
3 Crockett - Gary Baggs (Walthamstow) 2	10-1
4 Sandwinder - Vicky Holloway (Oxford) 4	5-1
5 Gold Goblet - Ernie Gaskin (Private) 5	20-1
6 Market Take Over - Phil Rees (Wimbledon) 1	11-4
Time - 26.97 (3, ½, 1¼, 2, 4½)	

Attached Trainers

Norman Andrews - John Annett
John Ansell - Ron Bicknell
Sam Chetwynd - Bob Hobbs
Mrs Vicky Holloway - Maurice Massey
Tony Meek - Mick Mercer
Litzi Miller - Jim Morgan
John Peterson

1988 cont

Oxfordshire Gold Cup

In the Gold Cup Money Matters, a black dog trained by Geoff DeMulder, stormed to victory in a track record time of 26.81 in the final. The East Anglia Derby and Select Stakes champion went through the competition unbeaten. Previous track record holder Local Fan could only finish fourth. Geoff De Mulder missed the presentation, allegedly he was nervous and hiding in the toilets.

Oxfordshire Trophy

In the Oxfordshire Trophy Hillville Blonde a fawn bitch went through unbeaten despite being knocked out of the Gold Cup at the semi final stage. English and Scottish Derby consolation winner Mottos Count ran a creditable second place. Fairway Wink failed to make the final.

Lynton Racing Gold Cup (27/08/88)

1 Money Matters - Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green) 1	7-4f
2 Sentimental Joe - Neal Hamilton (Poole) 4	14-1
3 Sandwinder - Vicky Holloway (Oxford) 2	5-1
4 Local Fan - Derek Law (Milton Keynes) 3	2-1
5 Peasedown Slippy - Tony Mann (Swindon) 5	5-1
6 Greenfield Pride - Bill Masters (Hove) 6	33-1
Time - 26.81 (Track Record)	



Money Matters

(After a track record performance in the Gold Cup Final)

Kent & Roberts Oxfordshire Trophy (23/9/88)

1 Hillville Blonde - Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green) 3	4-1
2 Mottos Count - Gary Baggs (Walthamstow) 6	9-4
3 Hurry On Style - Mick Puzey (Walthamstow) 5	10-1
4 Peasedown Prince - Sam Chetwynd (Oxford) 1	8-1
5 Peasedown Slippy - Tony Mann (Swindon) 2	5-4f
6 Frozen Ice - Tony Rowsell (Bristol) 4	12-1
Time - 27.25 (2, nk, 2 ³ / ₄ , 3 ³ / ₄ , 1 ³ / ₄)	



The chromatography lab which tested every greyhound due to race.



The newly built kennels in 1988.

1989

The 1989 Pall Mall caused an early surprise when the defending champion Fearless Ace was entered again. The fawn dog was now with former Oxford trainer Theo Mentzis and had stood at stud during the winter. The decision to enter Ace for another tilt at the race raised a few eyebrows.

In the first round he ran a creditable second which pleased his followers because at least he would not embarrass himself now. The quarter finals produced a win and then he ran a superb second place again to remarkably reach the final.

The final approached and the favourite, Murlens Mandy, was a track specialist and was so far unbeaten.

As the lids went up many were surprised to see Fearless Ace take the lead. A deafening roar followed the greyhound around as he not only won but broke the track record in 26.80. Laurels champion Parquet Pal finished second and this Fearless Ace run is still regarded as probably the best ever performance around Oxford.

Pall Mall Stakes (25/03/89)

1 Fearless Ace - Theo Mentzis (Milton Keynes) 5	4-1
2 Parquet Pal - Arthur Hitch (Wimbledon) 3	8-1
3 Murlens Mandy - Gary Baggs (Walthamstow) 4	2-1f
4 Handsome Dan - Geoff DeMulder (Norton C) 1	11-2
5 Woolmac Raider - John Gibbons (Crayford) 2	14-1
6 Paddys House - John Honeysett (Wembley) 6	9-4
Time - 26.80 (Track Record)	



The brilliant Fearless Ace
Dual Pall Mall winner 1988 & 1989.

The attendances and turnover were still on the increase following the heavy investment three years before.

The centre green was converted to an American Football pitch as the gridiron game came to the Stadium with the Oxford Bulldogs first ever match versus Coventry Bears.

The most famous greyhound in history Ballyregan Bob made a final appearance in Britain at Oxford on the 3rd October, before leaving for the United States. Owners Cliff and Jessie Kevern were owners with Oxford trainer Ron Bicknell and kindly brought Bob along to parade. Bob stood at stud with Ron Bicknell for a few months before the trip.

Trainer Bob Hobbs retired and new trainer Ron Mills came from Swindon but left to go back there within six months. A greyhound called Catsrock Rocket trained by John Ansell switched kennels to Bill O'Hare for the Derby and made the Final for local Oxford owner Cindy Barrett.

The distance of 1,040 metres was ran for only the second time and the winner, Honeygar Belle trained by Pete Billingham at Monmore not surprisingly set a new track record of 67.63.

The outstanding hurdler 'Cygnet Man' broke the 450 metres hurdle record in January recording 27.49 and just one month later set new figures for the 645 metres of 40.96. The white and fawn dog was owned by local owners Peter and Kathy Russek and trained by Tommy Foster at Wimbledon. The greyhound was later to join the kennels of Oxford trainer John Peterson.

The feel good factor continued as Oxford was chosen to host the prestigious National Trainers Championship in April; the event sponsored by the stadium bookmakers was won by John McGee who was attached to Canterbury at the time. McGee snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with the last winner and to overtake Gary Baggs from Walthamstow by one point.

Four long term staff Des Adderley (1956 tote), Lily Williams (1941 Tote), Pieter Collins (1954 Finances), and Cyril Claridge (1947 Finances) all retired after many years of service. Track bookmaker Jack Cowan also retired after thirty years standing on the rails.

There was an incredible battle for the Champion trainer's title as Maurice Massey registered his fifth win by defeating Litzi Miller by one winner, 198 against 197.

On a sad note the great Sandwinder died after an accident at the Holloway kennels.

Gold Cup (26/08/89)

1 Castleivy Duke - Freda Greenacre (Private) 6	4-1
2 Chiltern Rebel - Peggy Cope (Milton K) 2	4-1
3 Maggies Magic - Natalie Savva (Milton K) 4	6-1
4 Parquet Pal - Arthur Hitch (Wimbledon) 1	4-1
5 Ring Slippy - Derek Millen (Reading) 3	3-1f
6 Cocktail Charm - Tony Meek (Oxford) 5	9-2
Time - 27.49	

Purina Oxfordshire Trophy (21/10/89)

1 Like Gold - Tommy Johnston (Wembley) 3	9-4f
2 Cottesloe Boy - Bernie Doyle (Milton Keynes) 1	3-1
3 Tsetse Bruce - Tony Meek (Oxford) 4	7-2
4 Hue And Cry - Maurice Buckland (Monmore) 2	13-2
5 Ritz Palace - Bruce Jennings (Nottingham) 5	7-2
6 Budhas Apollo - Barry Picton (Cradley Heath) 6	12-1
Time - 27.18	

Attached Trainers

Norman Andrews - John Annett - John Ansell
Ron Bicknell - Sam Chetwynd - Mrs Vicky Holloway
Maurice Massey - Tony Meek - Mick Mercer
Litzi Miller - Ron Mills - Jim Morgan - John Peterson



The world record holder Ballyregan Bob.
Pictured at Oxford on his last appearance in 1989.



Cygnet Man
Track record holder over 450 & 645 metres hurdles.

1990

1990 saw the end of an era when Vicky Holloway retired, Vicky along with her husband Dick, had produced a long line of top greyhounds and the time had come for her to rest.

Her husband Dick had died several years earlier and she had found it difficult to continue the hard task of looking after the hounds on a daily basis. A presentation and race was named in her honour.

Sam Chetwynd decided to relinquish his licence, as did Norman Andrews who was replaced by his son Colin. Norman had been a trainer for many years in several stints, originally as a C Licence trainer way back in 1964.

Three new trainers came to Oxford, John Cox joined from Reading, Bernie Doyle from Milton Keynes and Paul Garland from Canterbury.

Tony Meek steered a brindle dog 'Fires of War' through to the English Derby final, he also broke a track record at Nottingham.

Oxford greyhounds were making their mark on the Open race circuit, with many notable successes. They included the Tony Meek pair 'Murlens Support' who won the Puppy Derby at Wimbledon and 'Plough Jack' who won the Golden Crest at Bristol.

Mick Mercer guided 'Beretta' to the Silver Salver final at Canterbury and no less than three hounds made it to the Hunt Cup final at Reading, Fryars Spring (Annett), Wheatley Flyer (Mercer) and This Him (Garland).

The Pall Mall

What was to happen after the previous two years and the brilliant Fearless Ace? Well the first problem was the fact that Denver Racing had failed to pay for the previous year's sponsorship so Hawkins of Harrow, Northern Sports parent company, therefore decided to sponsor the successful event themselves.

This was a decision which proved fruitful for the company director Mick Hawkins as he owned a greyhound called Noelles Turbo who went on to win the competition and ended up presenting himself with the winners cheque. Many would say it was justice for the money he lost the previous year. Third place Carmels Prince suffered with a trap five draw but would return with a vengeance later in the year. Ante-post favourite Guiding Hope was a non-runner in the final following sickness.

Pall Mall Stakes (24/03/90)

1 Noelles Turbo - Peter Rich (Ramsgate) 3	7-2
2 Burma Blue - Gary Smith (Hove) 6	9-1
3 Carmels Prince - Michael Compton (Belle Vue) 5	8-11f
4 Manorland - Maurice Buckland (Monmore) 1	5-1
5 Bold Rover - Terry Kibble (Bristol) 4	10-1
N/R Guiding Hope - John Honeysett (Wembley)	
Time - 27.15	

The Other Big Races

A massive 139 entries were received for the 36 runner Gold Cup summer event, the eventual winner Kilcurley Coal had the perfect final draw from trap one and produced the goods for the prolific John McGee. This made up for McGee's ante-post favourite and Canterbury Gold Cup champion Burgess Bard crashing out in round one. Puppy Oaks champion Tracy Smile finished runner-up. Third place Glenvale Boy would later join John Cox.

In the Oxfordshire Trophy final, Carmels Prince mentioned earlier, scorched round in 26.72 setting a new track record in the process, this performance is remembered as a brindle flash annihilating a top class field.

Oxford Stadium Bookmakers Gold Cup (25/08/90)

1 Kilcurley Coal - John McGee (Hackney) 1	13-2
2 Tracy Smile - Trevor Cobbold (Private) 5	6-1
3 Glenvale Boy - Geoff De Mulder (Norton C) 4	6-1
4 Clonlusk Villa - Hazel Dickson (Wembley) 6	3-1
5 Glencoe Rocky - Jo Burridge (Portsmouth) 2	6-1
6 Egmont Glory - John Coleman (Walthamstow) 3	2-1f
Time - 26.97	

Oxfordshire Trophy (28/10/90)

1 Carmels Prince - Michael Compton (Belle Vue) 1	11-10f
2 Sliding Scale - Geoff De Mulder (Perry Barr) 5	6-1
3 Ballynew Hope - John McGee (Hackney) 4	16-1
4 Mollifrend Slave - Colin Packham (Reading) 2	10-1
5 Egmont Glory - John Coleman (Walthamstow) 3	11-2
6 Al Zobbar - Terry Dartnall (Wembley) 6	5-2
Time - 26.72 (Track Record) (6, 3, 5, nk, 1½)	

Mirror Sporting Life Derby Final (Wimbledon)

1 Slippy Blue - Kenny Linzell (Walthamstow) 4	8-1
2 Druids Johnno - Patsy Byrne (Canterbury) 6	4-7f
3 Fair Hill Boy - Geoff DeMulder (N Canes) 1	4-1
4 Fires Of War - Tony Meek (Oxford) 5	10-1
5 Galtymore Lad - Geoff DeMulder (N Canes) 2	14-1
6 Burnt Oak Champ - Paul Owens (Swindon) 3	20-1
Time - 28.70 (3¼, hd, ¾, ¾, ½)	

1991

I (Gary Baiden) became Racing Manager after Mick Wheble took up a role that incorporated Oxford and sister track Ramsgate; in particular Wheble was asked to look after the newly acquired BAGS meetings at Ramsgate.

It was five years since the construction of the new Grandstand restaurant and attendances and turnover were good, the investment was paying back. The BAGS meetings were established and the training ranks remained the same.

A new track record was set in August by Faoides Country trained by Terry Kibble at Bristol; he set a new mark of 27.47 for the 450 metres hurdles.

Oxford's success on the Open race circuit continued, culminating in Tony Meek qualifying for the prestigious trainer's championship. He then went on to win the event, held at Ramsgate, defeating Geoff DeMulder, John McGee, Patsy Byrne, Linda Mullins and Trevor Cobbold.

Fires Of War once again ran admirably in the Derby, reaching the Consolation Final and also won the Arc at Walthamstow. Yet another Meek hound, Coalbrook Suzie, made the Oaks final and broke track records at Ramsgate and Bristol.

Paul Garland steered Ridgedale Gold to glory in The Circuit at Walthamstow and Litzi Miller had a top sprinter 'Blissful Piper' who reached the Scurry final, won the Hall Of Fame at Canterbury, won 14 from 18 Open races, and broke a track record at Perry Barr.

The Pall Mall

Track specialist Clonlusk Villa returned for trainer Hazel Dickson and won the event, the black dog had reached the 1990 Gold Cup final and Pall Mall semi finals the year before as a two year old. Runner up Manorland ran a great second place in his second successive Pall Mall final. The ante post favourite Burgess Bard trained by John McGee could only manage third place despite getting to the final unbeaten.

Attached Trainers

Colin Andrews - John Annett - John Ansell
 Ron Bicknell - John Cox - Bernie Doyle
 Paul Garland - Maurice Massey - Tony Meek
 Mick Mercer - Litzi Miller - Jim Morgan - John Peterson

The Gold Cup

Sunderland Puppy Derby champion Seafield Quest who had been an ante post favourite for the Derby at one stage showed his class by winning the Gold Cup in a fast 26.80. The white and brindle dog beat some quality opposition in the final including Dempsey Duke who went on to reach the 1991 Derby final and win top group one races.

The Oxfordshire Trophy

A six railer race helped Norah McEllistram to victory out of trap two. The Wimbledon handler who was a regular visitor to Oxford trained Munroe Zulu to victory. Munroe Zulu was later to join John Peterson at Oxford as a top grader.

Max Thomas Pall Mall Stakes (23/03/91)

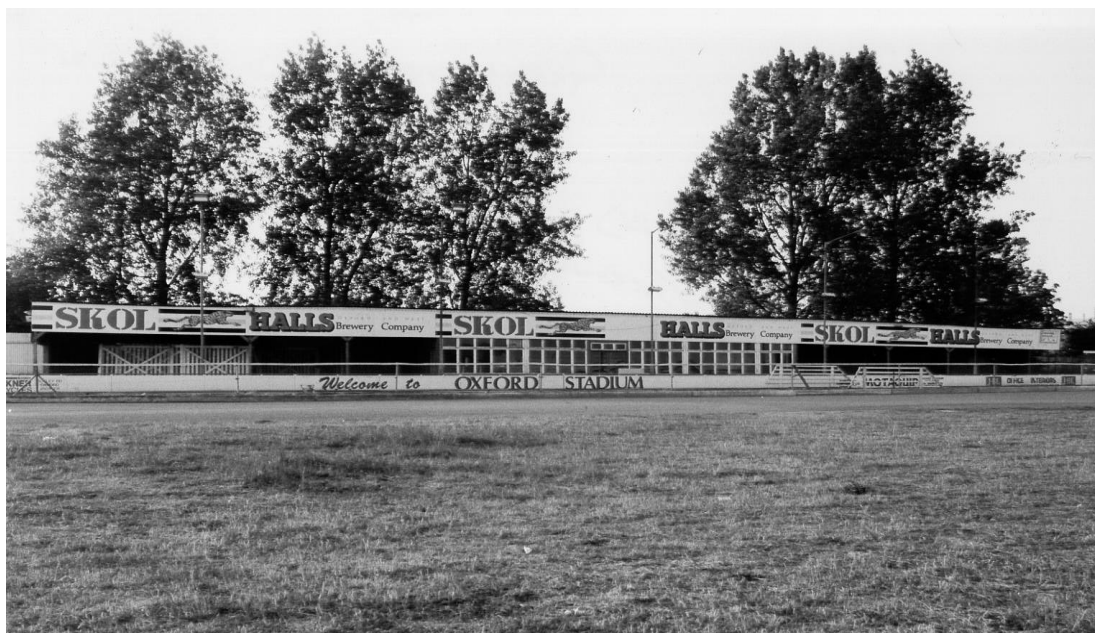
1 Clonlusk Villa - Hazel Dickson (Wembley) 6	11-4
2 Manorland - Gary Irvine (Private) 3	6-1
3 Burgess Bard - John McGee (Peterborough) 2	15-8f
4 Sullen Prince - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 4	20-1
5 Saucy Pup - John Gibbons (Catford) 1	9-2
6 Snow Fawn - Mick Mercer (Oxford) 5	16-1
Time - 27.19 (½, 4¾, hd, 1, 2)	

Oxford Stadium Bookmakers Gold Cup (24/08/91)

1 Seafield Quest - Marlene Westwood (P'boro) 4	3-1
2 Slippy Ruler - Stan Kennett (Crayford) 3	8-1
3 Dempsey Duke - Terry Kibble (Bristol) 1	7-4f
4 Pinewood Magic - Richard Steele (Ramsgate) 2	5-2
5 Awbeg Ball - Norah McEllistram (W'don) 6	10-1
6 Brennie Supreme - Hazel Walden (Wembley) 5	25-1
Time - 26.80 (3, nk, ? ? ?)	

Graham Daniells Oxfordshire Trophy (19/10/91)

1 Munroe Zulu - Norah McEllistram (Wimbledon) 2 SP?	
2 Maori Rocket - John Annett (Oxford) 3	
3 Fancy View - Litzi Miller (Oxford) 6	
4 Crossford Jumbo - John Copplestone (Portsmouth) 1	
5 Noisy Jack - Jim Reynolds (Ramsgate) 4	
6 Stride in Style - Paul Garland (Oxford) 5	
Time - 27.08 (1¼, ½, ? ? ?)	



The back straight buildings and bar were demolished in the early nineties.

1992

With attendances on the increase the stadium had a busy year. Trainer changes saw Ron Jeffrey arrive from Reading. Ron had won the Oxfordshire Trophy the year before. Local handler Bill Trinder arrived from Milton Keynes to replace the retiring John Cox.

Kind Of Magic trained by Litz Miller made the Scurry Gold Cup final at Catford finishing runner up to Glengar Desire. Tony Meek trained two greyhounds through to the Masters final at Reading, 'Deanpark Atom' finished runner up and 'Bower Dancer' was third behind 1991 Derby finalist Dempsey Duke.

The Pall Mall

The Pall Mall was won by an Oxford greyhound for the first time ever and continued a golden period for trainer Tony Meek.

Deanpark Atom was a fawn bitch had tremendous early pace but relied on a good lead to hold on for victory over 450 metres. In the final she did just that, gaining a good lead, the field could not catch her. Tony Meek described it as his best moment at Oxford.

Murlens Gift trained by John Copplestone had stormed to two sub 27 second runs in the quarter and semi finals but drew an awful trap 5 in the final, the draw proved too much in a race with five railers. Wembley Trafalgar Cup champion Claymor Spot reached the final.

Max Thomas Pall Mall Stakes (21/03/92)

1 Deanpark Atom - Tony Meek (Oxford) 2	5-1
2 Hencliff Ben - Mary Porter (Swindon) 1	2-1f
3 Trixies Wish - Phil Rees (Wimbledon) 6	11-2
4 Murlens Gift - John Copplestone (Portsmouth) 5	3-1
5 Supa Fellow - Paul Garland (Oxford) 4	20-1
6 Claymor Spot - Bob Gilling (Reading) 3	11-2
Time - 27.27 (5¾, 2,	

The Other Big Races

Gold Cup honours went to Lackabane Tap, privately trained by Geoff Goodwin. Geoff would join the training ranks at Oxford in 1994.

Deanpark Atom returned for the Oxfordshire Trophy but struggled throughout in an event won by Poor Brian, trained by Ron Jeffrey, who would also join the training ranks the same year.

Autumn Turbo reached the final of both races and incredibly his trainer, Debbie Singleton, would also join the training ranks in 1993.

