

Kinsley

Kinsley is situated between Leeds and Doncaster and is described a large village. Dominating the village is a recreational area that contains a football pitch and park on one side of the Wakefield Road and the greyhound track on the other just south of Redland Crescent.

The track had always been a quiet flapper with a mining background built to serve the mining village in 1939. After the war the track could accommodate a maximum of 3,500 spectators but was limited in attracting this amount of patronage due to the fact that there were so many other more prominent tracks in the area at the time.

Independent racing details included the fact that there was a fully licenced bar and racing was conducted on Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 7pm. Trials were held on a Sunday and both five dog handicap and level break races were held over 342, 457 and 700 yards. There was an inside hare and an all grass track with a watering system.

Little changed for decades, yards changed to metres resulting in distances of 315, 422 and 647 and the track changed to all sand in the seventies. Thursday evenings were added to the existing two nights racing.

Changes began to surface in 1985 when John Curran and Keith Murrell took over the running of the track. Improvements were brought in and a general upgrade of the facilities followed. Distances were changed to 100, 260, 330, 460 & 630 metres, an inside Sumner was put in and competition were introduced called the Kinsley Greyhound Derby that offered a staggering £20,000 eclipsing many of the top NGRC races. A computer tote was in operation and twelve bookmakers stood. A vet was in attendance and there were 48 kennels on site and the Jubilee restaurant offered room for 160 covers. The track was beginning to show all the hallmarks of a regulated circuit. There was even a thriving social club open all week.

Despite the significant stature of the track it was not until 2000 that the decision was finally taken to apply for an NGRC licence. John Curran was still in charge and liaised with NGRC chief executive Frank Melville as the move was made. The new distances were 275, 450, 485 and 656 metres. Curran's business partner was also still Keith Murrell and he would act as Racing Manager until Craig Hunt was brought in to take up the role.

The first meeting was on 15th January 2000 and racing was on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Distances have since changed on two more occasions since and an outside Swaffham hare has been introduced.

In 2002 the Danny Talbot trained Lodgeview Chance scored success when taking the Ladbrokes Gold Cup and in 2010 the track was rewarded by being allocated the 2010 Television Trophy, an event won by Midway Skipper.

In 2011 the Gymcrack was introduced after it switched from Hall Green. The first winner was Nick Colton's Taranis Rex, a black and white dog that also broke the track record in the process.

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Selected Track Records

Distance	Name	Time	Date	Notes	
268m	Precious Moments	16.22	15.06.2010		
	Johnnys Way	16.02	19.07.2011		
270m	Pearses Skip	16.61	20.12.2003		
	Troy Bustino	16.39	17.01.2004		
	Lundhill Dan	16.33	13.03.2004		
	Larkhill Castle	16.22	11.04.2004		
	Droopys Ernest	16.20	05.10.2004		
	Farloe Kinrush	16.08	12.10.2004		
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	Ballyneale Cash	16.05	08.07.2006		
	Russanda Droopy	16.32	20.04.2010		
	275m	Niamh Knows	16.64	03.08.2002	
450m	Farloe Careless	27.80	21.03.2000		
	Frankie My Son	27.23	22.03.2003		
462m	Molly Marina	27.77	15.05.2010		
	Taranis Rex	27.45	03.07.2011	Gymcrack heats	
	Taranis Rex	27.21	19.07.2011	Gymcrack final	
	Freds Champ	27.36	19.07.2011		
	Bandicoot Fionn	27.37	19.07.2011		
	Jaytee Youngy	27.10	10.06.2012		
	465m	Frankie My Son	28.33	27.12.2003	
		Ballyveelish Ace	28.11	10.01.2004	
		Combridge Snowy	28.04	24.01.2004	
		Goreport Bay	27.71	11.04.2004	
Drumwood Rebel		27.66	14.05.2005		
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485m		Ten Simple Minds	28.85	27.07.2002	
650m		Patterdale Rafa	40.78	02.05.2010	
	Nifty Crash	40.39	27.06.2010		
655m	Honchos Cleo	40.99	24.01.2004		
	Star Model	40.39	11.04.2004		
	Weeton Warrior	40.37	12.10.2004		
	Lundhill Flash	40.32	19.03.2005		
	Welers Pet	40.26	06.09.2005		
	656m	Frisby Fassan	41.33	25.09.2001	
Marthas Pipe		40.68	03.09.2002		
844m	Killishin Masai	53.46	15.05.2010		
	Midway Skipper	52.91	15.06.2010	TV Trophy final	
	Bubbly Capel	52.54	26.06.2012		
850m	Baliff Queen	53.63	11.04.2004		
	Top Plan	53.18	07.11.2004		
866m	Spewood Wizard	53.32	28.05.2000		