

Mick The Miller



*The Killeigh greyhound
who became world-famous*

1. Mick The Miller was born on 29th June 1926 at Millbrook House, Killeigh. His owner was parish curate Fr Martin Brophy who had a great passion for greyhounds.



2. When Mick was born, he was the runt of the litter. Michael Greene, who worked for Fr Brophy, insisted on keeping Mick and hand-reared and trained him around Killeigh, up to track-racing age.



3. Mick was the first greyhound to win the English Derby twice in succession. Mick actually won a 3rd time but lost the re-run which had been called due to dogs fighting behind him.



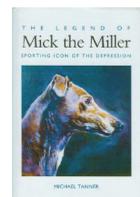
4. Mick is one of that rare breed of sporting greats who outgrew their own sport and became famous in their own right. He was well known even by those who knew little about greyhounds.



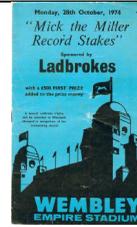
5. Mick was so intelligent, that he knew he didn't have to catch the hare. In a race, he would sit back, take stock of the situation and then make a burst in the last few yards, to pass the dogs beside him.



6. He has had a 240 page book written about him, The Legend Of Mick The Miller by Michael Tanner (published by Highdown in 2003).



7. Between March 19th and August 20th in 1930, Mick won an unprecedented 19 races in a row. This record was not broken until 1974.



8. Days after he passed away (on May 5th 1939), Mick was donated to the British Natural History Museum. He is still on display in the History Museum in Tring, Hertfordshire.



9. In 1999 Royal Doulton Porcelain commissioned statues of Mick, in a limited edition of 7,500. These stood 7½” tall and had a wooden base, box and certificate.



10. Mick won 2 English Greyhound Derbys, the Cesarewitch, the St Leger and the Welsh Derby. In total he won 51 of his 68 races and over £9,000 in prize money.



11. He starred in the film Wild Boy, which was based on his life-story. The film can still be viewed, by appointment only, in selected cinemas in England.



12. Mick set 6 World Records, 1 Track Record and equalled 2 Track Records. Four of his World Records were set in a forty day period between 30th June and 9th August 1930.



In 2011 the Mick The Miller Commemoration Committee successfully unveiled Mick`s statue (which was sculpted by artist Elizabeth O` Kane) on Killeigh village green.



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