Oxfordshire Gold Cup (22/08/92)

1 Lackabane Tap - Geoff Goodwin (Private) 1	4-1
2 Ridgedale Gold - Paul Garland (Oxford) 6	3-1
3 Silver Antique - Bill Black (Reading) 2	4-1
4 Autumn Turbo - Debbie Singleton (Perry Barr) 3	12-1
5 Gold Haul - Peter Billingham (Monmore) 5	10-1
6 Clifden Airport - Pa Fitzgerald (Reading) 4	5-2f
Time - 27.43 (nk, 2¼,	

Graham Daniells Oxfordshire Trophy (24/10/92)

1 Poor Brian - Ron Jeffrey (Reading) 5	2-1f
2 Autumn Turbo - Debbie Singleton (Perry Barr) 3	6-1
3 Terrydrum Tico - John Copplestone (Reading) 4	10-3
4 Deanpark Atom - Tony Meek (Oxford) 2	6-1
5 Deenside Skinner - Jim Morgan (Oxford) 6	4-1
6 Come On Willie - Tony Taylor (Catford) 1	14-1
Time - 27.47 (nk, 3¾,)	

Attached Trainers

Colin Andrews - John Annett - John Ansell
 Ron Bicknell - Bernie Doyle - Paul Garland
 Ron Jeffrey - Maurice Massey - Tony Meek
 Mick Mercer - Litz Miller - Jim Morgan
 John Peterson - Bill Trinder



Litz Miller (eight times champion trainer) pictured with boxers Henry Cooper and Billy Walker.

1993

Oxford had an English Derby winner in the form of Ringa Hustle trained by Tony Meek. Tony who steered Deanpark Atom to Pall Mall victory the previous year was in the middle of a remarkable run as a trainer.

Ringa Hustle, a black dog, made the final look easy as he led from trap to line. Described as the perfect middle seed he went through the competition changing his tag from rails to wide, there was no middle seeding in 1993.

However, the changes in traps did not hamper him and he duly claimed the biggest race in the greyhound calendar. Meek also managed to get Lassa Java through to the same final, a brilliant achievement.

Five trainers left the stadium throughout the year. John Ansell retired, Paul Garland joined Wimbledon and in December Tony Meek went to Hall Green from where he would win the Derby once again with Moral Standards in 1994.

Bernie Doyle and Bill Trinder had their contracts terminated following positive analysis into the urine samples taken for Valentia Spark (Trinder) and Mineola Ding (Doyle) on the 1st October.

Three replacements were brought in, Bert Meadows from Reading (who brought Grand National champion 'Arfur Daley' with him), Mick Lawlor from Milton Keynes and Debbie Singleton from Perry Barr. John Peterson relinquished his licence and his wife Glenda took up the position.

The Gold Cup was not held due to a sponsor not being found for the event.

Litzi Miller won her fifth trainers title and had glory with a greyhound called Kind Of Magic. The white and black dog, son of an Oxford favourite Kilshannig Sonny, went on to win the 1993 Scurry Cup at Catford and the 1993 Guys and Dolls at Crayford, he also broke the track record at Hall Green recording 15.41 for 259 metres.

Tony Meek continued having big race winners, his 'Lughill Slippy' won the Puppy Derby at Wimbledon, 'Exile Again' was third in the Masters at Reading and Listen To Dan won the Mailcom Puppy Derby at Sunderland. He was not so lucky later in the year with 'Exile Again' when, in the Eclipse final at Nottingham, he broke his leg.

The Pall Mall

The brilliant Sullane Castle a 1992 Derby quarter finalist produced a remarkable run of four rounds. The brindle dog trained by Nigel Saunders won by a collective 17 lengths to reach the final, the first round was won by 8¾, second round 4 and semis 4¾ lengths, he duly won the final with Maurice Massey's Bitter Bank running a creditable second place.

Sullane Castle went on to be runner up in the Derby to Oxford's own Ringa Hustle who remarkably was knocked out of the Pall Mall in the second round as were Arc champion 'Bonney Seven' and Byrne International winner 'Our Timmy'.

Max Thomas Pall Mall Stakes (20/03/93)

1 Sullane Castle - Nigel Saunders (Belle Vue) 2	4-9f
2 Bitter Bank - Maurice Massey (Oxford) 5	18-1
3 Ballinderry Sue - Harry Tasker (Private) 3	11-2
4 Silent Guy - Frank Amyes (Private) 4	33-1
5 Crossford Jumbo - John Copplestone (Reading) 1	10-1
6 Churchtown Opera - Terry Dartnall (Wembley) 6	10-1
Time - 27.13 (4¾, sh,	

Mirror Sporting Life Derby Final (Wimbledon)

1 Ringa Hustle - Tony Meek (Oxford) 3	5-2
2 Sullane Castle - Nigel Saunders (Belle Vue) 1	7-1
3 Hypnotic Stag - John Coleman (Walthamstow) 4	7-2
4 Greenane Squire - Ernie Gaskin (Private) 2	15-8f
5 Lassa Java - Tony Meek (Oxford) 5	7-2
6 Ceader Mountain - Ken Shearman- Private) 6	50-1
Time - 28.62	



Above :
Ringa Hustle leads at the sectional and then comes home alone for Tony Meek. (photo courtesy of Steve Nash)

1993 cont

Scurry Gold Cup Final (Catford 385m) (10/07/93)

1 Kind Of Magic - Litzi Miller (Oxford)	5-1
2 Quality Always - Paddy Milligan (Catford)	6-1
3 Ardcollum Hilda - Patsy Byrne (Private)	5-1
4 Crossdrum Damien - Shirley Riches (Hackney)	25-1
5 Dell Dale - Ernie Gaskin (Walthamstow)	9-4
6 Slippy Corner - Paddy Milligan (Catford)	6-4f
Time - 23.82	



Scurry Gold Cup champion Kind of Magic.

Graham Daniells Oxfordshire Trophy (30/10/93)

1 Salcombe - Jack Wilson (Private)	2-1
2 Advance Party - Kim Marlow (Romford)	15-8f
3 May Gale - Stuart Buckland (Monmore)	5-1
4 Olympic Knight - Ron Bicknell (Oxford)	6-1
5 Magical Chief - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	6-1
N/R - Just Brilliant - Paddy Hancox (Hall Green)	
Time - 27.20 (2½, 2¾)	



Sullane Castle on the winning podium after his Pall Mall win.

Attached Trainers

Colin Andrews - John Annett - Ron Bicknell
 Bernie Doyle - Ron Jeffrey - Mick Lawlor
 Maurice Massey - Bert Meadows - Tony Meek
 Mick Mercer - Litzi Miller - Jim Morgan
 Glenda Peterson - Debbie Singleton - Bill Trinder



Left to right - Mick Wheble, Tony Meek and Gary Baiden with the Derby trophy.

1994

Unbeknown to everybody the parent company were in financial difficulties despite the Stadium doing well.

The parent company had invested heavily in construction and garden centres and the boom years seemed to have come to an end.

At the track a relatively uneventful year saw five new additions in the training ranks, Luciano 'Tony' Magnasco from Swindon, Gilly Davis from Reading, Geoff Goodwin from Milton Keynes and Kevin Pearce (former head lad for John Honeysett at Wembley). Peggy Houseman made number five after taking up her first contracted position as a trainer.

Only one trainer left and that was Colin Andrews who retired, leaving the number of trainers at sixteen which did not cause a problem following the busy racing schedule of four meetings a week.

Gipsies were causing a problem though, and had to be evicted from the car park for a second time in the year.

Jim Morgan made it through to the Springbok final at Wimbledon with Deenside Skinner.

The Pall Mall

The ante-post favourite was the 1993 Derby finalist Lassa Java. The Oxfordshire Trophy champion Salcombe returned and three other notable entries were Silent Guy (1993 Pall Mall finalist), Listen To Dan (Sunderland Puppy Derby champion) and Carraig Paws who had won his last ten races on the bounce. Four of the five hounds duly won their first round heats, only Silent Guy failed to win in round one.

The quarter finals saw Carraig Paws win number twelve in a row beating Lassa Java. Salcome and Listen to Dan won again also.

Lassa Java made amends by winning the first semi followed by a surprise in the second when Ashford Boy from Hove took the honours bringing Carraig Paws run to an end.

Tony Meek now training from Hall Green guided Lassa Java to a well deserved Pall Mall final win, Java deserved the big race win and confirmed his class.

The Other Big Races

Freds Flyer overcame a trap two draw despite being one wide of five in the final, Golden Crest champion and Pall Mall semi finalist Decoy Gold finished runner up.

Decoy Gold returned for the Oxfordshire Trophy and made the final, but lost out to Highway Leader.

Arthur Prince Pall Mall Stakes (19/03/94)

1 Lassa Java - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 6	5-2f
2 Ashford Boy - Derek Knight (Hove) 4	9-2
3 Silent Guy - Frank Amyes (Private) 3	33-1
4 Salcombe - Jack Wilson (Private) 1	7-1
5 Carraig Paws - Bill Black (Reading) 2	11-4
6 Listen To Dan - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 5	12-1
Time - 27.17 (1¾, ¾, ,	

Stadium Bookmakers Gold Cup (20/08/94)

1 Freds Flyer - Bill Masters (Hove) 2	2-1
2 Decoy Gold - Pam Cobbold (Private) 3	6-1
3 Rio Remember - Daniel Riordan (Hackney) 4	14-1
4 Horton Maid - Litzi Miller (Oxford) 1	12-1
5 Glenholm Tiger - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 5	7-4f
6 Lizzies Cornet - Shirley Riches (Hackney) 6	10-1
Time - 27.29 (1¾, nk	

Oxfordshire Trophy (01/10/94)

1 Highway Leader - Michael Bacon (Perry Barr) 5	10-11f
2 Damiens Speed - Linda Mullins (W'tow) 1	10-1
3 Noir Banjo - John Wileman (Monmore) 3	8-1
4 Decoy Gold - Pam Cobbold (Private) 6	11-8
5 Misty Doon - Lawrence Jones (Perry Barr) 2	4-1
N/R - Lulus Timmy - Andy Hayes (Stainforth)	
Time - 27.08 (1½, ¾,	

Attached Trainers

John Annett - Ron Bicknell - Gilly Davis
 Geoff Goodwin - Peggy Houseman - Ron Jeffrey
 Mick Lawlor - Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey
 Bert Meadows - Mick Mercer - Litzi Miller
 Jim Morgan - Kevin Pearce - Glenda Peterson
 Debbie Singleton



Lassa Java (Pall Mall champion)

1995

After some great years under Northern Sports disaster struck, the building trade was on its knees which affected Northern Sports parent company, builders 'Hawkins of Harrow'. Further problems with their portfolio of garden centres resulted in Hawkins of Harrow going into receivership. Luckily Oxford was seen as an ongoing concern which meant that as long as the stadium made a profit they could trade. Sister track Ramsgate did not fare as well and eventually closed for good. An uncertain future resulted in Partnership Inns controlling the Stadium under receivership. Geoff Rout was the man in charge and was not seen too often.

The BBC Television Trophy arrived at Oxford in April before all the problems arose; this was the second time the prestigious event had been held at Oxford. The only other news during the year, saw trainer Bernie Doyle rejoin Oxford after a spell at Reading and Nigel Mouring arrived from Reading but soon decided to return there. Despite the worrying times all of Oxford's trainers remained loyal and stayed steadfast. A record eighteen trainers were attached at one stage of the year. Lizzi Miller claimed her seventh trainer's title with 258 winners.

Strauss trained by Gilly Davis made it to the Reading Masters final losing out to Longvalley Manor. Sad news filtered through of two bereavements, former Oxford trainer John Cox had died of a heart attack and 'Cap' Sheriffs who had run the veterinary practice at the stadium for many years also passed away.

Despite the gloom the big races provided great entertainment. Longvalley Manor trained by John Coleman pipped Bachelor Time in the final of the Pall Mall by a Short Head. Coleman had two other runners in the final including the ante-post favourite Countrywide Fox who had never won on the outside Summer hare, a problem that remained the same after the Pall Mall. Local hound Strauss also made the final.

The Gold Cup provided Maurice Massey with major glory as his Self Made went through unbeaten to lift the trophy. Self Made then made the Oxfordshire Trophy Final but lost out to Pams Spirit who had a liking for Oxford's 450 metres trip.



One of the closest ever Pall Mall's in 1995. Longvalley Manor pips Bachelor Time by a short head.



Oxford Bookmaker Gary Wiltshire (left) prices up for the Pall Mall Semi final in 1995.

Tetley Bitter Pall Mall Stakes (25/03/95)

1 Longvalley Manor - John Coleman (W'stow) 4	6-1
2 Bachelor Time - Brian Lane (Hackney) 5	7-2
3 Countrywide Fox - John Coleman (W'stow) 1	5-2f
4 Academic - John Coleman (Walthamstow) 6	3-1
5 Strauss - Gilly Davis (Oxford) 3	8-1
6 Shanaway Gold - Linda Mullins (W'stow) 2	4-1
Time - 27.36 (sh, 1/4, 1/2, 5/2, 4 3/4)	

Oxfordshire Gold Cup (05/08/95)

1 Self Made - Maurice Massey (Oxford) 1	6-4f
2 Perrys Spark - Terry Kibble (Bristol) 3	20-1
3 AGLISH LESTER - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 2	10-1
4 Early Times - Kevin Connor (Canterbury) 4	11-4
5 Hart To Mine - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 6	9-2
6 Line of Duty - Terry Kibble (Bristol) 5	9-1
Time - 27.30 (

Oxfordshire Trophy (28/10/95)

1 Pams Spirit - Jim Reynolds (Crayford) 3	10-1
2 Self Made - Maurice Massey (Oxford) 2	3-1
3 Spring Treasure - Mike Ellis (Swindon) 1	3-1
4 Curryhills Fancy - Linda Mullins (W'stow) 5	5-2f
5 Dinan Prince - Tom Johnston (Wembley) 4	11-2
6 Simply Shamrock - Pam Cobbold (Private) 6	11-2
Time - 27.24 (

BBC Television Trophy (19/04/95)

1 Last Action - John Wileman (Monmore) 5	10-11f
2 Jubilee Rebecca - Gordon Rooks (Brough Pk) 3	8-1
3 Tain Flip - David Mullins (Catford) 2	11-2
4 Long Island Jim - Chris Duggan (W'tow) 6	11-2
5 Coalbrook Star - Ken Shearman (Private) 1	8-1
6 Aughadonagh Bay - Bob Hall (Hall Green) 4	50-1
Time - 53.68 (2 1/4, sh,	



Self Made (Trained by Maurice Massey) Winner of the Oxfordshire Gold Cup.

1996

1996 brought good news for Oxford Stadium as the receivers finally sold the Stadium to new owners. The new owners were Oxford Stadium Ltd, under the ownership of Donald Joyce from the Isle of Man.

The name was recognisable as the same that was involved in the running of the Stadium when it had been sold in 1974 for housing. Don had attempted to help save the stadium then and now he had gone ahead and become the new owner.

General Manager John Blake and Group Racing Manager Mick Wheble had left under the receivers so a new General Manager was brought in, that was former NGRC man and former Oxford Speedway promoter Dan McCormack.

In the interim between General Managers the Clerk of the Course Alex Edwards had helped oversee the day to day running of the stadium.

Two new trainers were brought in, Maria Nierobisz from Reading and Daryl Porter (former kennel man for Gilly Davis). Geoff Goodwin, Kevin Pearce, Peggy Houseman and Bert Meadows all relinquished their licences and Harry Carpenter came and went within two months. Gilly Davis married and changed her name to Hepden.

Chromatography came to an end to be replaced by random sampling and a new computerised photo finish was installed which gave instant results that could be transmitted throughout the stadium.

Litzi Miller claimed her eighth and final trainer's title with 208 winners with Jim Morgan not far behind on 183.

The Pall Mall

Goodwood Cup winner Highview Pet trained by Linda Mullins won an unusually quiet Pall Mall event. The fact that the stadium was still suffering from the effects of receivership could have contributed to the fact.

However the final did see a worthy winner in Highview Pet who defeated Mottos Gold. Strauss trained by Gilly Hepden made his second successive final and Laurels winner Demesne Bear crashed out in the heats.

Attached Trainers

John Annett - Ron Bicknell - Harry Carpenter
Bernie Doyle - Gilly Hepden - Ron Jeffrey
Mick Lawlor - Tony Magnasco Maurice Massey
Mick Mercer - Litzi Miller - Jim Morgan
Maria Nierobisz - Glenda Peterson - Daryl Porter
Debbie Singleton

The Other Big Races

Clean Paws stormed through the Gold Cup unbeaten for Lorraine King, top local hounds Strauss and Self Made were finalists.

Defending champion Pams Spirit was beaten by 'Not Again' trained by Richard Baker in the final of the Oxfordshire Trophy, Pall Mall champion Highview Pet could only manage second place.

Arthur Young & Co Pall Mall Stakes (23/03/96)

1 Highview Pet - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 4	3-1
2 Mottos Gold - Arthur Hitch (Wimbledon) 1	11-8f
3 Glatton Galleon - Dilys Steels (Peterborough) 3	8-1
4 Strauss - Gilly Hepden (Oxford) 2	4-1
5 Hart To Mine - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 6	5-1
6 Faultless Mick - Richard Baker (Reading) 5	20-1
Time - 27.21	

Carlsberg Gold Cup (13/07/96)

1 Clean Paws - Lorraine King (Peterborough) 5	11-8f
2 Harrys Grand - Gordon Hodson (Hove) 1	7-2
3 Strauss - Gilly Hepden (Oxford) 4	5-1
4 Self Made - Maurice Massey (Oxford) 3	9-4
5 Nikki Tanner - Chris Duggan (Walthamstow) 2	7-1
6 Mr Green - Bernie Doyle (Oxford) 6	6-1
Time - 27.44 (2½, 1, 3 ½, 5, nk)	

Sporting Life Oxfordshire Trophy (26/10/96)

1 Not Again - Richard Baker (Reading) 6	9-2
2 Highview Pet - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 3	3-1
3 Pams Spirit - Jim Reynolds (Crayford) 4	3-1
4 Brooklawn Prince - Linda Mullins(W'stw) 1	7-4f
5 Black Bazaar - Tony Magnasco (Oxford) 2	6-1
6 Flashy Beo - Jack Wilson (Private) 5	10-1
Time - 27.25 (2, 2, 2, 1½, 1¼)	



Security Sam trained by Litzi Miller
Recorded fifty wins around Oxford.

Only two hounds had previously managed this feat. Jesmond in the late 40's and Drum Major II in the late 50's.

1997

The old stager Jim Morgan won the trainers title following the decision of eight times champion trainer Litzi Miller to retire. This brought the end of a very successful period for her kennels, her husband Bob had been instrumental in helping her achieve eights trainers titles.

The Pall Mall transferred to Sunday afternoon from a Saturday night slot, the decision proved fruitful as a huge crowd gathered annually over the next few years to watch the event. Dan McCormick left his position as General Manager and there were car auctions every Monday night in the area below the Grandstand Restaurant.

Angie Kibble was granted her first training licence at Oxford. Angie had been a kennel maid many years before at Oxford for her father in law Henry Kibble. Two other trainers joined, Ian Wills arrived from Peterborough and Hazel Walden from Wembley. Glenda Peterson left for Milton Keynes and Daryl Porter left for Swindon.

Seskin Judy trained by Angie Kibble in her first year as a trainer made it through to the Oaks final at Wimbledon. Doreen and Brin Langford celebrated their golden anniversary; both had worked at the stadium, Doreen for 35 years.

Towards the end of the year tragedy struck as trainer Mick Mercer suddenly died at his kennels in Moreton, the popular Mercer had joined the track in 1988 and was known as a bit of a joker. His son Jason was to take the licence over.

The Pall Mall

The Pall Mall arguably saw the best greyhound since Fearless Ace. Night Trooper a black dog trained by Nikki Adams had reached the Derby final the summer before and ran a brilliant second to Shanless Slippy.

He arrived for the Pall Mall as hot favourite, he won every round with ease although he was nearly a non runner in his quarter final, traffic problems saw a very late arrival and to the relief of Nikki Adams the greyhound was given clearance to run by the stewards with the meeting being slightly delayed.

Despite a final containing Gold Cup champion Clean Paws and Scurry champion Come on Royal there was no stopping Night Trooper as he ran out an easy 4½ length winner.

The Other Big Races

The Gold Cup was won by Silver Circle, trained by Andy Heyes, he defeated defending champion Clean Paws by a neck. Silver Circle and Clean Paws both made the final unbeaten. Pams Spirit is worth a mention after making a third successive Oxfordshire Trophy final.

Arthur Young & Co Pall Mall Stakes (23/03/97)

1 Night Trooper - Nikki Adams (Rye House) 4	11-10f
2 Stows Val - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 5	4-1
3 Come On Royal - Peter Rich (Romford) 2	20-1
4 Gers Gem - Sylvia Bonner (Private) 1	9-1
5 Clean Paws - Lorraine King (Peterborough) 6	14-1
6 Steady Teddy - Peter Rich (Romford) 3	5-2
Time – 27.19 (4¼, 1¼, hd, ½, ½)	

Carlsberg Gold Cup (02/08/97)

1 Silver Circle - Andy Heyes (Private) 2	7-2
2 Oldtown Charm - Michael Bacon (Private) 4	5-2
3 Clean Paws - Lorraine King (Milton Keynes) 6	6-4f
4 Seskin Judy - Angie Kibble (Oxford) 3	8-1
5 Quiet Cheer - Norah McEllistirm (Wimbledon) 5	12-1
6 August Twenty - Graham Holland (Portsmouth) 1	7-2
Time – 27.09 (nk, 3, 4¼, sh, 1)	

Sporting Life Oxfordshire Trophy (25/10/97)

1 Droopys Tim - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 1	11-8f
2 Hepsys Boy - Norah McEllistirm (Wimbledon) 4	9-2
3 Final Climber - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 5	3-1
4 Smart Dog - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 6	9-2
5 Garbally Man - Mark Barlow (Hall Green) 2	11-2
6 Pams Spirit - Jim Reynolds (Crayford) 3	6-1
Time – 27.41 (1¾, 1, ½, 4¼, 1½)	



Photos – Mick Mercer (passed away in 1997) and Night Trooper crosses the finish alone to claim a brilliant Pall Mall victory.

