

Roger Cearn

Grandson of founder of Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium

Born 1944 in Wanstead, London E11. He is the grandson of WJ Cearn the founder of Wimbledon Stadium and chairman of West Ham United FC, and son of John Cearn who was MD of Wimbledon Stadium. The family lived in Wanstead and so his first visit was when his father took him with him to work. Over 60 years in greyhound racing.

The enormous glass fronted stadium (the largest glass front in Europe at the time) was built in 1956 and the restaurant was renowned for its food – silver service – with a chef that had cooked for Eisenhower during the 2nd World War and then moved to the Ritz before coming to Wimbledon. Roger ran the restaurant and his mother was hostess.

Roger tried to remove the Mick the Miller mosaic but was unable to get it out. His grandfather had it made. He still has the original turnstiles from the stadium. Very knowledgeable about the business dealings behind the Wimbledon Stadium - his father was also chairman of GRA – has lots of ephemera from the stadium and knew all the key people.