

# Walthamstow Wolves

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Club information	
Track address	Walthamstow Stadium Chingford Road Walthamstow London
Country	England
Founded	1934
Closed	1951
Club facts	
Colours	Blue and White
Track size	282 yards
Major team honours	
	









The **Walthamstow Wolves** were a Speedway team which operated from 1934 and again from 1949 until their closure in 1951. <sup>[1]</sup>

The club opened in 1934 when Lea Bridge were forced to find a new venue. The Wolves competed in the National League but were forced to relocate again at the end of the season due to noise complaints. They moved to the Hackney Wick Stadium as the Hackney Wick Wolves. <sup>[2]</sup>

In 1949 saw the track join the National League Division Two but struggled to attract good crowds, situated between Division one tracks at West Ham and Harringay. The team raced for three years but finally closed in 1951 due to declining attendance and complaints of noise from local residents.

The track itself can still be seen but has been covered in tarmac for easier maintenance of the greyhound racing track. However the stadium has been sold and the site is to be redeveloped.

## Notable Walthamstow riders

-  Dick Case
-  Dusty Haigh
-  George Newton
-  Jim Boyd
-  Benny King
-  Harry Edwards
-  Pete Lansdale
-  Archie Windmill

<http://www.defunctspeedway.co.uk/Walthamstow.htm>

The above site has some nice pictures of the Wolves and the Stow

<http://www.grehoundderby.com/Walthamstow%20Wolves.htm>

Another interesting site containing Wolves information

[http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.cyclespeedwayvets.org.uk/arch\\_imgs/section2/thumbnails/arcthn\\_2014.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.cyclespeedwayvets.org.uk/arch\\_html/arc\\_sect2/vcsra\\_arc\\_sect2.html&usq=\\_Fcm7fwn6l9guGIDN5dg43U-R8C8=&h=91&w=118&sz=6&hl=en&start=6&sig2=1JplWoq2Bc2p091fxxZetw&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=cmf\\_RdjzGhdOxM:&tbnh=68&tbnw=88&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dwalthamstow%2Bwolves%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DN%26tbs%3Disch:1%26prmd%3Dm&ei=f8cLTNjPAo2K\\_AaMkdjWDw](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.cyclespeedwayvets.org.uk/arch_imgs/section2/thumbnails/arcthn_2014.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.cyclespeedwayvets.org.uk/arch_html/arc_sect2/vcsra_arc_sect2.html&usq=_Fcm7fwn6l9guGIDN5dg43U-R8C8=&h=91&w=118&sz=6&hl=en&start=6&sig2=1JplWoq2Bc2p091fxxZetw&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=cmf_RdjzGhdOxM:&tbnh=68&tbnw=88&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dwalthamstow%2Bwolves%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DN%26tbs%3Disch:1%26prmd%3Dm&ei=f8cLTNjPAo2K_AaMkdjWDw)



July 1958 Walthamstow Wolves with the National Team Trophy.

Photographed after the final against Tolworth Tudors at Hungerford.

Left to right, Ronnie Gibbons, Terry Greenaway, Malcolm Bell, up aloft holding the Trophy Roy Archie, Sid Tomlyn, Alan Risley, Pete Fraser, not in the picture, Stan Stevens who had to rush off to motor speedway commitment



GEARY, Dick - Born: St. Albans, Hertfordshire 19 March 1917

First rode for West Ham in 1938 before the war interrupted his progress. Resumed with the Hammers after the war but found the going tough and dropped down a league to join the Tigers in June 1946. Scored 97 league points before moving to Wigan during 1947. Had further spells with Fleetwood and Walthamstow before retiring.

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**Dick Geary had his first ride at the Smallford Track in 1937 and rode for West Ham in 1938. During the war he served in the RAF as an Air Gunner-Navigator and reached the rank of Flight Lieutenant.**

**After the war he rode for West Ham, Sheffield, Wigan and Fleetwood before joining Walthamstow in 1949.**