1998

Don Joyce continued streamlining the business and took a more active role in running the stadium himself. A new offer called 'five good things' had exploded and seen huge numbers of newcomers through the gates which helped the profits.

Brian Ludgate was appointed as the new General Manager and a Go-Karting circuit was built and opened by Don's son Malcolm.

Trainer Mick Lawlor had his contract terminated by the company following inconsistencies at BAGS meetings.

David Egan and Glen Mayhew joined from Reading and Debbie Singleton retired following the end of a lease on her kennels. Terry Atkins came from Catford for a third stint at Oxford.

Former Oxford trainers Norman Andrews and Vicky Holloway both passed away and the Sporting Life was taken out of circulation.

Seskin Judy made the Oaks final at Wimbledon for the second successive year and Gilly Hepden steered Killeacle Tiger to a win in the 1,000 Guineas at Perry Barr.

Local owner's club organiser Joan Gibbs introduced awards evenings for graded greyhounds.

The Pall Mall

The Pall Mall saw the track record lowered no less than three times. Ante-post favourite Champ Of Clare (who recorded 26.77 in the trials stakes) trained by Charlie Lister duly made her way through the rounds to the final.

However the fireworks started in the first round when Droopys Eric took a length off Carmels Prince's eight year old track record beating 'Blue Murlen' in the process. Droopys Eric was quickly installed as hot favourite as the semi finals approached. Arc champion 'Ceekay' also won well in round one, recording 26.78.

The racing office then received a phone call stating that a major car accident had occurred in which the occupants had been seriously injured, Droopys Eric had been hurt but and one of his kennelmates had died. Eric was duly withdrawn from the semis which left local favourite Seskin Judy trained by Angie Kibble to win the first semi in a new track record of 26.62 followed by Tony Meeks Lets Go Ebby recording 26.61 in the second semi.

The going on Pall Mall final night was probably the fastest going at the track for many years. A bumper crowd saw Black Buster surprise all by claiming victory at 11-2 in the final.

On the same night the 645 record went to Nick Savva with Aztec Sun (39.39), he doubled up with an amazing 75 spot improvement of the marathon record, the twelve year old record of 52.91 was smashed in an incredible 52.19 by Tralee Crazy.

Arthur Young & Co Pall Mall Stakes (22/03/98)

1 Black Buster - Ivan Williams (Perry Barr) 2	11-2
2 Union Decree - Ernie Gaskin (Walthamstow) 1	2-1f
3 Champ Of Clare - Charlie Lister (Private) 5	9-2
4 Dempsey Duster - Nick Savva (Milton Keynes) 6	9-1
5 Seskin Judy - Angie Kibble (Oxford) 4	9-2
6 Lets Go Ebby - Tony Meek (Hall Green) 3	9-2
Time - 26.70 (¾ 2, sh, 1¼, 3¼)	

The Other Big Races

Reactabond Gold won the Gold Cup foiling a final night gamble on 'Dalcash Sile' 5-1 from 14-1. 'Lets Go Ebby' crashed out in the semi finals and Peterborough Derby champion 'Spoonhill Snowey' couldn't even make it past round one.

Carlsberg Gold Cup (15/08/98)

1 Reactabond Gold - Paul Young (Harlow) 6	7-4f
2 White Santa - Charlie Lister (Private) 2	5-2
3 Ballyard Recruit - Charlie Lister (Private) 4	6-1
4 Dalcash Sile - Tony Taylor (Catford) 3	4-1
5 Glideaway Flash - Stuart Buckland (Monmore) 5	7-1
6 Wath Serenade - Andy Heyes (Private) 1	7-1
Time - 26.94 (4¾, nk, 1¼, 5½, 1½)	

Stadium Bookmakers Oxfordshire Trophy (24/10/98)

1 El Dante - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 2	5-1
2 Fawn Boy - Terry Dartnall (Wimbledon) 5	5-1
3 Wildbriar Hare - Terry Dartnall (Wimbledon) 6	11-10f
4 Stay For Tony - Barrie Picton (Monmore) 4	4-1
5 Kyle Jordan - Angie Kibble (Oxford) 3	5-1
6 Go Springo - Steve Gammon (Catford) 1	10-1
Time - 27.19 (3½, 1¾, 1¼, 1¼, 1)	



A charity night in 1997 brought the famous Desert Orchid to the stadium. Pictured with him are Kathy Russek, Bernadette Fathers and Pam Copelin.

Attached Trainers

John Annett - Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell
 Bernie Doyle - David Egan - Gilly Hepden
 Ron Jeffrey - Angie Kibble - Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey - Glen Mayhew - Jason Mercer
 Jim Morgan - Maria Nierobisz - Hazel Walden
 Ian Wills

1999

Don Joyce agreed a deal with GRA Ltd (Parent company Wembley plc) for the purchase of Oxford Stadium, the fee was reputed to be around four million.

The GRA (Greyhound Racing Association) were the largest greyhound racing company in Britain and the acquisition of Oxford brought their portfolio up to six tracks. The other five being Wimbledon, Catford, Hall Green, Portsmouth and Belle Vue. The Greyhound Racing Association had owned many of the famous tracks over the years including White City, Harringay and Wembley. The purchase of Oxford was a direct result of the funds gained from the sale of Wembley Stadium the year before.

GRA quickly made changes with the arrival of a new General Manager in Mick Hardy and construction work started with a new multi million pound extension which was to include executive suites and increased restaurant capacity.

There was also a state of the art gymnasium built and leased out to 'Randells' health and fitness business. This also resulted in the old supporters club built in 1968 being demolished.

On the racing front, the Trafalgar Puppy Cup arrived from Wembley as a new event; the cup had been held since 1929 and was a prestigious puppy competition. This event was covered live by Sky Sports and was Oxford's first live televised event since 1995. The winner was Sensational trained by Jim Reynolds.

Head kennel hand Paul Walden took the trainers licence over from his mother Hazel Walden whilst Jason Mercer and Maria Nierobisz both left for new pastures. Paul Walden quickly tasted open race success when 'Active Jack' won the Midland Puppy Derby at Monmore.

The Pall Mall

The Pall Mall attracted a huge crowd, the final was held on a Sunday once again.

Droopys Eric returned for another tilt and was hoping for better luck than the unfortunate incident the previous year.



Angie Kibble with Seskin Judy.

Angie was champion trainer from 1998-2003. Judy reached three major finals and held a track record.

Eric, the Derby consolation winner was still in top form and was ante post favourite. Eric annihilated his opposition winning his three rounds by a cumulative 11½ lengths and reaching the final with ease. The only challenger looked likely to be Oxfordshire Trophy winner El Dante who stormed through the first two rounds at odds on.

Northern Flat champion Ratsatory also made the final.

The race however was not clean and Leitrim Charm won the troubled contest by 5½ lengths from El Dante, with Droopys Eric finishing fourth following a bump at the first. Leitrim Charm was to provide Brian Clemenson with the first of many major winners at Oxford.

Arthur Young & Co Pall Mall Stakes (21/03/99)

1 Leitrim Charm - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 4	8-1
2 El Dante - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 2	6-4
3 Carnalecka Chief - John Gammon (Hove) 1	7-1
4 Droopys Eric - Henry Tasker (Perry Barr) 5	1-1f
5 Ratsatory - Pat Ryan (Private) 6	12-1
N/R - Gaytime Dean - Charlie Lister (Private)	
Time - 26.94 (5¼, hd, 1¼, ¾)	

RD Racing Gold Cup (14/08/99)

1 Crack Off - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 5	9-2
2 Medem Blik - Michael Fawcett (Rye House) 2	5-1
3 Billy The Ace - Jo Burrige (Poole) 4	12-1
4 Jicky - Paul Young (Romford) 6	5-1
5 Wath Serenade - Andy Heyes (Private) 1	7-4f
6 Droopys Eric - Henry Tasker (Perry Barr) 3	9-2
Time - 27.09 (4½, nk, 1¾, 1½, 1)	

William Hill Trafalgar Cup (02/02/99)

1 Sensational - Jim Reynolds (Walthamstow) 3	5-2
2 Corrough Power - Mick Douglass (Harlow) 1	7-1
3 Lauragh Exile - Terry Dartnall (Wimbledon) 2	4-5f
4 Jicky - Paul Young (Reading) 6	9-2
5 John And Me - Norah McEllistrim (W'don) 4	10-1
6 Unique Hare - Angie Kibble (Oxford) 5	25-1
Time - 27.15 (1½, 2¾, 1, ¾, ¾)	

Gary Wiltshire Oxfordshire Trophy (06/11/99)

1 Call Me Up - Owen McKenna (Sittingbourne) 4	7-1
2 Ineedabreak - Joanne Page (Milton Keynes) 6	7-2
3 Arleswood Spirit - Owen McKenna (Sitt'bourne) 2	5-1
4 Alfies Cool - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 5	5-2f
5 Seskin Judy - Angie Kibble (Oxford) 3	12-1
6 Election Chief - Denis Curtin (Reading) 1	3-1
Time - 26.96 (sh, 2¼, sh, ¾, 1¼)	



Attached Trainers

John Annett - Terry Atkins
 Ron Bicknell - Bernie Doyle
 David Egan - Gilly Hepden
 Ron Jeffrey - Angie Kibble
 Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey
 Glen Mayhew - Jim Morgan
 Paul Walden - Ian Wills

Terry Atkins

Champion trainer from 1984-1986, returned from Catford in 1998.

2000

New owners GRA Ltd saw their new extension completed on March 18th, they were awarded with the acknowledgement of track of the year in the West region as voted by the BGRB (British Greyhound Racing Board).

Massive investment in the shape of £130,000 was spent on a new track surface and hare system as well after experiencing track drainage problems.

Racing Manager Gary Baiden named the four new areas after former Oxford favourites, the 'Sandwinder' Bar after Vicky Holloway's 1987 Oxfordshire Trophy winner, the 'Perth Pat' bar after Jim Morgan's 1970 Oaks winner, the 'Ringa Hustle' bar after Tony Meeks 1993 Derby champion and the 'Security Sam' bar after Litzi Miller's fifty wins champion.

The national trainer's championship was held for the second time at Oxford and resulted in the same winner as way back in 1989, John McGee was crowned champion trainer and bookmaker & sponsor Gary Wiltshire presented the trophy.

The 450 metres track record was beaten by Terry Dartnall's 'Farloe Club' in March with a time of 26.57. The 450 metres hurdle track record was lowered twice, first by Lord Pat (27.34) trained by Ron Bicknell and then Enjoy Your Luck trained by Jason Foster by a further two spots in 27.32.

Trainer Bernie Doyle left for sister track Wimbledon, Ron Jeffrey retired and three new trainers joined, they were Graham Holland from Poole, Patrick Curtin from Milton Keynes and Steve Davis from Swindon. Angie Kibble won her third straight trainers title.

The Big Races

El Boss doubled up in both the Pall Mall and RD Racing Gold Cup; the black dog was probably dog of the year in Britain after reaching thirteen finals in 2000.

He also won the Scurry at Catford and Golden Sprint at Romford.

No Matter How qualified for the Pall Mall final unbeaten until meeting El Boss and Salvatores Boy had recorded an excellent 26.66 semi final win.

Wath Serenade amazingly made a third successive Gold Cup final, a great feat by trainer Andy Heyes and Go Go Zodiac reached the finals of both the Trafalgar Cup and Gold Cup.

Yarmouth raider Winocals Dream stormed round the track in 26.65 to win the Oxfordshire Trophy for trainer Jane Marjoram.

Attached Trainers

John Annett - Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell
 Patrick Curtin - Steve Davis - David Egan
 Gilly Hepden- Graham Holland - Angie Kibble
 Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey - Glen Mayhew
 Jim Morgan - Paul Walden - Ian Wills

Arthur Young on Course Pall Mall Stakes (26/03/00)

1 El Boss - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 1	4-1
2 Roswell Flyer - Linda Jones (Walthamstow) 5	7-1
3 Salvatores Boy - Peter Rich (Romford) 6	7-4f
4 Broadland Boy - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 2	10-1
5 Best Level - Stan Deeley (Perry Barr) 4	11-1
6 No Matter How - Owen McKenna (Sitt'bourne) 3	5-2
Time - 26.87 (¾, 2¼, 1¼, ½, shd)	

RD Racing Gold Cup (02/09/00)

1 El Boss - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow) 1	1-1f
2 Wath Serenade - Andy Heyes (Belle Vue) 2	4-1
3 Go Go Zodiac - Ian Wills (Oxford) 4	16-1
4 Flasher Mac - Linda Jones (Walthamstow) 5	16-1
5 Countrywidepride - Linda Jones (W'sow) 3	10-1
6 Tolpuddle Gizmoe -Graham Holland (Oxford) 6	4-1
Time - 27.15 (1¾, 3½, hd, 3½, hd)	

William Hill Trafalgar Cup (01/02/00)

1 Droopys Mint - Ted Soppitt (Private) 6	6-1
2 Me Only - Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon) 1	5-1
3 Go Go Zodiac - Rod Capps (Perry Barr) 2	8-1
4 Crack Me Out - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 3	4-5f
5 Quare Gent - Duke Elliott (Harlow) 5	16-1
6 Droopys Hank - Nicky Chambers (Hall Green) 4	10-1
Time - 27.06 (1¾, 5, 1¾, 3, dis-ko)	

Jarrad Isherwood Oxfordshire Trophy (02/12/00)

1 Winocals Dream - Jane Marjoram (Yarmouth) 6	7-2
2 Docs Arizona - Owen McKenna (Wimbledon) 2	12-1
3 Racthall Jet - Patsy Byrne (Wimbledon) 1	1-1f
4 Hartwood Leopard - Jane Marjoram (Yarmouth) 5	7-2
5 Dinan Billy - Tony Meek (Monmore) 3	8-1
6 Glowing Wave - Barry Wileman (Private) 4	7-2
Time - 26.65 (3, ¾, 2½, 2½, 2¼)	



El Boss
 Won the Pall Mall and Gold Cup in 2000.
 Pictured with his owner Mario Lanfranchi.

2001

Another major event came to Oxford, the Cesarewitch. Over the years it had been run at West Ham, Belle Vue and finally Catford which had closed in December so the GRA switched it to Oxford. It was considered a prestigious event and had been an original Classic race, it started in 1928 and the event here would be run over 645 metres.

A new distance of 595 metres was introduced to encourage more staying races following a lull over the 645 metre distance; this was a problem that had existed since the 1960's when the management had tried similar tactics including an open race prize money night for graded stayers only.

The first recorded track records over the 595 metres were Black Toto - Gilly Hepden 37.51 in May and Graceful Amy - Steve Davis 37.34 a week later. Maggie Express trained by Ron Bicknell was the first to dip under 37.00 seconds in June recording 36.91 and two months later Angie Kibble's El Tara went round in 36.75.

Trainers Steve Davis and John Annett retired, Graham Holland moved to Hove to be replaced by Nick Colton from Milton Keynes. Joe Mayhew took over the licence from his father Glen and Gloria Stringer joined from Milton Keynes.

Two track records were set, in February 'Bozy Blue Blaze' recorded 40.94 over the 645 hurdles and in August 'Born to Go' over the 450 hurdles was timed at 27.25.

Sky introduced a second live televised event covering the Gold Cup.

Ian Wills schooled a hurdler called Rossa Ranger that went onto to win the Springbok for John Counsell and Nick Colton won the Hunt Cup at Reading with Southlodge Rage.

Pall Mall

El Boss returned to defend his title, but the ante post favourite was the young pretender El Ronan. Ronan was to love the track in future events but in his first race at Oxford failed to make the semi finals. El Boss then followed suit when crashing out in the semi finals as well.

Little Sireco came to the final unbeaten and two other finalists of note were Kinda Magic, who was making a name for himself as a top sprinter and 2000 Gold Cup finalist Countrywide Pride. The early pace of Kinda Magic proved too much for his rivals and he went on to win by one length.

The Other Big Races

Brian Clemenson from Hove sent out three finalists in the first ever Cesarewitch held at Oxford. Solid Magic and Cuba who traded blows in the heats duly wrapped up the first two places in the final.

Locally trained greyhounds Droopys Clay (Magnasco) and Kingsbrook Lea (Stringer) reached both the Oxfordshire Trophy and Gold Cup finals.

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Nick Colton
Patrick Curtin - David Egan - Gilly Hepden
Angie Kibble - Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey
Joe Mayhew - Jim Morgan - Gloria Stringer
Paul Walden - Ian Wills

Arthur Young on Course Pall Mall (25/03/01)

1 Kinda Magic - Linda Jones (Walthamstow) 2	5-1
2 Toms The One - Nick Saava (Private) 4	7-2
3 Henryaliemma - Owen McKenna (Wimbledon) 5	7-1
4 Little Sireco - Ernie Gaskin (Walthamstow) 3	2-1f
5 Budd Keizer - Patsy Byrne (Wimbledon) 6	6-1
6 Countrywidepride - Paul Young (Romford) 1	8-1
Time - 27.06 (1, shd, 1¼, 1¾, hd)	

RD Racing Cesarewitch (24/11/01)

1 Solid Magic - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 6	11-10f
2 Cuba - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 1	5-4
3 Broadacres Butch - Graham Holland (Hove) 5	10-1
4 Breaking Ball - Ron Dix (Swindon) 3	40-1
5 Lottys Magic - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 4	8-1
6 Valdex - Julie Curran (Private) 2	40-1
Time - 39.72 (1¾, 2½, ½, 1½, 6¾)	

William Hill Gold Cup (04/09/01)

1 El Ronan - Charlie Lister (Private) 1	4-9f
2 Kingsbrook Lea - Gloria Stringer (Milton K) 4	4-1
3 El Zita - John McGee (Milton Keynes) 6	7-1
4 Kiln Wood - Stuart Cogan (Swindon) 5	14-1
5 Calypso Cole - Andy Heyes (Belle Vue) 2	8-1
6 Droopys Clay - Tony Magnasco (Oxford) 3	16-1
Time - 27.10 (½, ¾, 5¼, hd, hd)	

William Hill Trafalgar Cup (06/02/01)

1 Greenacre Belle - Ray Peacock (Wimbledon) 2	3-1
2 Handsome Reward - John McGee (Milton K) 5	4-1
3 Droopys Juninho - Paul Young (Romford) 6	9-4
4 Senahel Ridge - Owen McKenna (Wimbledon) 3	12-1
5 Droopys Becks - Brian Clemenson (Hove) 1	2-1f
N/R - Reactabond Jet - Paul Young (Romford)	
Time - 27.13 (1, ¾, hd, 1½)	

Jarrad Isherwood Oxfordshire Trophy (22/09/01)

1 Bold Mossy - Jim Reynolds (Walthamstow) 6	2-1
2 Java Leader - Terry Dartnall (Private) 3	9-2
3 Rackethall Tex - Patsy Byrne (Wimbledon) 1	6-4f
4 Kingsbrook Lea - Gloria Stringer (Oxford) 5	7-2
5 Droopys Clay - Tony Magnasco (Oxford) 2	25-1
6 Clodeen Choice - David Egan (Oxford) 4	14-1
Time - 27.08 (1½, 3½, ½, 2½, hd)	



The new multi million pound extension.

2002

GRA agreed to let Sky televise the Pall Mall Stakes, this was regarded as Oxford's biggest competition and the switch from the popular Sunday to a Tuesday night slot was seen by many as a bad move, the racing office in particular were not keen to see the event change. As it turned out the crowd was very good, it was not until the following year that the first signs were seen that many were staying at home to watch it on television. Sky also switched from covering the Gold Cup to the Cesarewitch.

Towards the end of the year the general manager Mick Hardy left for sister track Wimbledon, Oxford had produced some good attendance and turnover figures during his time there. This had been helped by a mini boom when there seemed to be more money in patrons pockets.

In August, Easy Dilemma set a new track record for the relatively new distance of 595 metres for Angie Kibble, recording 36.70. On the trainer front Joe Mayhew retired.

Pall Mall

Charlie Lister and Brian Clemenson threatened to dominate the competition, but as it turned out Cheryl Miller sent out the winner in the form of Windgap Java (a son of Lassa Java).

In a brilliant finish Java and unbeaten hot favourite El Ronan challenged throughout, before Java won by a short head. Seskin Robert ran a brilliant third place just ½ length behind, Robert had initially been with Oxford trainer Nick Colton before switching to Lister.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (12/03/02)

1 Windgap Java - Cheryl Miller (Sittingbourne)	4-1
2 El Ronan - Charlie Lister (Private)	4-5f
3 Seskin Robert - Charlie Lister (Private)	6-1
4 Blue Gooner - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
5 Willie Go Fa - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	16-1
6 Farloe Chief - Otto Kueres (Belle Vue)	20-1
Time - 27.03	

Cesarewitch

Brian Clemenson from Hove continued his domination of the Cesarewitch by helping Cuba take the honours. The black dog had finished runner up the year before to Solid Magic.

This time there was no stopping him as he justified odds on favouritism. Clemenson sent out three finalists for the second year running including Lottys Magic who had made the final the year before, Lottys was owned by local owners Peter and Andy Lisemore (Andy was the deputy Racing Manager at Oxford in the late nineties).

William Hill Cesarewitch (23/07/02)

1 Cuba - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	4-5f
2 Ali Qapu Oak - Richard Ward (Milton Keynes)	10-1
3 Maui Magic - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
4 Toms Monarch - Paul Walden (Oxford)	25-1
5 Oddser McDuff - Steven Harrison (Stainforth)	9-2
6 Lottys Magic - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	10-1
Time - 40.18	

RD Racing Gold Cup (17/08/02)

1 Bomber Graham - Jimmy Gibson (Belle Vue)	6-4f
2 Occhi Gialli - Harry Findlay (Private)	4-1
3 Farloe Forty - Charlie Lister (Private)	6-1
4 Eye Of Laura - Allan Jenkins (Hall Green)	2-1
5 Greenfield Boss - Mick Lawlor (Henlow)	14-1
6 Cashen Odessa - Stuart Cogan (Swindon)	25-1
Time - 26.90	

Mike Alan Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (02/02/02)

1 Cooly Cougar - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	9-4f
2 Ferryforth Zola - Tony Meek (Hall Green)	6-1
3 Ask Shane - Arthur Hitch (Private)	16-1
4 Stuart Little - Paul Young (Romford)	5-2
5 Crack Him Out - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	3-1
6 Castle Casper - Nicky Chambers (Hall Green)	10-1
Time - 26.87	

McLeans Coaches Oxfordshire Trophy (02/11/02)

1 Lockup Firedice - John Mullins (Walthamstow)	6-4f
2 Ballydaly Score - John Mullins (Walthamstow)	3-1
3 Zodiac Galileo - Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon)	8-1
4 Ferryforth Zola - Tony Meek (Hall Green)	8-1
5 Droopys Clay - Tony Magnasco (Oxford)	6-1
6 Kingswillow - Edna Wearing (Rye House)	3-1
Time - 27.11	



The new Millennium saw a new racing surface cost over £100,000 with another £30,000 spent on the new Swaffham hare.

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Nick Colton
 Patrick Curtin - David Egan - Hepden
 Angie Kibble - Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey
 Jim Morgan - Gloria Stringer
 Paul Walden - Ian Wills



The popular Boxing Day meeting attracted another bumper crowd.

2003

The stadium had a great year with attendances well up; the improvements of previous years were still having an effect. However the mini boom was slowing down and the financial targets set by the company were unrealistic which would create difficulties over the next few years.

The new general manager Mark Beattie has an unsuccessful spell and left within six months to be replaced by Portsmouth's general manager Jim Snowden.

Two trainers left, David Egan returned to Reading and Paul Walden joined Swindon leaving just twelve trainers attached to the stadium.

Nick Colton won the Peterborough Cesarewitch with Southlodge Rage.

Pall Mall

Charlie Lister had a great team of runners led by the brilliant ante post favourite El Ronan, the brindle dog had finished runner-up the year before and had won the 2001 Gold Cup. Lister also had Farloe Forty who would reach the Derby Semi finals later in the year, Seskin Robert who made the 2002 Pall Mall final and Nialls Star.

Other useful runners were Romford Coral Puppy Cup winner Knockeevan Magic trained by Peter Rich, and Brian Clemenson's Cooly Cheetah, a semi finalist from the year before, and 2002 finalist Blue Gooner.

El Ronan found trouble in the semi final and was eliminated behind kennelmate 14/1 outsider Nialls Star. Lister also took the second semi final with Farloe Forty just beating Cooly Cheetah. The final itself saw a titanic battle between Cooly Cheetah and Knockeevan Magic, Cheetah won by a head in 27.09. Hot favourite Farloe Forty disappointed.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (22/04/03)

1 Cooly Cheetah - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
2 Knockeevan Magic - Peter Rich (Romford)	3-1
3 Nialls Star - Charlie Lister (Private)	8-1
4 Farloe Forty - Charlie Lister (Private)	5-4f
5 Unique Lad - Martin Burt (Monmore)	12-1
6 Eye Of Laura - Allan Jenkins (Hall Green)	8-1
Time - 27.09	

Cesarewitch

Nick Colton steered no less than three hounds through to the final. Creamery City, Creamery Euro and Southlodge Rage lined up in the televised event but lost out to Maxie Rumble trained by Linda Mullins in her last year as a trainer.

Colton was building a reputation as a having a good class kennel and would enjoy a lot of success over the next few years.

William Hill Cesarewitch (22/07/03)

1 Maxie Rumble - Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	1-1f
2 Creamery City - Nick Colton (Oxford)	25-1
3 Iceman Yank - Anthony Lucas (Hove)	9-2
4 Creamery Euro - Nick Colton (Oxford)	6-4
5 Jago Pride - Richard Jago (Reading)	33-1
6 Southlodge Rage - Nick Colton (Oxford)	16-1
Time - 39.62	

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Nick Colton
 Patrick Curtin - Gilly Hepden - Angie Kibble
 Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey - Jim Morgan
 Kelly Mullins - Gloria Stringer - Ian Wills

Gold Cup

Knockeevan Magic returned and took victory to make amends for his narrow Pall Mall defeat.

The favourite Droopys Keegan trained by Brian Clemenson crashed out in the semi finals. He would make amends later in the year during December when he equalled Farloe Club's track record over 450 metres of 26.57.

RD Racing Gold Cup (23/08/03)

1 Knockeevan Magic - Peter Rich (Romford)	5-2
2 Slinky - Paul Young (Romford)	9-2
3 On Line Deal - Paul Young (Romford)	2-1f
4 Sherwood Sheik - David Egan (Reading)	14-1
5 Kiln Alder - Nick Colton (Oxford)	25-1
6 Annamore Ned - John Smith (Perry Barr)	3-1
Time - 26.79	

Oxfordshire Trophy

The vastly popular El Ronan returned to winning ways and stormed through the competition unbeaten.

When at his best Ronan was superb and the Oxford public loved to see him perform. I remember a particular conversation with somebody that had not been greyhound racing before but had heard about El Ronan and was going to the track to see him run in the final. Droopys Keegan finished fifth.

Blanchford Oxfordshire Trophy (25/10/03)

1 El Ronan - Charlie Lister (Private)	5-4f
2 Lucrative Game - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	12-1
3 Deep And Devious - William Davies (Milton K)	5-1
4 Skelligs Mick - Mark Grady (Rye House)	6-1
5 Droopys Keegan - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	3-1
6 Sewmuch Speed - Charlie Lister (Private)	9-2
Time - 26.98	



El Ronan

Mike Alan Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (01/02/03)

1 Money Sweeper - Jenny March (Peterborough)	6-1
2 Drive Up Boss - Lorraine King (Milton K)	3-1
3 Toora Looraloor - Claude Gardiner (Hove)	12-1
4 Jessey James - Bernie Doyle (Wimbledon)	4-1
5 Moral Prince - Graham Hutt (Private)	2-1f
6 Lethal Ricky - Linda Jones (Walthamstow)	4-1
Time - 27.23	

2004

A relatively quiet year saw general manager Jim Snowden leave the company towards the end of the year. GRA's parent company Wembley plc were selling their assets and the greyhound stadiums were listed as one of these. Everyone had seen the premier asset 'Wembley Stadium' sold and demolished.

Nick Colton won the trainers title for the first time as Angie Kibble finished second, bringing her six year reign to an end. Meanwhile, Kelly Mullins left for Hove to be replaced by Jason Foster from Catford.

Hove greyhounds broke two track records, Brian Clemenson steered Greenacre Lin to 36.36 in May over 595 metres and Black Pear trained by Wayne Wrighting recorded 39.36 for the 645 metres in the Cesarewitch first round heats in August. Nick Colton steered two through to the Hunt Cup final at Reading, Shelbourne Lyn went on to win it with Seskin Tom third.

Gary Baiden became the longest serving Racing Manager at the track.

Pall Mall

A great event looked on the cards for the Pall Mall. Entries included Coolmona Dave, a greyhound with brilliant Irish form, track record holder Droopys Keegan, Trafalgar Cup winner Kegans Choice and Peterborough Derby champion Tims Crow who was considered the fastest sprinter in the country.

Droopys Keegan and Kegans Choice both crashed out in qualifying but the competition was all about Tims Crow who emulated Sullane Castle's (1993) and Night Trooper's (1997) achievement by winning every round. He won the final easily by 4 ¼ lengths in 26.90.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (20/04/04)

1 Tims Crow - Peter Rich (Romford)	1-1f
2 Brighton Rock - Linda Jones (Walthamstow)	7-1
3 Blonde Chimes - John Mullins (Walthamstow)	25-1
4 Lucrative Game - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	16-1
5 Coolmona Dave - John Faint (Rye House)	6-4
6 Persian Isle - Andrew Ioannou (Private)	20-1
Time - 26.90	

Gold Cup

Derby finalist Fire Height Dan arrived for a crack at the Gold Cup as hot favourite. Initially he performed poorly in a trial and in the first round he suffered a defeat to Giglis Fionn. Then in the semi finals he improved further by winning and in the final a 27.12 run was enough for a 2¼ length win to claim the trophy.

Terrydrum Mill and Mattsmyson had both been unbeaten going into the final.

RD Racing Gold Cup (21/08/04)

1 Fire Height Dan - Mick Puzey (Walthamstow)	6-4f
2 Centour Para - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	6-1
3 Droopys Sonic - Elizabeth McNair (Private)	8-1
4 Lenson Anthony - Seamus Cahill (Wimbledon)	8-1
5 Mattsmyson - Gary Sallis (Sittingbourne)	4-1
6 Terrydrum Mill - Richard Yeates (Reading)	3-1
Time - 27.12	

William Hill Cesarewitch (17/08/04)

1 Solid Money - Derek Knight (Hove)	9-4
2 Black Pear - Wayne Wrighting (Hove)	4-5f
3 Archers Enero - Paul Young (Romford)	20-1
4 Mustang Hero - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	16-1
5 Seabiscuit - Russell Warren (Sheffield)	6-1
6 Frisby Figo - Harry Crapper (Sheffield)	10-1
Time - 39.56	

Mike Alan Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (07/02/04)

1 Kegans Choice - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
2 Twiglish Dude - Jim Morgan (Oxford)	14-1
3 Linnburn - Elizabeth McNair (Private)	10-11f
4 Bell Legend - Gary Baggs (Walthamstow)	9-4
5 Knockard Jet - Jim Reynolds (Walthamstow)	14-1
N/R - All Gold - Jim Reynolds (Walthamstow)	
Time - 27.41	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Trophy (23/10/04)

1 Yankey Dick - Mick Puzey (Walthamstow)	3-1
2 Terrydrum Hero - Dianne Stratford (Private)	7-2
3 Mustang Hero - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	7-2
4 Drive Up Boss - Paul Sallis (Milton Keynes)	5-1
5 Giglis Fionn - Kelly Mullins (Hove)	12-1
6 Brookpark Robbie - Frank Wright (Coventry)	5-2f
Time - 27.16	



Tims Crow

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins
 Ron Bicknell
 Nick Colton
 Patrick Curtin
 Jason Foster
 Gilly Hepden
 Angie Kibble
 Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey
 Jim Morgan
 Kelly Mullins
 Gloria Stringer
 Ian Wills

2005

With parent company Wembley plc breaking apart, rumours were rife about who the new owners of GRA Ltd might be.

Despite the rumours however, not much was happening in the way of other changes. BAGS racing continued every week including some Sunday fixtures.

A large kennel strength was required to fulfil the racing schedule and a regular pattern transpired of midweek evening racing remaining a lot quieter than a packed house on a Saturday night.

The increase in racing gave the regular race punter an impossible task of following the form of greyhounds and that type of race-goer basically died out. The stadium clientele now relied on groups of people having a night out which would explain why Saturday nights were so popular.

The trainers remained the same, the first time for quite a while that no one left or came.

Nick Colton retained his trainer's title pushed all the way by Patrick Curtin and Angie Kibble.

There were four new track records, in February Little Honcho recorded 36.18 over 595 metres for Linda Pruhs, April saw hurdler Druids Mickey Joe trained by Seamus Cahill set a new mark of 27.12 and a month later Kirks Late Again trained locally by Gloria Stringer set a new track record over 250 metres of 14.95. The fourth was during the Pall Mall.

Pall Mall

The Pall Mall attracted well over 100 entries, the racing office had the task of upsetting many connections, which would not be lucky enough to compete.

The leading contender looked likely to be Fire Height Dan who had so impressively won the Gold Cup the year before and remained one of the best greyhounds in the country.

In the semi finals Paramount Silver scorched round winning his heat in a new track record time of 26.37, the other semi final threw up a surprise as Lisnafulla Flash beat Fire Height Dan in a fast 26.40.

The final line up sadly lost Fire Height Dan who had picked up a minor injury in the semi finals, this took some of the gloss of the final but Lisnafulla Flash was a deserved winner after leading all the way to win by 4¼ lengths from Roswell Spaceman.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (05/04/05)

1 Lisnafulla Flash - Erie Gaskin (Walthamstow)	2-1j
2 Roswell Spaceman - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	4-1
3 Giglis Fionn - Kelly Mullins (Hove)	12-1
4 Shelbourne Nina - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	4-1
5 Paramount Silver - Paul Liddle (Stainforth)	2-1j
N/R - Fire Height Dan - Mick Puzey (W'stow)	
Time - 26.63	

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Nick Colton
 Patrick Curtin - Gilly Hepden - Angie Kibble
 Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey - Jim Morgan
 Gloria Stringer - Ian Wills

The Other Big Races

The Trafalgar puppy cup sponsored by on course bookmakers Mike Alan provided Barrie Draper a worthy winner in Camp Bugler. Bugler blitzed round in 26.72 and would go on to qualify for two of Oxford's major races the following year.

The Pall Mall runner up Roswell Spaceman returned for the Gold Cup and duly made amends by claiming victory in a decent 26.74. This was seventh year running that Richard Dunn & family (RD Racing) had sponsored an Oxford event. They had established themselves as the number one pitch on the rails.

Local handler Patrick (Paddy) Curtin scored success by training Farloe Superb to Oxfordshire Trophy glory. Farloe Superb was one of the closest railers ever seen at the track.

William Hill Cesarewitch (07/06/05)

1 Zigzag Stewart - June McCombe (Belle Vue)	3-1
2 Greenacre Lin - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	4-7f
3 Top Bombin - Paul Young (Romford)	50-1
4 Tiler Tom - Nick Colton (Oxford)	8-1
5 Milldean Clarky - Barry O'Sullivan (Crayford)	8-1
6 Tino Spark - John Mullins (Walthamstow)	16-1
Time - 39.61	

RD Racing Gold Cup (27/08/05)

1 Roswell Spaceman - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	7-2
2 Soviet Tasman - Frank Wright (Hall Green)	5-1
3 Sobering Thought - Norah McEllistrim (W'don)	11-4
4 Agincourt Archer - Carly Philpott (Coventry)	7-4f
5 Azzurri Champ - David Mullins (Romford)	16-1
6 Gutsy Lass - Paul Clarke (Henlow)	6-1
Time - 26.74	

Mike Alan Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (05/02/05)

1 Camp Bugler - Barrie Draper (Sheffield)	5-2
2 Vancouver Sparky - Paul Garland (Wimbledon)	7-1
3 Shelbourne Nina - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	6-1
4 Droopys Byron - Ted Soppitt (Private)	8-1
5 Allfourpaws - Graham Brabon (Private)	2-1f
6 Blonde Cindy - Charlie Lister (Private)	5-1
Time - 26.72	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Trophy (12/11/05)

1 Farloe Superb - Partick Curtin (Oxford)	9-4j
2 Johnny Liar - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	9-4j
3 Mall Road - James Rowe (Private)	8-1
4 Allen Mile - Ron Bicknell (Oxford)	5-1
5 Sherbet Lad - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	8-1
6 Knockeevan Champ - Kevin Whitehouse (Private)	7-2
Time - 26.75	

2006

GRA Ltd was finally bought by a company called Risk Capital Partners, basically a venture capitalist business that seeks to buy and then sell at a profit in a short time span. GRA management remained unchanged with Managing Director Clive Feltham still at the helm.

Sadly one of Oxford's longest serving trainers died, Jim Morgan passed away towards the end of the year, Jim had been a trainer at Oxford since 1970 apart from one very small spell at Reading in 1976. Johnny Mayo who had been his head lad for years, took over the position of trainer.

2005 Champion trainer Nick Colton was lured away from Oxford to join Coventry, but then soon moved to sister track Hall Green. Alan Stevens arrived on a short term basis for the summer, but as expected, the travelling took its toll and he left shortly after. Jason Foster left for a position at Wimbledon. Steve Rawle the new General Manager started and was keen to add to the trainers ranks.

Five new trainers were recruited Dean Childs from Reading, Robert Hannan from Swindon, Paul Clarke from Henlow, and Michael Peterson from Milton Keynes which was to close in 2006. The fifth trainer was Terry Kibble son of Henry who had been a trainer at Oxford from 1954-1971, Henry was still active in the kennel helping Terry.

In March Ballymac Gloria trained by Nick Colton set a new track record over 250 metres of 14.88. In the Cesarewitch final Greenacre Lin gained revenge over Zigzag Stewart, Greenacre Lin justified the favourites tag whilst Zigzag Stewart the defending champion ran poorly.

Patrick Curtin claimed the trainer's title for the first time and was gaining a solid reputation.

Pall Mall

For the first time ever the Pall Mall was open to only 36 greyhounds with three rounds only. The decision was taken to help the congestion of the open race calendar and improve the quality of entries. The racing office received over 100 entries for the event, they included 2005 Trafalgar Cup winner Camp Bugler, Derby semi finalist Vancouver Sparky, Siesta Frisby a greyhound with a 47% strike rate, Gold Cup champion Roswell Spaceman, 2005 Oxfordshire Trophy winner Farloe Superb and Bubbly Classic a greyhound that had a big reputation.

Farloe Superb went out in round one followed by Roswell Spaceman and Bubbly Classic in the semi finals.

The final saw kennelmates Seomra Rock and Greenlough Power battle it out. Seomra Rock claimed the victory for Ernie Gaskin junior, who had taken over the licence from Ernie Gaskin senior.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (18/04/06)

1 Seomra Rock - Ernie Gaskin jnr (Walthamstow)	7-2
2 Greenlough Power - Ernie Gaskin jnr (W'stow)	7-4f
3 Vancouver Sparky - Paul Garland (Wimbledon)	7-2
4 Camp Bugler - Barrie Draper (Sheffield)	8-1
5 Cong Rock - Malcolm Daniels (Private)	14-1
6 Siesta Frisby - Mick Puzey (Walthamstow)	9-4
Time - 27.14	

William Hill Cesarewitch (13/06/06)

1 Greenacre Lin - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	11-10f
2 Caloona Striker - Wayne Wrighting (Hove)	5-1
3 Daisyfield Seani - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	10-1
4 Princessmonalulu - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	3-1
5 Coup Detat - Cherie Llewellyn (Swindon)	33-1
6 Zigzag Stewart - June McCombe (Belle Vue)	4-1
Time - 39.85	

RD Racing Gold Cup (05/09/06)

1 Two Cool Cats - Andy Heyes (Belle Vue)	10-1
2 Smoking Blues - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
3 Blakes World - Jo Burridge (Poole)	2-1j
4 Clodiagh Flight - Richard Yeates (Reading)	4-1
5 Johnny Liar - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	4-1
6 Ludworth Spuggy - Andy Heyes (Belle Vue)	2-1j
Time - 26.76	

Mike Alan Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (17/03/06)

1 Horseshoe Ping - Jim Reynolds (Romford)	3-1
2 Blakes World - Jo Burridge (Poole)	3-1
3 Spooky Nicki - Richard Baker (Henlow)	9-4f
4 Moonstone Magic - Terry Dartnall (Reading)	5-2
5 Tattoo Maid - Terry Atkins (Oxford)	16-1
6 Furlong Fame - Nick Colton (Oxford)	8-1
Time - 26.86	

*Blanchford Oxfordshire Trophy (03/02/07)

1 Mahers Boy - Elaine Parker (Sheffield)	9-4f
2 Champ Woodward - Mark Grady (Portsmouth)	5-2
3 Crust Breaker - Richard Yeates (Reading)	5-1
4 Shelbourne Ice - Tony Meek (Coventry)	5-1
5 Shelbourne Poopa - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-2
N/R - Camp Bugler - Barrie Draper (Sheffield)	
Time - 26.54	

* Held over until February 2007



2006 Champion Trainer Patrick Curtin pictured with the 2005 Oxfordshire Trophy champion Farloe Superb.

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Dean Childs
 Paul Clarke - Patrick Curtin - Bob Hannan
 Gilly Hepden - Angie Kibble - Terry Kibble
 Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey - John Mayo
 Michael Peterson - Alan Stevens
 Gloria Stringer - Ian Wills

2007

GRA Ltd remained under the ownership of the new company despite the group being up for sale all year. General Manager Steve Rawle parted company with GRA after a difficult spell to be replaced by Maureen Ridley.

Bookmakers Paul King (Arthur Young on Course) and Phil Isherwood both left after a clash with Rawle.

It was very quiet on the trainer front with just Dean Childs leaving due to the extensive travelling required for him to get to Oxford, the 200 mile round trip ultimately proved too much. Ian Wills won his first ever trainers title after claiming 353 winners, defending champion Patrick Curtin finished second with 301 despite an upheaval after moving to new kennels in Gaydon., he was closely followed by Angie Kibble with 272, then came Ron Bicknell 245, Michael Peterson 238 and Terry Kibble 234.

In June, Blonde Chico trained by John Mullins set a new track record over 250 metres of 14.76.

Clerk of the course Alex Edwards left the company after 25 years of service, the maintenance manager Paul Saxton took over the role.

Pall Mall

The big event attracted the usual spread of class hounds, leading the way was Elaine Parkers Oxfordshire Trophy Champion Mahers Boy. Premiership football manager Harry Redknapp owned Ballymac Charley which had been off the track for seven months with injury and arrived as part of the Charlie Lister team. 2006 Pall Mall runner up Greenlough Power returned and Droobys Tobey travelled from Scotland with a big reputation.

Droopys Tobey and eventual Trafalgar Cup winner Westcountry Lady crashed out in the heats. Lister's Maltese Dan claimed the first semi final from kennelmate Ballymac Charley, Mahers Boy failed to get through. Blonde Joey made the final unbeaten and local runner Appleford Al won the third semi for Angie Kibble.

The final saw Ballymac Charley produce the goods, winning by two lengths ahead of Blonde Joey.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (03/04/07)

1 Ballymac Charley - Charlie Lister (Private)	3-1
2 Blonde Joey - John Mullins (Coventry)	2-1f
3 Roswell Starship - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	7-2
4 Appleford Al - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	5-1
5 Target Harry - Dean Childs (Oxford)	16-1
6 Maltese Dan - Charlie Lister (Private)	7-2
Time – 26.75	

William Hill Cesarewitch (12/06/07)

1 Dark Hondo - Paul Foster (Swindon)	5-4f
2 Evergreenclassic - Heather Dimmock (P'boro)	10-1
3 Lifes Lukey - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	4-1
4 Droopys Riquelme - Brian Clemenson (Hove)	5-1
5 Ace Mentor - Nick Colton (Hall Green)	5-2
N/R - Swift Maybole – John Mullins (Private)	
Time – 39.94	

Stadium Bookmakers Gold Cup (25/08/07)

1 Barnfield Joe - Julie Luckhurst (Crayford)	2-1f
2 Droopys Rodger - Shaun Gresham (Reading)	4-1
3 Island Walk - David Mullins (Romford)	7-2
4 Blonde Joey - John Mullins (Private)	6-1
5 Heaslips Hawk - Nick Colton (Hall Green)	5-2
6 Chill Out Lad - Shirley McDonagh (Henlow)	12-1
Time – 26.60	

Stadium Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (05/05/07)

1 Westcountry Lady - Jo Burrige (Poole)	7-1
2 Kilsheelan - Jim Reynolds (Romford)	6-4f
3 Pea Ball - Elizabeth McNair (Private)	5-2
4 Romeo Jamie - David Firmager (Coventry)	10-1
5 Saigon Hero - Bob Gilling (Reading)	8-1
6 Fabulous Tears - David Firmager (Coventry)	7-2
Time – 27.14	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Trophy (10/11/07)

1 Brickfield Class - Bob Gilling (Reading)	6-4f
2 Spears Tarquynn - Claude Gardiner (Hove)	9-4
3 Appleford Al - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	4-1
4 Chill Out Lad - Shirley McDonagh (Henlow)	10-1
5 Heaslips Hawk - Nick Colton (Hall Green)	5-1
6 Droopys Kolo - Ian Wills (Oxford)	8-1
Time – 26.55	

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Paul Clarke
 Patrick Curtin - Bob Hannan - Gilly Hepden
 Angie Kibble - Terry Kibble - Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey - John Mayo - Michael Peterson
 Gloria Stringer - Ian Wills



Ballymac Charley

2008

The busy schedule of five meetings a week saw a major change in April when it was announced that one of the afternoon BAGS meetings was going to be transferred to sister track Belle Vue. This left the racing office in a difficult situation with too many greyhounds available for racing.

The problem was eased, in a sad way, when trainer Gloria Stringer announced her retirement through ill health; Gloria had joined the track back in 2001 and was devastated having to give up. Within three months news of another BAGS meeting returned, this time on Mondays. The BAGS was awarded following the announcement that Walthamstow was to close its doors.

This was a blow for the industry following on from the news that Portsmouth and Reading were also to close. Oxford brought in two new trainers Steve Rayner from Swindon and Richard Yeates from Reading after its closure.

Pall Mall

Once again the Pall Mall was oversubscribed and the decision was made that in 2009 it would revert back to 48 entries instead of 36. However it remained at 36 for 2008 and it attracted a very strong field. Absent would be the previous year's champion Ballymac Charley due to the fact that he had suffered a fatal accident at his trainers kennels some months before.

Brickfield Class, trained by Bob Gilling and boasting some great runs around Oxford since his 2007 Oxfordshire Trophy win was installed as ante post favourite. Other major entries included 2007 Gold Cup champion Barnfield Joe, Trafalgar Cup champion Drink up Zorro and the fast improving Seanis Lad. 2006 Masters champion Farloe Rio, multiple competition winner Blakes World and Arc finalists Swhimasdylan, Milldean Flash and Arthurs Joy also featured.

The first round saw Black Taxi, Barnfield Joe and Blonde Joey crash out, the semis resulted in the elimination of Brickfield Class, Seanis Lad & Milldean Flash.

The final was won by Hove raider Spears Tarquynn who had finished runner up in the 2007 Oxfordshire Trophy. The brindle dog caught long time leader Conker All to win by a length.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (25/03/08)

1 Spears Tarquynn - Claude Gardiner (Hove)	9-4j
2 Conker All - Bob Pattinson (Sittingbourne)	4-1
3 Unique Option - David Pruhs (Peterborough)	9-4j
4 Love Tiger - Maxine Locke (Crayford)	4-1
5 Farloe Rio - Frank Wright (Coventry)	8-1
6 Positive Step - Maurice Massey (Oxford)	16-1
Time - 26.52	

Meanwhile a good entry for the Trafalgar Cup in February eventually led to Paul Sallis from Hall Green claiming victory with Drink Up Zorro. The event was oversubscribed and there were requests for an increase to the size of the competition, currently for 18 greyhounds only.

The Oxfordshire Trophy reverted back to its original name the Oxfordshire Stakes and trainer Paul Sallis doubled up with Star of Twilight.

Track records crashed in April, starting with the Pall Mall live Sky TV night. Primitive Way trained by David Pruhs set new figures for the 645m recording 38.98. A couple of races later Bower Turbo trained by Richard Yeates scorched round in

35.87 for the 595m trip on his debut over a longer distance. This was received well by the locals due to the fact that Bower Turbo, was owned by regular Oxford patrons Mick Lowe and Peter Dawson. Jacksheaboy stormed to a new 250 metres track record in April recording 14.71.

Barnfield Joe became the first greyhound to defend the Gold Cup title after beating Trafalgar Cup Champion Drink up Zorro. Julie Luckhurst had trained Joe to victory the previous year as well.

William Hill Cesarewitch (10/06/08)

1 Lenson Joker - Tony Collett (Sittingbourne)	10-11f
2 Primitive Way - David Pruhs (Peterborough)	9-4
3 Coolanga Flyer - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	20-1
4 Directors Chair - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	7-2
5 Vatican Fyne - Pat Rosney (Nottingham)	16-1
6 Swift Stirling - Tony Magnasco (Oxford)	28-1
Time - 39.22	

Property Care Oxfordshire Stakes (16/08/08)

1 Star of Twilight - Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	11-10f
2 Blackmagic Magic - Ernie Gaskin jnr (Romford)	4-1
3 Pilot Pretender - Tony Hackett (Coventry)	5-1
4 Swhimasdylan - Ernie Gaskin jnr (Romford)	7-2
5 Palgrave Chief - Paul Clarke (Oxford)	8-1
6 Sparta Doughnuts - Nick Colton (Swindon)	20-1
Time - 26.75	

Pattinson Construction Trafalgar Cup (23/02/08)

1 Drink Up Zorro - Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	5-1
2 Lockdale Diamond - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	10-1
3 Tells Michelle - Jim Reynolds (Romford)	8-1
4 Darkdesert Oasis - Tony Hackett (Coventry)	1-1f
5 Seanis Lad - Mark Wallis (Walthamstow)	2-1
6 Moveit Honcho - Maxine Locke (Romford)	10-1
Time - 26.95	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Gold Cup (25/10/08)

1 Barnfield Joe - Julie Luckhurst (Crayford)	4-1
2 Drink Up Zorro - Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	6-4f
3 Bandit Blue - David Pruhs (Peterborough)	4-1
4 Wintons Whisper - Wayne Wrighting (Hove)	6-1
5 Blackmagic Jack - Ernie Gaskin jnr (Romford)	6-1
6 Silverduf Jet - Ian Wills (Oxford)	7-1
Time - 26.90	

The year ended with a titanic challenge for the trainers championship. A four way battle resulted with Patrick Curtin and Michael Peterson falling out of contention by October but Angie Kibble and Ian Wills were level on 301 winners each going into December.

Ian Wills scored 32 winners, during the last month of the year, compared to Angie Kibble's 21 winners, to claim his second consecutive trainer's title.

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Paul Clarke
 Patrick Curtin - Bob Hannan - Gilly Hepden
 Angie Kibble - Terry Kibble - Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey - John Mayo - Michael Peterson
 Steve Rayner - Ian Wills - Richard Yeates

2009

The country was hit hard by a credit crunch with many industries suffering badly. For the first time since the sixties inflation had hit zero.

Despite tough times, Oxford Stadium's decision to stop Tuesday night racing seemed to be successful. With just two evening fixtures, attendances were good.

Trainer Nick Colton returned to Oxford in March and added class greyhounds to the very strong top grades.

Oxford arguably had the best A1 strength in its history and Ian Wills was awarded Midlands' Trainer of the Year for the second year running.

Pall Mall

The Pall Mall was due to be four rounds for the first time in a few years but, due to the cancellation of Tuesday nights, it quickly reverted to three rounds once again.

However a good quality entry was received and the first round duly got underway.

First round winners included ante-post favourite Bandit Blue trained by David Pruhs, who won in the fastest time of 26.65, 2008 Trafalgar Cup champion Drink Up Zorro, 2008 Oxfordshire Stakes winner Star Of Twilight, Derby finalist Lenson Express and track specialist Brickfield Class. Double Gold Cup champion Barnfield Joe sadly crashed out.

The semi-finals provided a few shocks as 10/1 Farley Legend claimed the first qualifier, followed by wins for Brickfield Class and Drink Up Zorro. Star Of Twilight and Bandit Blue were both eliminated.

The final saw a worthy winner in Drink Up Zorro, who showed his like for Oxford by pulling away from Brickfield Class to take the honours.

William Hill Pall Mall Stakes (24/03/09)

1 Drink Up Zorro - Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	2/1 f
2 Brickfield Class - Bob Gilling (Swindon)	5/2
3 Lenson Express - Tony Collett (Sittingbourne)	3/1
4 Farley Legend - Afzal Ali (Private)	4/1
5 Astral Bound - Maxine Locke (Romford)	8/1
N/R - Cabra Fly - Chris Allsopp (Monmore)	
Time - 27.18	

Trafalgar Cup

Local greyhound Freedom Emma became the Trafalgar Puppy champion for new Oxford trainer Richard Yeates. Freedom Emma overcame all three heats winners - Aughacasl Jessie, Droopys Quinta and Droopys Rhianna - in a very fast 26.64.

In December Freedom Emma finished runner up in the Oaks at Wimbledon, the winner was Shaws Dilemma. Sadly her owner Stuart Locke Hart died before witnessing this notable achievement.

Another well known owner Mr Townsend also passed away, he had famously owned the mighty Sandwinder back in the eighties.

Jolly Poacher

Richard Yeates continued to have a great year and one greyhound Jolly Poacher created a piece of history. The Brindle and white April 07 whelp made his debut in the Maiden Derby and duly scooped the £2,000 first prize defeating Irish Derby finalist Advantage Johnny in the final.

Two weeks later and he was Oxfordshire Stakes champion beating a field including Brickfield Class. Then a month later a remarkable treble was completed with victory in the Gold Cup, Brickfield Class finished runner up.

Poacher had raced six times and had won all six races picking up three competition wins.

The trainer's championship went to the last weekend of the year before Michael Peterson defeated Angie Kibble 259 to 250. Third place went to Paddy Curtin 228 and Tony Magnasco was fourth with 220, with many of those coming from Italian owner Max Picinelli.

Sadly Gloria Stringer passed away following her battle with cancer. The kennels were later purchased by Tony Magnasco.

Pattinson Construction Trafalgar Cup (21/02/09)

1 Freedom Emma - Richard Yeates (Oxford)	3/1
2 Aughacasl Jessie - Liz McNair (Private)	7/2
3 Droopys Quinta - Seamus Cahill (Hove)	7/4f
4 King Edward - Liz McNair (Private)	8/1
5 Droopys Rhianna - Paul Philpott (Yarmouth)	4/1
6 Droopys Lancelot - Paul Philpott (Yarmouth)	20/1
Time - 26.64	

William Hill Cesarewitch (30/06/09)

1 He Went Whoosh - Claude Gardiner (Hove)	11/10f
2 Melodys Comet - Richard Yeates (Oxford)	7/2
3 Bada Who - Enid Gowler (Peterborough)	7/2
4 Heavy Weather - Paul Foster (Swindon)	20/1
5 White Blaze - Paul Young (Romford)	10/1
6 Romeo Turbo - David Firmager (Coventry)	7/1
Time - 39.56	

Property Care Oxfordshire Stakes (19/09/09)

1 Jolly Poacher - Richard Yeates (Oxford)	4-5f
2 Bubbly Toby - D Allen (Unattached)	4-1
3 Jesters Nap - J Daly (Yarmouth)	7-2
4 Parkside Jack - Frank Wright (Monmore)	6-1
5 Brickfield Class - Bob Gilling (Swindon)	7-1
6 Alisons Fantasy - Toni Tungatt (Unattached)	25-1
Time - 26.70	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Gold Cup (17/10/09)

1 Jolly Poacher - Richard Yeates (Oxford)	4-6f
2 Brickfield Class - Bob Gilling (Swindon)	14-1
3 Lazerus - Richard Yeates (Oxford)	10-1
4 Glengar Clover - Dean Childs (Unattached)	20-1
5 Hillcross Orion - Angie Kibble (Oxford)	5-2
6 Farley Legend - Afzal Ali (Unattached)	5-1
Time - 26.53	

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Ron Bicknell - Paul Clarke
 Nick Colton - Patrick Curtin - Bob Hannan
 Gilly Hepden - Angie Kibble
 Terry Kibble - Tony Magnasco
 Maurice Massey - John Mayo - Michael Peterson
 Steve Rayner - Ian Wills - Richard Yeates

2010

A big freeze hit in January and the stadium lost five meetings in daytime temperatures that constantly stayed below zero.

2009 champion trainer Ian Wills returned to train at Oxford after just three months at Hall Green. Prize money deductions at the Birmingham track had a hand in the decision to return.

Richard Baker arrived from Henlow in September and owner Max Picinelli split from Tony Magnasco. Picinelli had enjoyed his finest moment in 2010 when his greyhound Lyreen Mover reached the final of the Greyhound Derby under Hungarian trainer Gabor Tenczel. Lyreen Mover had been kennelled at Tony Magnasco's kennels. 2008 champion trainer Paddy Curtin moved to train at Monmore Green in November, he had been leading the trainers title and his departure handed that award on a plate to Michael Peterson with 274 winners.

Two more tracks shut their doors, this time it was Coventry, and a few months later Portsmouth.

Pall Mall

The Pall Mall was shifted to June to take the Sky slot that the Cesarewitch had previously been shown in.

The credit crunch had affected many sponsors including William Hill who had withdrawn most of their sponsorship.

Stan James Bookmakers came in to sponsor the Pall Mall.

The worries about the competition being moved to the after the Derby were unfounded as a superb entry was received.

Trafalgar Cup winner Stans Printer and 2009 double competition winner Jolly Poacher both crashed out in heat 2. Defending champion Drink Up Zorro and 2009 runner up Brickfield Class both crashed out in other heats.

Impressive heat winners were Ballymac Ace in 26.47, Anagram, Deanridge Ammo and King Lee. Ante post favourites Ten Large Down and Scottish Derby winner Nambisco were due to meet in another heat but the latter pulled out leaving Ten Large Down to qualify second in his heat.

The semis were won by Glenroe Ginger, Ballymac Ace and Amazing Value as Ten Large Down and Derby Quarter finalist Roo Come On crashed out.

Chris Allsop guided Ballymac Ace to victory in the final with another sparkling time but the final was blotted by the serious injury suffered by Anagram in the final.

Trafalgar Cup

Stans Printer won the final on a very wet night and took advantage of better going on the outside to defeat hot favourite Up For Sam who had broken the track record in the heats recording a time of 26.20.

Cesarewitch

The Cesarewitch was sponsored by owner Max Picinelli following the withdrawal of William Hill. Defending champion 'He Went Whoosh' stormed to victory in his semi final as did the St Leger champion 'Kinda Easy'. Wise Totty took the third semi final.

It was Raving Black who claimed the honours in the final though and the Seamus Cahill trained black dog recorded a smart 39.30.

Stan James Pall Mall Stakes (22/06/10)

1 Ballymac Ace – Chris Allsop (Monmore) 5	3-1c
2 Step On Lee – Elaine Parker (Sheffield) 1	10-1
3 Glenroe Ginger – Barrie Draper (Sheffield) 4	3-1c
4 Lenson Duo - Tony Collett (Sittingbourne) 3	14-1
5 Amazing Value – Malcolm Daniels (Private) 6	7-2
6 Anagram – Carly Philpott (Private) 2	3-1c
Time – 26.38 (4½, 4½, 1¼, ¾, DNF-lame)	

Stadium Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (18/02/10)

1 Stans Printer – Jim Reynolds (Romford) 6	2-1
2 Jaytee Ray – Nick Colton (Oxford) 5	12-1
3 Ardmayle Hawk – Tony Magnasco (Oxford) 3	8-1
4 Up For Sam – Carol Weatherall (Private) 4	4-5f
5 Autumn Recession – Pete Ruddick (Poole) 1	25-1
6 Blonde Button – Maria Dennis (Sittingbourne) 2	8-1
Time – 27.58 (6, 2½, ¾, 3, 4½)	

Tech Shop UK Cesarewitch (19/08/10)

1 Raving Black – Seamus Cahill (Hove) 3	4-1
2 Kinda Easy – Mark Wallis (Yarmouth) 6	7-4
3 Autumn Recession – Pete Ruddick (Poole) 4	33-1
4 Wise Maldini – Peter Swadden (Swindon) 2	12-1
5 Wise Totty – Peter Swadden (Swindon) 1	5-1
6 He Went Whoosh – Claude Gardiner (Hove) 5	6-4f
Time – 39.30 (4¼, 5, ¾, 1¼, 10¼)	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Gold Cup (16/10/10)

1 Jolly Poacher – Nick Colton (Oxford) 5	5-2
2 Brickfield Class – Bob Gilling (Private) 1	5-1
3 Droopys Tajmahal – Chris Allsop (Monmore) 6	4-1
4 Razldazl Dazl – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 2	7-1
5 Everlast Rocket – Richard Baker (Oxford) 3	8-1
6 Ballymac Ace – Chris Allsop (Monmore) 4	4-5F
Time – 26.67 (3½, 1¾, 3, 2, 12-fell)	

Jolly Poacher won the Gold Cup for Nick Colton despite an awful trap draw. Poacher had won three major races the year before for Yeates. Pall Mall champion Ballymac Ace was knocked over in the same final.

Henry Kibble's health was failing, the former ten times champion trainer still helped his son Terry on a daily basis and had always been sprightly. He passed away in October.

The year finished with a bang for Richard Yeates after he guided Freedom Emma to glory in the Oaks final at Wimbledon. Oxford last won the Oaks back in 1971 with Jim Morgan's Perth Pat.



Freedom Emma wins the 2010 Oaks and was voted Great Britain's bitch of the year.

2011

The year was unstable in many aspects, the main one being the announcement that the stadium site was listed by the council as one of fifty sites that was being considered for re-development. It transpired that Risk Capital had indicated to the council over three years before that they were willing to sell the site for housing.

A protest by the greyhound and speedway fans ensued and resulted in subsequent petitions. An anxious wait ended in December when the council made a further announcement that they would not consider the stadium as one of their selected sites and they consequently removed the site from their list.

Hopes remained high that Risk would sell to somebody that wanted the stadium to remain as a sports venue. It had now been over five years since Risk bought the venue and clearly they had no interest in the business and in turn the staff and public did not want them as owners.

On the racing front there were several changes in relation to trainers. Paul Clarke joined Michael Peterson in taking a dual attachment at sister track Hall Green. Nick Carter joined on a dual attachment contract from Harlow taking the number of dual attached trainer to four.

Ben McBride formerly a head kennelhand for Bert Meadows many years before was installed as the trainer at Max Picinelli's Shellgrove Farm. Subsequent problems resulting in McBride failing to gain a licence from the GBGB meant that Chris Stringer (widowed husband of Gloria) took over the reigns. He trained for a short time at Oxford and Swindon before moving full time to Swindon before Christmas.

Ian Wills was informed that his greyhounds would no longer be considered for grading by the racing office. In truth he had caused many problems over the years and the time had come where he needed to go.

Pall Mall

The Pall Mall remained in the unusual slot of June and was sponsored by Betfair. A very good entry once again saw Derby campaigners arriving for a crack at the event. Trafalgar Cup champion Spencers Lad got the competition underway winning the first heat. There were also wins for Ballymac Ace and Jolly Poacher. Ballymac Denis failed to progress.

The first semi final was won by Dromana Max from Buzz Doc with Spencers Lad and Jolly Poacher both crashing out. Oxford's Aherlow Shaw defeated Brittons Empire in the second and finally Pams Tomjo won from Ballymac Ace.

The final caused a surprise as Chris Allsopp's Brittons Empire screamed out of the traps and led all the way. Kennelmate and defending champion and favourite Ballymac Ace was a disappointing fourth.

The trainers championship ended with Angie Kibble winning her first title since 2003. She trained 290 winners beating Colton (220), Massey (215), Peterson (192) and Baker (185). For the first time since 1999 no track record was broken.

Jolly Poacher grabbed national attention when winning an incredible third successive Gold Cup. The feat was all the sweeter due to the fact that two of the wins came from bad trap draws. Nick Colton immediately retired the hound to take up stud duties.

The year ended with a remarkable dead heat in the Cesarewitch final between Farloe Kraven trained by former Oxford lad Patrick Curtin and Westmead Palace trained by Graham Holford. St Leger champion Aero Majestic brought up the rear of very competitive race.

Betfair Pall Mall Stakes (28/06/11)

1 Brittons Empire – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 2	6-1
2 Dromana Max – Lynn Cook (Nottingham) 6	6-1
3 Buzz Doc – John Mullins (Sittingbourne) 3	12-1
4 Ballymac Ace – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 1	7-4F
5 Aherlow Shaw – Richard Yeates (Oxford) 5	6-1
6 Pams Tomjo – Brian Clemenson (Hove) 4	3-1
Time – 26.91 ($\frac{3}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{4}$, Hd, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{4}$)	

Stadium Bookmakers Trafalgar Cup (31/03/11)

1 Spencers Lad – Angie Kibble (Oxford) 1	5-1
2 Zodiac Zeus – Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon) 2	5-2
3 Droopys Tsonga – Seamus Cahill (Hove) 5	6-4F
4 Dynamo Joe – Carol Weatherall (Perry Barr) 6	8-1
5 Poirot – Stuart Buckland (Hall Green) 4	7-1
6 Champagne Perry – Richard Yeates (Oxford) 3	5-2
Time – 27.17 ($2\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 5, 1, $4\frac{1}{2}$)	

Tech Shop UK Cesarewitch (10/11/11)

1 Farloe Kraven – Patrick Curtin (Monmore) 3	8-1
1 Westmead Palace – Graham Holford (Private) 6	3-1
3 Balmi Blue – David Mullins (Romford) 5	6-1
4 Liosgarbh West – Bob Hannan (Oxford) 1	12-1
5 Snowdon Flyer – John Gammon (Hove) 4	7-2
6 Aero Majestic – Mark Wallis (Yarmouth) 2	5-4f
Time – 40.16 (DH, Nk, Shd, $4\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$)	

Blanchford Gold Cup (15/10/11)

1 Jolly Poacher - Nick Colton (Oxford/Swindon) 4	4-1
2 Zodiac Zeus – Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon) 3	7-4f
3 Spencers Lad – Angie Kibble (Oxford) 5	5-2
4 Rebel Ace – Nick Colton (Oxford/Swindon) 2	4-1
5 Farley Denny – Carol Weatherall (Perry Barr) 1	8-1
6 Romeo Mercury – Jim Reynolds (Romford) 6	5-1
Time – 26.66 ($3\frac{3}{4}$, 2, $1\frac{3}{4}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$, 1)	

Stadium Bookmakers Oxfordshire Stakes (24/02/11)

1 Ballymac Denis – Stuart Buckland (Hall Green) 2	3-1
2 Buzz Doc – John Mullins (Sittingbourne) 6	4-1
3 Ballymac Ace – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 3	7-4F
4 Sleeping Urban – Brian Clemenson (Hove) 5	7-1
5 Perilous Guide – Ernie Gaskin Jr. (Romford) 1	7-2
6 Danielles Shelly - Nick Colton (Oxford) 4	14-1
Time – 26.89 ($2\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $3\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 5)	

Attached Trainers

Terry Atkins - Richard Baker - Ron Bicknell - Paul Clarke – Nick Carter, Nick Colton
 Bob Hannan – Gilly Hepden - Angie Kibble
 Terry Kibble - Tony Magnasco - Maurice Massey
 John Mayo - Michael Peterson - Steve Rayner
 Chris Stringer - Ian Wills - Richard Yeates

2012

The worst year that many could remember, it was revealed that seven years ago when Risk Capital bought the GRA there was a silent partner. That silent partner was a company called Galliard Homes and it came to light when they announced plans to develop Wimbledon. The GRA was in turmoil and all five tracks worried for their future once again.

The rumours and gossip continued throughout the year and not a day went by without new speculation surrounding the future of the Stadium. The facts were few except that it was revealed that Ladbrokes had put an official bid in to buy the stadium which was rejected.

In the summer GRA announced plans to build houses on the site and they duly drew plans up.

The final nail in the coffin came in November when GRA decided to close the stadium after BAGS announced the removal of a fixture. Many blamed BAGS but this is wildly inaccurate because BAGS were protecting their own interests.

The decision was made by GRA stating that they felt the stadium could not make a profit.

Many agreed the decision was made to force the council into passing plans for housing. I agreed with this belief because I know for a fact that the stadium could have continued to make a profit.

Nevertheless these beliefs did not help because the stadium closed and everyone was out of a job.

The council then officially announced that the site would remain as leisure and the plans would not be approved. This did not stop the last meeting taking place on 29th December.

A Derby style roar was heard as the hare set of running and brought an A1 field home, the last winner was Moorstown Mystiq trained by Richard Baker.

The trainers were left in a tough position and most found a new attachment, Richard Baker & Steve Rayner went to Hall Green, Bob Hannan & Terry Kibble moved to Perry Barr.

Gilly Hepden moved to Swindon, Ron Bicknell left for Wimbledon with Nick Carter and Dave Lee returning to Harlow. Paul Clarke chose Henlow and Maurice Massey Coventry. Champion trainer Angie Kibble went dual attached to Hall Green & Perry Barr.

Tony Magnasco retired and rightfully angry at the GRA whilst John Mayo retired to run a boarding kennel.

As a result of the continued problems throughout the year the months went by with one problem after another.

Trainer Terry Atkins jumped ship early to Swindon after hearing news that the site could be up for planning, remarkably the rest stayed loyal until the end of the year.

The Atkins decision raised a few eyebrows in terms of loyalty but ultimately he was looking after himself.

Nick Colton sold up, retired and left for Ireland before all the turmoil and Michael Peterson had his trainers licence withdrawn by the GBGB following two positive samples. The racing strength was hit hard because both of these trainers had strong kennels.

This led to a policy of allowing smaller trainers to run greyhounds at Oxford during 2012 and attracted graded runners from Tony Loveridge, Ron Peckover and John Higgins. Dave Lee had joined from Harlow midway through the year as well.

The racing went almost unnoticed as Guinness Dusty took the Trafalgar Cup honours before the June Pall Mall.

Brittons Empire got the Pall Mall under way, the defending champion won the opening heat. Oxfordshire Stakes winner Ballymac Denis & Ayamzaman were shock eliminations. You Mind Me won the first semi as Dean Childs Droopys Loner the ante post favourite crashed out. Farloe Mysterio pipped Brittons Empire and Aherlow Shaw defeated Smart Bid in the remaining semis.

The final was won in commanding fashion by You Mind Me trained by Frank Taylor. Defending champion Brittons Empire could only manage fourth.

The big open race action did not return until October with all three remaining events taking place.

Warning Sign claimed the Oxfordshire Stakes, Droopys Xavier the Cesarewitch and Barnish Booth the Gold Cup.

Angie Kibble easily retained her trainers title sending out 290 winners which was way ahead of nearest rivals Tony Magnasco and Gilly Hepden.

Ladbrokes Pall Mall Stakes (19/06/12)

1 You Mind Me – Frank Taylor (Private) 3	3-1j
2 Smart Bid – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 1	7-2
3 Farloe Mysterio – Patrick Curtin (Monmore) 6	8-1
4 Brittons Empire – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 2	3-1j
5 Aherlow Shaw – Richard Yeates (Oxford) 4	12-1
6 Dromana Max – Lynn Cook (Nottingham) 5	10-1
Time – 26.87 (Hd, 3, 8½, 3¼, ½)	

RD Racing Trafalgar Cup (25/02/12)

1 Guinness Dusty – Seamus Cahill (Hove) 6	6-1
2 Smart Bid – Chris Allsopp (Monmore) 2	4-1
3 Markeys Dragon – Heather Dimmock (P'boro) 4	10-1
4 Droopys Stevie – Dean Childs (Private) 1	3-1
5 Smiler Jack – Chris Mosdall (Wimbledon) 3	10-1
6 Ministry May May – Hayley Keightley (Private) 5	6-4f
Time – 26.89 (1, 1¾, 3½, ¾, Nk)	

Mick Lowe Cesarewitch (20/10/12)

1 Droopys Xavier – Claude Gardiner (Hove) 6	6-1
2 Slippery Patch – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 3	9-4
3 Eden Rumble – Alma Keppie (Poole) 1	10-1
4 Droopys Robles – Paul Donovan (Wimbledon) 4	6-4f
5 Millbank Brennan – Ron Bicknell (Oxford) 2	20-1
6 Mays Millhouse – Gerry Ballentine (Hall Green) 5	6-1
Time – 40.09 (½, 7¼, 1½, sh, ¾)	

Claydon Racing Gold Cup (27/10/12)

1 Barnish Booth – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 6	8-1
2 Daddys Round – Richard Yeates (Oxford) 4	6-1
3 Kilmalady Biffo – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 5	9-4
4 Glenbane Air – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 3	4-1
5 Warning Sign – Darren Whitton (Henlow) 2	2-1f
6 Thinkingoutloud – Jane Meek (Coventry) 1	10-1
Time – 26.91 (2¾, 2½, 1¾, 1¼, 1½)	

Blanchford Oxfordshire Stakes (13/10/12)

1 Warning Sign – Darren Whitton (Henlow) 3	4-1
2 Ballymac Eat – Alan Jenkins (Hall Green) 4	5-1
3 Jacobs Courage – Ken Humphreys (Private) 1	5-1
4 Zodiac Zeus – Norah McEllistrim (Hove) 2	3-1cf
5 Kilmalady Biffo – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 6	3-1cf
6 Glenbane Air – Kevin Hutton (Swindon) 5	3-1cf
Time – 26.96 (2¾, 3¼, 1¾, ½, sh)	

Hall of Fame

CHAMPION TRAINER

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1939	BILL HIGGINS	1976	JAMES MORGAN
1940	JACK YOUNG	1977	DES ELLINGTON
1941	JACK YOUNG	1978	VICKY HOLLOWAY
1942	JACK YOUNG	1979	JACK COKER
1943	BILL HIGGINS	1980	MAURICE MASSEY
1944	BILL HIGGINS	1981	MAURICE MASSEY
1945	JACK YOUNG	1982	MAURICE MASSEY
1946	JACK YOUNG	1983	MAURICE MASSEY
1947	BILL HIGGINS	1984	TERRY ATKINS
1948	JACK YOUNG	1985	TERRY ATKINS
1949	JACK YOUNG	1986	TERRY ATKINS
1950	JACK YOUNG	1987	VICKY HOLLOWAY
1951	BILL HIGGINS	1988	LITZI MILLER
1952	BILL HIGGINS	1989	MAURICE MASSEY
1953	JACK YOUNG	1990	LITZI MILLER
1954	BILL HIGGINS	1991	LITZI MILLER
1955	BILL HIGGINS	1992	LITZI MILLER
1956	BILL HIGGINS	1993	LITZI MILLER
1957	BILL HIGGINS	1994	LITZI MILLER
1958	GEORGE PEVERELL	1995	LITZI MILLER
1959	HENRY KIBBLE	1996	LITZI MILLER
1960	HENRY KIBBLE	1997	JAMES MORGAN
1961	HENRY KIBBLE	1998	ANGIE KIBBLE
1962	HENRY KIBBLE	1999	ANGIE KIBBLE
1963	HENRY KIBBLE	2000	ANGIE KIBBLE
1964	JAMES ROWE	2001	ANGIE KIBBLE
1965	HENRY KIBBLE	2002	ANGIE KIBBLE
1966	JOE FARRAND	2003	ANGIE KIBBLE
1967	HENRY KIBBLE	2004	NICK COLTON
1968	HENRY KIBBLE	2005	NICK COLTON
1969	HENRY KIBBLE	2006	PATRICK CURTIN
1970	HENRY KIBBLE	2007	IAN WILLS
1971	JOE FARRAND	2008	IAN WILLS
1972	JOE FARRAND	2009	MICHAEL PETERSON
1973	JOE FARRAND	2010	MICHAEL PETERSON
1974	JAMES MORGAN	2011	ANGIE KIBBLE
1975	DES ELLINGTON	2012	ANGIE KIBBLE

Racing Managers

Year/s	Racing Manager	Year/s	Racing Manager
1939	G.Parker	1977	Ron Day
1943-44	Joe Sargent	1978	Tony Vasquez
1944	Charles Ainley	1978-79	Jim Layton
1947-52	Henry Chandler	1979	John Cooper
1952-54	Fred Asher	1980	Ron Willis
1954-57	Fred Beckett	1980-81	Geoff Hammond
1957	John Hare	1981-82	Brian Ward
1958-62	Ken Whitrow	1983	Peter Miller
1963-64	Fred Asher	1984-85	Tony Vasquez
1964-76	Bill Field	1985-91	Mick Wheble
1976-77	Fred Asher	1992-2012	Gary Baiden

PALL MALL STAKES

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
1988	Fearless Ace	Mt Keeffe Star - Sarahs Bunny	Geoff DeMulder (Norton Canes)	26.97	5-4f
1989	Fearless Ace	Mt Keeffe Star - Sarahs Bunny	Theo Mentzis (Milton Keynes)	26.80 (TR)	4-1
1990	Noelles Turbo	Whisper Wishes - Kyber	Peter Rich (Ramsgate)	27.15	7-2
1991	Clonlusk Villa	Storm Villa - Clonlusk Dell	Hazel Dickson (Wembley)	27.19	11-4
1992	Deanpark Atom	Satharn Beo - Nice Class	Tony Meek (Oxford)	27.27	5-1
1993	Sullane Castle	Tapwatcher - Airhill Foam	Nigel Saunders (Belle Vue)	27.13	4-9f
1994	Lassa Java	Lassana Champ - Fawn Java	Tony Meek (Hall Green)	27.17	5-2
1995	Longvalley Manor	I'm Slippy - Long Valley Lady	John Coleman (Walthamstow)	27.36	6-1
1996	Highview Pet	Whisper Wishes - Ballyfolion Life	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	27.21	3-1
1997	Night Trooper	Portrun Flier - Suir Orla	Nikki Adams (Rye House)	27.19	11-10f
1998	Black Buster	Joyful Tidings - Little Champagne	Ivan Williams (Perry Barr)	26.70	11-2
1999	Leitrim Charm	Lyons Dean - Charming Maid	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	26.94	8-1
2000	El Boss	Pepes Dilemma - Bid You Joy	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	26.87	4-1
2001	Kinda Magic	Deep Decision - Enchantment	Linda Jones (Walthamstow)	27.06	5-1
2002	Windgap Java	Lassa Java - Dysart Turnover	Cheryl Miller (Sittingbourne)	27.03	4-1
2003	Cooly Cheetah	Staplers Jo - Kiln Heather	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	27.09	5-1
2004	Tims Crow	Lenson Lad - Churchtown Spice	Peter Rich (Romford)	26.90	1-1f
2005	Lisnfulla Flash	Larkhill Jo - Appletown Katie	Ernie Gaskin Snr (Walthamstow)	26.63	2-1f
2006	Seomra Rock	Trade Official - Seomra Cheeky	Ernie Gaskin Jnr (Unattached)	27.14	7-2
2007	Ballymac Charley	Daves Mentor - Ballymac Bargain	Charlie Lister (Private)	26.75	3-1
2008	Spears Tarquynn	Fortune Mike - Lyreen Diva	Claude Gardiner (Hove)	26.52	9-4j
2009	Drink Up Zorro	Galipip Trooper - Hows Tings	Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	27.18	2/1f
2010	Ballymac Ace	Ace Hi Rumble - Ballymac Mir	Chris Allsopp (Monmore)	26.38	3-1c
2011	Brittons Empire	Hades Rocket - Velvet Satin	Chris Allsopp (Monmore)	26.91	6-1
2012	You Mind Me	Bit Chili - Miss Shauna	Frank Taylor (Private)	26.89	3-1jf

THE CESAREWITCH

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
2001	Solid Magic	Iceni Regent - Clodeen Magic	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	39.72	11-10f
2002	Cuba	Toms The Best - Lydpal Mary	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	40.18	4-5f
2003	Maxie Rumble	Smooth Rumble - Minnies Sparkler	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	39.62	1-1f
2004	Solid Money	Droopys Vieri - Town Band	Derek Knight (Hove)	39.56	9-4
2005	Zigzag Stewart	Droopys Vieri - Perrys Pusher	June McCombe (Belle Vue)	39.61	3-1
2006	Greenacre Lin	Top Honcho - First To Return	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	39.85	11-10f
2007	Dark Hondo	Hondo Black - Top Delivery	Paul Foster (Swindon)	39.94	5-4f
2008	Lenson Joker	Kiowa Sweet Trey - Free To Air	Tony Collett (Sittingbourne)	39.22	10-11f
2009	He Went Whoosh	Brett Lee - Arun Sky	Claude Gardiner (Hove)	39.56	11-10f
2010	Raving Black	Westmead Hawk - Droopys Britney	Seamus Cahill (Hove)	39.30	4-1
2011	Farloe Kraven	Hondo Black - Farloe Charity	Patrick Curtin (Monmore)	40.16	8-1
2011	Westmead Palace	Droopys Scolari - Mega Delight	Graham Holford (Henlow)	40.16	3-1
2012	Droopys Xavier	Ace Hi Rumble - Droopys Darjina	Claude Gardiner (Hove)	40.09	6-1

THE TRAFALGAR PUPPY CUP

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
1999	Sensational	Boyne Walk - Droopys Fiona	James Reynolds (Walthamstow)	27.15	5-2
2000	Droopys Mint	Staplers Jo-Quare Season	Ted Soppitt (Private)	27.06	6-1
2001	Greenacre Belle	Larkhill Jo-Longvalley Belle	Ray Peacock (Wimbledon)	27.13	3-1
2002	Cooly Cougar	Top Honcho-Droopys Kylie	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	26.87	9-4f
2003	Money Sweeper	Powerful Flash-Cry Rocky	Jenny March (Peterborough)	27.23	6-1
2004	Kegans Choice	Top Honcho - Kegans Miss	Brian Clemenson (Hove)	27.41	5-1
2005	Camp Bugler	Droopys Vieri-Farloe Dingle	Barrie Draper (Sheffield)	26.72	5-2
2006	Horseshoe Ping	Top Honcho-Lucy May	James Reynolds (Romford)	26.86	3-1
2007	Westcountry Lady	Top Honcho-Pats Flight	Jo Burridge (Poole)	27.14	7-1
2008	Drink Up Zorro	Galipip Trooper - Hows Tings	Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	26.95	5-1
2009	Freedom Emma	Brett Lee - Miss Freckles	Richard Yeates (Oxford)	26.64	3-1
2010	Stans Printer	Boherduff Light - Killough Pearl	Jim Reynolds (Romford)	26.20	2-1
2011	Spencers Lad	Kinloch Brae - Broadacres Katie	Angie Kibble (Oxford)	27.17	5-1
2012	Guinness Dusty	Droopys Scolari - Kilelton Rose	Seamus Cahill (Hove)	26.87	6-1

THE OXFORDSHIRE STAKES

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
1964	Thats Crazy	Crazy Parachute – How About That	Harry Sayer (Bristol)	28.37	7-2
1965	Steady Singer	Oregon Prince – Angelas Fire	Ray Wilkes (Private)	28.15	100-8
1966	Torando Clipper	Crazy Parachute – Tornado Lass	Ron Chamberlain (Private)	28.33	3-1
1967	Maison Fox	Prairie Flash – Parkhouse Sally	Jack Kinsley (Wembley)	27.80	7-2
1968	Shady Peacock	Printers Present – Patrician Lady	Jim Todd (Kings Heath)	28.08	100-70
1969	Marton Tim	Lazy Tim – Bunclody Melody	Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	28.79	6-4
1970	Mooridyke Spot	Newdown Heather – Nelsons Farewell	Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	28.31	1-1f
1971	Dactars Speed	Paraire Jet – Up The Aisle	Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	28.47	7-4f
1972	Kybo Venture	Monalee Champion – Funny Venture	Paddy Coughlan (Crayford)	28.38	7-2
1973	Arctic Tern	Cahara Rover – Small Idea	Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	28.33	3-1
1974	Crown Walter	Spectre – Clomoney Sue	Barbara Tompkins (Private)	27.76	3-1
1975	By Chance	The Grand Silver – Star Brush	Terry Kibble (Bristol)	27.76	5-4
1976	Mister Little	Free Speech – Milos Silver	James Morgan (Oxford)	27.30	9-4
1977	Rathduff Spring	Quiet Spring – Tudor Reflection	Geoff DeMulder (Hall Green)	27.03 TR	9-4
1978	Ballybeg Blaze	Time Up Please – Blissful Pride	Vicky Holloway (Bristol)	27.43	8-1
1979	Faoides Choice	Kuda Honour – Faoide Look	George Lynds (Coventry)	27.27	5-2
1980	Deel Joker	Free Speech – Leaping Lady	John Gibbons (Crayford)	27.66	7-2
1981	Bright Tiger	Sandispec – Rafa Flyer	Les Stiles (Reading)	27.57	8-1
1982	In The Know	Supreme Fun – Westmead Hail	Rita Wood (Private)	27.50	3-1
1983	Rathduff Tad	Ceili Band – Rathduff Gazelle	Arthur Dennis (Southend)	27.30	11-8f
1984	Nippy Law	Lax Law – Law Fancy	Geoff DeMulder (Nottingham)	27.24	1-2f
1985	Amenhotep	Aquaduct Coach – Ladys Lib	Linda Mullins (Harringay)	27.51	6-1
1986	Fearless Swift	Ron Hardy – Sarahs Bunny	Geoff DeMulder (Oxford)	27.13	15-8
1987	Sandwinder	Sandford – Minnesota Pixie	Vicky Holloway (Oxford)	27.17	5-2
1988	Hillville Blonde	Whisper Wishes – Hillville Moth	Bertie Gaynor (Hall Green)	27.25	4-1
1989	Like Gold	Daleys Gold – Lullaby Lane	Tommy Johnston (Wembley)	27.18	9-4
1990	Carmels Prince	Im Slippy – Wheres Carmel	Michael Compton (Belle Vue)	26.72 TR	11-10f
1991	Munroe Zulu	Road Whisper – Dee Dees Girl	Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon)	27.08	
1992	Poor Brian	Poor James – Ashleigh Fairy	Ronald Jeffrey (Reading)	27.47	2-1f
1993	Salcombe Highway	Hygard – Micks Susie	Jack Wilson (Private)	27.20	2-1
1994	Leader	Leaders Best – Highway Mystery	Michael Bacon (Perry Barr)	27.08	10-11f
1995	Pams Spirit	Galtymore Lad – Great Swift	James Reynolds (Crayford)	27.24	10-1
1996	Not Again	Andagain – Penny Wise	Richard Baker (Reading)	27.25	9-2
1997	Droopys Tim	Leaders Best – Droopys Fiona	Tony Meek (Hall Green)	27.41	11-8f
1998	El Dante	Airmount Coal – Jubilee Joy	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	27.19	5-1
1999	Call Me Up	Shanless Slippy – Midas Blue	Owen McKenna (Sittingbourne)	26.96	7-1
2000	Winocals Dream	Dew Reward – Seanos Miss	Jane Marjoram (Yarmouth)	26.65	7-2
2001	Bold Mossy	Larkhill Jo – Annies Bullet	James Reynolds (Walthamstow)	27.08	2-1
2002	Lockup Firedice	Cushie Draco – Cushie Flair	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	27.11	6-4f
2003	El Ronan	Staplers Jo – Freds Flame	Charlie Lister (Private)	26.98	5-4f
2004	Yankey Dick	Mustang Yank – Ard Lightning	Mick Puzey (Walthamstow)	27.16	3-1
2005	Farloe Superb	Droopys Woods – Farloe Twin	Patrick Curtin (Oxford)	26.75	9-4j
2006	Mahers Boy	Tucks Mein – Rons Luck	Elaine Parker (Sheffield)	26.54	9-4f
2007	Brickfield Class	Boherduff Light – Kehers Friend	Bob Gilling (Reading)	26.55	6-4f
2008	Star of Twilight	Larkhill Jo - Droopys Scary	Paul Sallis (Hall Green)	26.75	11-10f
2009	Jolly Poacher	Droopys Cahill – Miss Regina	Richard Yeates (Oxford)	26.70	4-5f
2011	Ballymac Denis	Ballymac Maeve – Ballymac Peg	Stuart Buckland (Hall Green)	26.89	3-1
2012	Warning Sign	Droopys Scolari – Dooey Lemon	Darren Whitton (Henlow)	26.96	4-1

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THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLD CUP

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
1985	Nippy Law	Lax Law - Law Fancy	Geoffrey De Mulder - Oxford	27.04	13-8f
1986	Cannon Roe	Glenroe Hiker - Westmead Rhythm	Mel Bass - Unattached	27.13	11-2
1987	Fairway Wink	Ballyheigue Moon - Hold Your Wink	Bertie Gaynor - Hall Green	27.07	8-1
1988	Money Matters	Glenroe Hiker - Money Rings	Geoffrey De Mulder - Hall Green	26.81 TR	11-2
1989	Castleivy Mick	Moral Support - Rambling Florist	Freda Greenacre - Unattached	27.49	4-1
1990	Kilcurley Coal	Moneypoint Coal - Victoria Range	John McGee - Hackney	26.97	13-2
1991	Seafield Quest	I'm Slippy - Irenes Whisper	Marlene Westwood - Peterborough	26.80	3-1
1992	Lackabane Tap	Tapwatcher - Airhill Foam	Geoff Goodwin - Unattached	27.43	4-1
1994	Freds Flyer	Whisper Wishes - Roving Linda	Bill Masters - Hove	27.29	2-1
1995	Self Made	Greenpark Fox - She Who Dares	Maurice Massey - Oxford	27.30	6-4f
1996	Clean Paws	Arrow House - Mustnt Grumble	Lorraine King - Peterborough	27.44	11-8f
1997	Silver Circle	Slippy Blue - Untidy Ann	Andy Heyes - Unattached	27.09	7-2
1998	Reactabond Gold	Super Hoffman - Dear Liza	Paul Young - Harlow	26.94	7-4f
1999	Crack Off	Mountleader Peer - Highsted Rose	Brian Clemenson - Hove	27.09	9-2
2000	El Boss	Pepes Dilemma - Bid You Joy	Linda Mullins - Walthamstow	27.15	1-1f
2001	El Ronan	Staplers Jo - Freds Flame	Charlie Lister - Unattached	27.10	4-6f
2002	Bomber Graham	Top Honcho - Faultless Quest	Jimmy Gibson - Belle Vue	26.90	6-4f
2003	Knockeevan Magic	Knockeevan Star - Knockeevan Lucy	Peter Rich - Romford	26.79	5-2
2004	Fire Height Dan	Carlton Bale - September Mist	Mick Puzey - Walthamstow	27.12	6-4f
2005	Roswell Spaceman	Top Honcho - Butterbridge Viv	Mark Wallis - Walthamstow	26.74	7-2
2006	Two Cool Cats	Spiral Nikita - Mural	Andy Heyes - Belle Vue	26.76	10-1
2007	Barnfield Joe	Larkhill Jo - Final Fantasy	Julie Luckhurst - Crayford	26.60	2-1f
2008	Barnfield Joe	Larkhill Jo - Final Fantasy	Julie Luckhurst - Crayford	26.90	4-1
2009	Jolly Poacher	Droopys Cahill - Miss Regina	Richard Yeates - Oxford	26.53	4-6f
2010	Jolly Poacher	Droopys Cahill - Miss Regina	Nick Colton - Oxford/Swindon	26.67	5-2
2011	Jolly Poacher	Droopys Cahill - Miss Regina	Nick Colton - Oxford/Swindon	26.66	4-1
2012	Barnish Booth	Nobooth For Gary - Marys Moment	Kevin Hutton - Swindon	26.91	8-1



Barnfield Joe (Twice Oxfordshire Gold Cup Winner)

THE TWO YEAR OLD PRODUCE STAKES

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Trainer	Time	SP
1957	Highwood Samson	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	28.40	5-4f
1958	Ballyvinitter Lass	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	28.93	5-4f
1959	The Pieces	George Miller (Clapton)	28.40	6-1
1960	Kensington Pioneer	Mrs Marjorie Phipps (Oxford)	29.00	3-1
1961	In Town Tonight	Jim Irving (Private)	28.96	2-5f
1962	Daring Decoy	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	28.91	4-6f
1963	Hebes Choice	Joe Pickering (White City)	28.34	1-2f
1964	Careful Choice	Wally Hardman (Oxford)	28.31	11-2
1965	Corrigeen Prairie	Jim Sherry (Reading)	28.94	5-2
1966	Marvellous Caper	Edward Brennan (Owlerton)	28.36	5-4f
1967	Lucky Me	Len Drewery (Private)	28.02	4-6f
1968	Harry's Oppo	Vicky Holloway (Private)	28.22	3-1
1969	Marton Tim	Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	28.30	5-4f
1970	Glen There	Bernard Cousins (Oxford)	28.28	1-1f
1971	Dactars Speed	Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	28.48	4-5f
1972	Midi Tail	Eddie Moore (Belle Vue)	28.53	2-1f
1973	Cosmic Flash	Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	28.53	8-1
1974	Clear Reason	Mrs D.Clark (Private)	27.50 TR	10-11f
1975	Mitcham Mug	Tom English (Private)	28.09	8-13f

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PALL MALL STAKES

Past Winners

Year	Winner	Sire-Dam	Trainer	Time	SP
1935	Shove Halfpenny	Town Treasure-Princess Karl	Charlie Ashley (Stamford Bridge)	30.97	7-4F
1936	Safe Rock	Danielli-ABC	Fred Wilson (Rochester)	31.01	1-1f
1937	Golden Safeguard	Red Robin-Ellen	Jack Harvey (Harringay)	30.22	7-2
1938	Roeside Creamery	Creamery Border-Deemsters Olive	Joe Harmon (Stamford Bridge)	30.43	4-5f
1945	Shannon Shore	Well Squared-Second Row	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	29.80	7-2
1946	Dante II	Well Squared-Olives Idol	Wilf France (Harringay)	30.36	11-2
1947	Mondays News	Well Squared – Monday Next	Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	30.10	4-6f
1948	Night Breeze	Well Squared – Charity Maid	Stanley Biss (Clapton)	30.03	100-30
1949	Drumgoon Boy	Brainy Fellow – Merry Pearl	Frank Davis (Unattached)	29.71	1-1f
1950	Ballycurren Garrett	Ballycurren Duke –Ballymakeera Keeper	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	30.02	7-4
1951	Westbourne	Mad Tanist - Wetherell	Norman Merchant (Unattached)	29.97	10-1
1952	Marsh Harrier	Mad Tanist – Misty	William Mills (Unattached)	29.82	11-10f
1953	Home Luck	Trevs Cutter – Queens Wood	Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	29.49	5-1
1954	Rushton Mac	Rushton News – Rushton Panda	Frank Johnson (Unattached)	30.24	1-1f
1955	Duet Leader	Rushton News – Derryluskin Lady	Tommy Reilly (Walthamstow)	29.42	8-13f
1956	Silent Worship	The Grand Champion – Miss Chaucer	Johnny Bassett (Monmore)	29.42	5-1
1957	Clara Prince	The Grand Champion – Quare Princess	Paddy McEvoy (Clapton)	29.44	6-5f
1958	Pigalle Wonder	Champion Prince – Prairie Peg	Jim Syder (Wembley)	29.03	11-10f
1959	Milebush Pride	The Grand Champion – Witching Dancer	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	29.26	1-5f
1960	Clonalvy Pride	Solar Prince - Asmena	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	30.18	100-30
1961	Jockeys Glen	Knock Hill Chieftain – Just Peggy	Frank Sanderson (Unattached)	29.15	6-4
1962	Hurry On King	Northern King – Orions Colleen Bawn	Tom Johnston (West Ham)	29.67	5-2
1963	Cahara Rover	Paddle First – Cabara Lass	Joe De Mulder (Unattached)	29.74	6-4f
1964	Poor Linda	Hi There – Kilcomney Queen	George Waterman (Wimbledon)	29.70	5-2
1965	Clonmannon Flash	Prairie Flash – Dainty Sister	Ron Hookway (Sheffield)	29.41	2-5f
1966	Dusty Trail	Printers Present - Dolores Daughter	Paddy Milligan (Unattached)	29.40	2-5f
1967	Castle Fame	Prairie Flash - Here She Comes	Joe Pickering (White City)	29.48	6-1
1968	Local Motive	Shanes Legacy - Mistaken Minnie	Jack Kinsley (Wembley)	28.86	15-2
1969	Bread Soda	Shanes Legacy - Like It	Willie Wilson (Sheffield)	28.80	20-1
1970	Moordyke Spot	Newdown Heather - Nelsons Farewell	Stan Martin (Wimbledon)	28.74	4-6f
1971	Camira Story	Sallys Story - Why Wonder	Adam Jackson (Clapton)	28.88	5-1
1972	Forest Nobe	Prince Of Roses - Forest Brown	Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	28.85	16-1
1973	Carraig Shane	Shanes Legacy - Carrigane Lassie	John Lancashire (Unattached)	28.57	1-1f
1974	Blackwater Champ	Monalee Champion - Athnid	Peter Payne (Unattached)	28.53	7-1
1975	My Diowry	Handy Valley - Black Highbird	Pam Heasman (Unattached)	29.11	4-1
1976	Gin And Jass	Kilbeg Kuda - Liberty Bell	Dave Drinkwater (Rye House)	28.81	3-1
1977	Greenfield Fox	Burgess Heather - Skipping Chick	Ted Dickson (Slough)	28.71	11-4
1978	Ballinderry Moth	Kilbelin Style - Skipping Chick	Barney O'Connor (Walthamstow)	28.80	100-30
1979	Sampsons Pal	Blessington Boy - Jacqueline's Pal	Pat Mullins (Unattached)	28.91	7-2
1980	Lift Coming	Sunvalley Star - Brilliant Mind	Dick Hawkes (Walthamstow)	28.94	3-1j
1981	Creamery Pat	Monalee Hiker - Young Speech	Ron Chamberlain (Unattached)	28.62	7-1
1982	Sugarville Pat	Cairville Jet - Cairville Jet	John Honeysett (Crayford)	28.58	8-1
1983	Yankee Express	Pecos Jerry - Kings Comet	George Curtis (Hove)	28.55	4-5f
1984	Game Ball	Sand Man - Stay In Business	Jerry Fisher (Reading)	28.23	11-10f
1985	Hong Kong Mike	Knockrour Slave - Amalthea	Ray Andrews (Belle Vue)	28.35	11-10f
1986	Tico	The Stranger - Derry Linda	Arthur Hitch (Slough)	28.45	7-4f
1987	Forest Fawn	Special Account - Mauramitch	Bert Hill (Unattached)	29.06	7-1

(Harringay 1939-1987)

THE CESAREWITCH

Past Winners

1928	Dicks Son	Beaded Cock – Una II	Tom Fear (White City)	34.38	6-4j
1929	Five Of Hearts	Jamie – Fancy Girl V	Thomas Cudmore (Wembley)	34.82	1-4f
1930	Mick The Miller	Glorius Event – Na Boc Lei	Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	34.11	1-7f
1931	Future Cutlet	Mutton Cutlet – Wary Guide	Sidney Probert (Wimbledon)	34.03	10-11f
1932	Future Cutlet	Mutton Cutlet – Wary Guide	Sidney Probert (Wimbledon)	34.11	2-7f
1933	Elsell	My Jim - Euphemia	William Dixon (White City)	34.22	100-7
1934	Brilliant Bob	Other Days – Birchfield Bessie	Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	33.80	9-2
1935	Grand Flight II	Naughty Jack Horner – Little Fawn Biddy	Jim Syder (Wembley)	33.97	33-1
1936	Ataxy	Inler – Gosha Bead	Leslie Reynolds (White City)	31.24	2-1
1937	Jesmond Cutlet	Beef Cutlet – Lady Eleanor	Dal Hawkesley (West Ham)	34.56	11-4
1938	Ballyjoker	Beef Cutlet – Jeanne Of Waterhall	Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	34.02	3-1
1945	Hurry Kitty	Castledown Lade – Brilliant Gay	William Mills (Unattached)	31.26	5-4f
1946	Col Skookurn	Keel Creamery – Cordial Choice	Sidney Orton (Wimbledon)	31.28	4-1
1947	Red Tan	Tanist – Double Classic	Tom Baldwin (Perry Barr)	31.30	12-1
1948	Local Interprize	Ruby Border – Mythical Daisy	Stanley Biss (Clapton)	30.88	11-4jf
1949	Drumgoon Boy	Brainy fellow – Merry Pearl	Frank Davis (Unattached)	30.71	4-9f
1950	Quare Customer	Mad Tanist – Queen Of Song	Leslie Reynolds (Wimbledon)	30.80	11-10f
1951	Prisona Luath	Bellas Prince – Miss Mona	Bob Burls (Wembley)	33.77	10-11f
1952	Shaggy Swank	Shaggy Lad – Local Swank	Tom Lightfoot (Unattached)	34.03	5-1
1953	Magourma Reject	Astras Son – Saucy Dame	Tommy Reilly (Walthamstow)	33.34	1-4f
1954	Matchlock	Bellas Beech – Rose Of Cooleeney	Ted Brennan (Sheffield)	33.03	7-2
1955	Gulf Of Darien	Imperial Dancer – Dorothy Ann	Jack Harvey (Wimbledon)	32.99	4-6f
1956	Coming Champion	Champion Prince – Capalata	Jim Syder (Wembley)	33.02	9-2
1957	Scoutbush	Baytown Coak – Creevy Lily	Bob Burls (Wembley)	33.05	7-4f
1958	Rylane Pleasure	Man Of Pleasure – Knockrour Favourite	Jack Harvey (Wimbledon)	33.06	3-1
D/H	Pigalle Wonder	Champion Prince – Prairie Peg	Jim Syder (Wembley)	33.06	8-11f
1959	Mile Bush Pride	The Grand Champion – Witching Dancer	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	32.66	2-7f
1960	Rostown Genius	The Grand Genius – Rostown Lady	Joe Pickering (White City)	33.29	2-1
1961	Prairie Flash	Hi There – Prairie Peg	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	32.91	9-4
1962	Dromin Glory	Hi There- Dromin Jet	Johnny Bassett (Clapton)	32.97	11-10f
1963	Jahu II	Demon King – Kings Lady	Gordon Hodson (White City)	33.15	9-4
1964	Clifden Orbit	The Grand Prince – Pink View	Tom Johnston (West Ham)	33.08	4-1
1965	Lucky Montforte	Hi There – Fairy Julia	Johnny Bassett (Unattached)	33.00	5-1
1966	Rostown Victor	Rostown Genius – British Queen	Tom Johnston (West Ham)	34.06	66-1
1967	Silver Hope	Clonalvy Pride – Mile Hawthorn	Paddy Keane (Clapton)	32.99	2-1j
1968	Deen Valley	Lucky Wonder – Ardra Lassie	Paddy Keane (Clapton)	33.29	4-5f
1969	Cals Pick	Any Harm – Flying Cherry	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	32.98	6-4j
1970	Gleneagle Comedy	Maryville Hi – Her Nibs	Ron Hookway (Sheffield)	33.25	10-1
1971	Whisper Billy	Crazy Society – My Goodness	Charlie Coyle (Unattached)	33.45	50-1
1972	Westmead Lane	Clonalvy Pride – Cricket Dancer	Nick Savva (Unattached)	51.65	11-4
1973	Country Maiden	Spectre – Lazy Pet	Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	52.46	5-2
1974	Westbrook Quinn	Myross Again – Abbey Holly	John Coulter (Unattached)	52.17	7-2
1975	Silver Sceptre	Maryville Hi – Trojan Major	Reg Young (Milton Keynes)	52.31	4-1
1976	Moy Summer	Skyhawk – Meronome	Ernest Bamford (Belle Vue)	51.32	16-1
1977	Montrean	Moodyke Spot – Avondale	Ernest Bamford (Belle Vue)	51.64	4-6f
1978	Sporting Blue	Baylough Jet – Real Proud	Harry Crapper (Sheffield)	51.20	7-2
1979	Roystons Supreme	Supreme Fun – Greenhill Fairy	Adam Jackson (Wembley)	51.47	7-4
1980	Linkside Liquor	Westmead Champ – Derby Liquor	Gordon Bailey (Yarmouth)	51.22	3-1
1981	Kinda Friendly	Friendly Spectre – Angel Eyes	Ernie Gaskin (Unattached)	52.68	7-4f
1982	Liga Lad	Law Lad – Jims Girl	David Vaas (Unattached)	51.83	6-4j
1983	Jos Gamble	Ballydonnell Sam – Fealside Beauty	Jerry Fisher (Reading)	50.90	5-2
1984	Mobile Bank	Sand Man – Banks Best	Ernie Gaskin (Unattached)	52.92	7-4f
1985	Scurlogue Champ	Sand Man – Old Rip	George Drake (Unattached)	54.62	1-3f
1986	Yankees Shadow	Cosmic Sailor – Kings Lace	George Curtis (Hove)	54.90	4-7f
1987	Role Of Fame	Sand Man – Cashelmara	Arthur Hitch (Wimbledon)	52.41	1-7f
1988	Proud To Run	Mathews World – Run With Pride	Harry White (Canterbury)	56.23	7-1
1989	Minnies Siren	Easy And Slow – Fenmians Minnie	Kenny Linzell (Walthamstow)	56.03	6-4f
1990	Carlsberg Champ	Ballyregan Bob – Chocolate Satin	Barry Silkman (Unattached)	55.50	5-4f
1991	Wayzgoose	Manorville Major – Comeragh Larch	Dick Hawkes (Walthamstow)	55.30	20-1
1992	Zap	Murlens Slippy – Synons Crest	Alan Honeyfield (Perry Barr)	55.44	12-1
1993	Killenagh Dream	Dads Bank – Killenagh Lady	Charlie Lister (Stainforth)	55.21	20-1
1994	Sandollar Louie	Manorville Magic – Im A Survivor	Kevin Connor (Canterbury)	55.20	10-1
1995	Ballarue Minx	Greenpark Fox – Ballarue Suzy	Bill Masters (Hove)	45.98	5-4
1996	Elbony Rose	Kildare Flash – Traffic Lights II	Nick Savva (Walthamstow)	45.90	11-10f
1997	Tralee Crazy	Ratify – Dennys Daisy	Nick Savva (Walthamstow)	45.69	1-2f
1998	Fourth Ace	Minnies Poacher – Ballygrooby	Barry Wileman (Perry Barr)	47.01	9-4
1999	Bubbly Prince	Frightful Flash – Kens Dilemma	Patsy Cusack (Crayford)	45.90	4-6f
2000	Lady Jean	Jacks Captain – Shades Of Sarah	Ken Tester (Crayford)	45.63	11-8f

West Ham 1928- 1977 Belle Vue 1978-1994 Catford 1995 -2000

THE TRAFALGAR PUPPY CUP

Past Winners

1929	So Green	Running Rein – Salsette	Jim Syder (Wembley)	30.48	
1930	Seldom Led	Society Boy – Pity	Wally Green (West Ham)	30.76	
1931	Wild Woolley	Hautley – Wild Witch	Jack Rimmer (White City/Man)	30.84	
1932	Mikado Beauty	Hertford – Little Fawn Bidy	Jim Syder (Wembley)	31.02	
1933	Grey Raca	Barna Maghery – Maesydd Mischief	Johnny Bullock (Harringay)	30.86	
1934	Blacklion Favourite	Drumcro – Jinnie Pride		30.93	
1935	Eskell	Elsell – Eskbank		30.55	
1936	Grosvenor Bob	Olden Hammer – Wonderful Expression	Jim Syder (Wembley)	30.22	2-1
1937	Quarter Day	Lawyers Fee- House Keeper	Joe Harmon (Wimbledon)	30.62	7-2
1938	Gayhunter	Dans Leg - Trianon Lass	Patrick McKinney (Carntyne)	30.44	5-2
1941	Laughing Lieutenant	Beef Cutlet – Maid Of Tenby	Bert Heyes (White City)	30.12	7-4f
1942	Jubilee Time	Fine Jubilee – Winning Time	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	30.97	11-4
1943	Dark Tiger	Tiger Jazz – See The Light	Bill Higgins (Oxford)	30.18	9-2
1944	Wandering Lad	Kilrea Lad – Mildas Jason	Stanley Biss (Clapton)	30.12	100-7
1945	Ballymac Tanist	Tanist – Ramolas Pet Again	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	29.68	6-4f
1946	Shadowlands Delight	Wireless Delight – Shadowlands Sirius	I.M.Regan (Private)	30.20	11-8
1947	Mad Birthday	Mad Tanist – Bellas Bloom	Stanley Biss (Clapton)	29.73	11-8
1948	Baytown Colonel	Baytown Cuckoo – Baytown Crow	Stanley Biss (Clapton)	29.73	9-4
1949	Ballycurren Garrett	Ballycurren Duke – Ballymakeera Keeper	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	30.39	10-1
1950	Rushton Smutty	Mad Tanist – Summer Frock	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	30.00	11-4
1951	Magourna Reject	Astras Son – Saucy Dame	Noreen Collin (Walthamstow)	29.81	2-5f
1952	Galtee Cleo	Sandown Champion – Cleopatra	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	29.39	5-4
1953	Pauls Fun	Sandown Champion – All Fun	Leslie Reynolds (Wembley)	29.49	10-1
1954	Golden Sail	Maddest Neighbour – Merry Mistake	G Crussell (Private)	29.71	6-1
1955	Our Tim II	Endless Gossip – Hanslope Jean	Joe Pickering (New Cross)	29.78	6-1
1956	Highwood Sovereign	Westbourne – Pretty Miss Amber	G Smith (Clapton)	29.67	7-2
1957	Deep River	Baytown Coak – Newhill Primrose	Bob Burls (Wembley)	29.62	7-4
1958	Joys Prince	Smalltown – Fancy Fawn	George Waterman (Wimbledon)	30.03	20-1
1959	Duleek Dandy	Flash Jack – Flower Of Duleek	Bill Dash (Private)	29.72	11-4
1960	Ballinsloe Blondie	Northern King – Ballinasloe Chicken	Jack Harvey (Wembley)	29.95	7-4
1961	Little Archie	Flash Jack – Little Jangler	Harry Parsons (Crayford)	30.09	5-1
1962	Sugarloaf Scott	Fearless Mac – Nellies Unit	Phil Rees (Clapton)	29.67	1-1f
1963	Fear O	Man Of Pleasure – Summer	Pam Heasman (Private)	29.30	10-1
1964	Double March	Buffalo Bill – Racing On	M Sanderson (Private)	29.35	4-1
1965	Ling Bird	The Grand Canal – Cheeky Ciss	Tommy Reilly (Walthamstow)	29.42	4-9f
1966	Lucky Me	Hook Chieftain – Avenue East	Tommy Reilly (Walthamstow)	29.33	5-1
1967	King Cheata	Jamie Serra – Madam Cheata	Barney O'Connor (Walthamstow)	29.94	16-1
1968	Active Host	Faithful Hope – Painting Rosedale	Paddy McEvoy (Wimbledon)	29.73	2-1
1969	Sherwood Glen	Maryville Hi – Bresheen Umm	Joe Booth (Private)	29.47	5-4f
1970	Todos Kingpin	Hi Express – Lough Sillan Girl	Jack Durkin (Walthamstow)	29.67	10-1
1971	Todos Imp	Hi Express – Estelles Folly	David Geggus (Walthamstow)	29.56	14-1
1972	Stow Welcome	Own Pride – Miss Equal	Barney O'Connor (Walthamstow)	29.44	2-1j
1973	Coin Case	Finolas Yarn – Lovely Silk	Charlie Smoothy (Clapton)	29.55	1-5f
1974	Pineapple Grand	The Grand Silver – Pineapple Baby	Frank Baldwin (Perry Barr)	29.08	1-5f
1975	The Snow Queen	Right O'Myross – Ballybeg Model	Sid Ryall (Wembley)	29.34	6-4f
1976	Hunsdon Pride	Monalee Pride – Offshore Spec	David Geggus (Walthamstow)	29.33	11-2
1977	Homely Girl	Kudas Honour – Our House	Geoffrey De Mulder (Hall Green)	29.30	3-1
1978	Offshore Diver	Bright Lad – Offshore Spec	Charlie Coyle (Private)	29.32	12-1
1979	Trinas Girl	Myrtown – Trina Ceili	Edna Wearing (Bletchley)	29.53	3-1
1980	Sailor May	Shamrock Sailor – Ellie May	David Kinchett (White City)	29.45	10-11f
1981	Careless Dragon	Dragonara – Aileen Alanna	James Morgan (Oxford)	29.24	11-8f
1982	Mt Keffe Star	Nameless Star – Hi Land Peg	Geoffrey De Mulder (Coventry)	29.35	7-1
1983	Glenamona	Thurles Yard – Lady Clonad	Maurice Buckland (Cradley Heath)	29.52	9-2
1984	Debbies Time	Killaclug Jet – Debbies Darkey	Paddy Hancox (Hall Green)	29.34	2-1f
1985	Ticketys Gift	Armagh Rocket – Gabrielle	Geoffrey De Mulder (Private)	29.36	10-11f
1986	Trans Brandy	Knockrour Slave – Shelley	Ernie Gaskin (Private)	29.70	16-1
1987	Fearless Ace	Mt Keffe Star – Sarahs Bunny	Geoffrey De Mulder (Private)	29.06	7-2
1988	Alley Bally	Alleys Blue – Penmaric	Terry Dartnall (Wembley)	28.96	7-2
1989	Saucy Ben	Hot Sauce Yankee – Blazing City	Tom Foster (Wimbledon)	29.99	7-1
1990	Madison Supreme	Odell Supreme – Donoughmore Rose	Barry Silkman (Private)	29.36	7-2
1991	Claymor Spot	Black Tango – Latchstring	Bob Gilling (Reading)	29.32	2-1
1992	Gara Paint	Curryhills Gara - Paint And Powder	Norah McEllistrim (Wimbledon)	29.30	7-2
1993	Affadown Tony	Ballyard Hoffman – Aghadown Heather	Nikki Adams (Canterbury)	29.48	7-2
1994	Trade Exchange	Greenpark Fox – Trade Gold	Tony Taylor (Private)	29.16	7-4f
1995	Clear Prospect	Deerpark Jim – Clear Issue	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	29.58	20-1
1996	Listen To This	Itsallovernow – Danielles Lady	Chris Duggan (Walthamstow)	29.35	6-4j
1997	Ground Zero	Slaneyside Hare – Glue Vixen	Geoffrey De Mulder (Private)	28.85	2-9f
1998	El Cantor	Westmead Merlin – Tullig Choice	Linda Mullins (Walthamstow)	29.30	4-1

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250	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
START AGAIN	15.61	James Morgan	25.03.77
TONAPANDY	15.31	Maurice Massey	03.02.79
BALLYBEG SAILOR	15.29	Vicky Holloway	1984
WESTMEAD ACCOUNT	15.28	Terry Atkins	05.10.85
HARDY CHAMP	15.10	Geoff DeMulder	23.11.85
RAPID MOVER	15.10	John Wiseman	23.06.87
DEBBYS LAD	14.96	Tony Meek	28.10.88
KIRKS LATE AGAIN	14.95	Gloria Stringer	10.05.05
BALLYMAC GLORIA	14.88	Nick Colton	14.03.06
BLONDE CHICO	14.76	John Mullins	12.06.07
JACKSHEABOY	14.71	Afzal Ali	08.04.08
MISS LEE	14.65	David Pruhs	24.03.09
450	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
CLEAR REASON	27.50	Mrs Dorin Clark	12.07.74
BY CHANCE	27.32	Henry Kibble	03.10.75
DALE SILVER	27.30	James Morgan	04.05.76
OULARTWICK KYBO	27.19	Unknown	1976
GREENFIELD FOX	27.18	Terry O'Sullivan	04.10.77
RATHDUFF SPRING	27.13	Geoff DeMulder	07.10.77
RATHDUFF SPRING	27.03	Geoff DeMulder	14.10.77
FIRST GENERAL	26.97	Tommy Johnston	05.10.79
NIPPY LAW	26.90	Geoff De Mulder	29.09.84
PARKERS SAGE	26.89	Bertie Gaynor	28.09.85
LOCAL FAN	26.87	Derek Law	28.06.88
MONEY MATTERS	26.81	Geoff De Mulder	27.08.88
FEARLESS ACE	26.80	Theo Mentzis	25.03.89
CARMELS PRINCE	26.72	Michael Compton	20.10.90
DROOPYS ERIC	26.64	Henry Tasker	14.03.98
SESKIN JUDY	26.62	Angie Kibble	17.03.98
LETS GO EBBY	26.61	Tony Meek	17.03.98
FARLOE CLUB	26.57	Terry Dartnall	17.03.00
DROOPYS KEEGAN	26.57	Brian Clemenson	09.12.03
PARAMOUNT SILVER	26.37	Paul Liddle	01.04.05
UP FOR SAM	26.20	Carol Weatherall	11.02.10
595	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
BLACK TOTO	37.51	Gilly Hepden	24.05.01
GRACEFUL AMY	37.34	Steve Davis	29.05.01
MAGPIE EXPRESS	36.91	Ron Bicknell	23.06.01
EL TARA	36.75	Angie Kibble	14.08.01
EASY DILEMMA	36.70	Angie Kibble	17.08.02
GREENACRE LIN	36.36	Brian Clemenson	20.05.04
LITTLE HONCHO	36.18	Linda Pruhs	05.02.05
BOWER TURBO	35.87	Richard Yeates	25.03.08

645	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
BLACK BEETLE	40.93	Henry Kibble	11.05.76
HUNSCOTE DAN	40.80	Brian Price	31.05.76
BLACK BEETLE	40.21	Henry Kibble	08.06.76
HUNSCOTE DAN	40.19	Brian Price	07.09.76
BALLYBEG DELIGHT	39.92	Vicky Holloway	13.10.79
LUGWARDINE LORD	39.70	Ann Finch	07.10.86
RUN FREE	39.46	Tony Meek	11.11.86
AZTEC SUN	39.39	Nick Savva	22.03.98
BLACK PEAR	39.36	Wayne Wrighting	05.08.04
PRIMITIVE WAY	38.98	David Pruhs	25.03.08
845	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
DONOVANS BAR	54.61	Des Ellington	1975
ASKINVILLAR KING	54.29	J Hammond	18.03.77
GAN ON RITA	54.19	Ted Dickson	10.11.79
GAN ON RITA	53.90	Ted Dickson	25.04.80
CRICKETS DELIGHT	53.49	Vicky Holloway	17.09.82
JAROADEL	52.91	Bertie Gaynor	20.08.86
TRALEE CRAZY	52.16	Nick Savva	22.03.98
450 hurdles	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
RIGHT ARKLE	28.42	Ted Dickson	10.11.79
HUNDAY DOSS	28.35	Unknown	1980
SHYAN TRADER	28.19	Phil Rees	1980
TOM VIEW YARD	28.19	Unknown	1981
CUSHIE SANDY	28.19	Paddy McEvoy	02.04.82
GROWING POWER	28.05	Norah McEllistram	1983
BURGESS ROCKET	27.85	James Morgan	05.10.85
TRELAWNEY	27.81	Vicky Holloway	18.02.87
CYGNET MAN	27.49	Tommy Foster	10.01.89
FAOIDES COUNTRY	27.47	Terry Kibble	24.08.91
LORD PAT	27.34	Ron Bicknell	07.03.00
ENJOY YOUR LUCK	27.32	Jason Foster	18.07.00
BORN TO GO	27.25	Tommy Foster	14.08.01
DRUIDS MICKEY JO	27.12	Seamus Cahill	05.04.05
645 hurdles	Time	Trainer	Date
Greyhound			
KEEN FOWLER	41.89	Andy Agnew	14.05.82
MONARCH TOM	41.63	Norah McEllistram	19.01.85
TRAP FLIER	41.45	Norah McEllistram	19.07.88
MIXER MICK	41.17	Gordon Hodson	25.10.88
CYGNET MAN	40.96	Tommy Foster	07.02.89
BOZY BLUE BLAZE	40.94	John Mullins	06.02.01



Lord Pat (trap 3) breaks the track record in 2000 for trainer Ron Bicknell over the hurdles.

ORIGINAL TRACK RECORDS

310			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
HUNTING CASTLE	17.86	Bill Higgins	10.04.39
OLDCASTLETOWN HOPE	17.52	Jimmy Rimmer	13.04.39
MANHATTAN MERCURY	17.48	Bill Savage	19.05.39
HOT KNIGHT	17.44	Philip Dooley	27.06.39
JOHN REAPER	17.36	Jack Young	20.09.40
GALTEE HAM	17.36	Bill Davies	09.11.40
GALTEE HAM	17.28	Bill Davies	23.11.40
BLACK INVASION	17.26	Bill Higgins	24.05.47
475			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
LORD PETER	27.88	Jack Young	24.03.45
SOUND TOUCH	27.59	Jack Young	07.04.45
ANGLESEY ANGEL	27.45	Paddy Boyle	14.06.45
SPECIAL DISPLAY	27.40	1945	1945
PLEASE PETER	27.39	G Scadgell	05.08.46
PLEASE PETER	27.22	G Scadgell	05.08.46
RUSHBROOKE BOB	27.04	Stan Raymond	23.08.46
525			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
CONNORS COMPANY	30.05	Paddy Mullins	14.04.39
GROSVENOR FRIENDSHIP	30.05	Jim Syder	26.07.40
MUCH JAY	29.99	Bill Davies	13.06.41
WHITEY MARSH	29.95	Jack Young	10.03.45
GARNAMAN INVADER	29.85	Bill Higgins	17.03.45
WINNIE OF BERROW	29.84	Joe Farrand	20.07.45
GOOD WEST END	29.84	Bill Higgins	28.04.46
RYANS ROSE	29.78	Jack Young	17.05.46
LATEST SURPRISE	29.55	K Shennan	16.08.47
735			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
DUKE McNAB	42.80	Bill Davies	10.04.39dh
COURTENAY NIGGER	42.80	Paddy Mullins	10.04.39dh
MILTON MAGGIE	42.25	Culley	21.04.39
NAZEING AMBITIOUS	43.39	Unknown	1946
MISCHIEVOUS RED	43.20	C Crowley	20.08.46
MAYFAIR MITE	42.92	Leslie Reynolds	26.06.48
525 hurdles			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
BRINDLED BEGGAR	30.91	Culley	30.06.39
GYPSY WIN	30.82	W Franks	26.04.43
WHAT A LAD	30.70	Jack Young	25.09.43
BAYTOWN BROUGHAM	30.60	Bill Higgins	21.04.45

290			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
GOLDEN MONARCH II	16.26	Mrs.V.Bevis	17.07.48
GORTNAGORY	16.16	P.J.Power	18.09.48
455			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
EARL OF KILALLY	26.22	Reg Holland	24.07.48
LUCKY STOKER	26.15	Bill Gigg	24.08.48
KNOCKER'S LATEST	26.00	J.P.H.Bott	07.09.48
500			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
COLIN RANGER	28.60	Norman Merchant	3.07.48
PEMBROKE FAIR	28.32	Jack Young	06.07.48
PATSYS RECORD	28.24	Fred Farey	13.07.48
PEMBROKE FAIR	28.15	Jack Young	13.07.48
DON GIPSEY	28.04	Leslie Reynolds	14.09.48
KENSINGTON PERFECTION	28.25*	Bill Higgins	11.05.54
LAURADELLA CHAMPION	28.19	Unknown	1963
LINDSAY SUE	28.12	Henry Kibble	20.08.65
TONY'S BLAZE	28.10	Frank White	20.08.65
ORPHAN SWAN	28.10	Paddy McEvoy	27.08.65
THATS AIRY	28.01	Geoff DeMulder	19.08.66
LAUGHING FLAME	27.94	Peter Collett	19.08.66
TELL NOBODY	27.88	Eric Adkins	19.08.66
LUCKY ME	27.87	Len Drewery	04.07.67
LUCKY ME	27.79	Len Drewery	07.07.67
BILLY THE MINK	27.74	Cutler	18.08.67
DISCRETIONS	27.70	David Geggus	23.08.68
715			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
NORTHAM STAR	41.18	Leslie Reynolds	06.07.48
COME UP FIRST	40.72	Bob Burls	13.07.48
CARMEN LAD	40.95*	Unknown	09.08.64
LOYAL BLUE	40.89	George Waterman	03.05.63
915			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
JESTERS KING	54.54		07.04.64
500 hurdles			
Greyhound	Time	Trainer	Date
MUNCROSS DAN	29.95	Hugh Kennedy	26.08.49
OUTLAW O'LEER	29.59	J.H.Chadwick	19.06.54
OUTLAW O'LEER	29.48	J.H.Chadwick	27.05.55
DREALISTOWN LEADER	29.60*	Ernie Westcott	03.05.63

*After introduction of ray-timing