



MCC MEDIA GUIDE 2021



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WELCOME TO LORD'S,
THE HOME OF CRICKET.

We hope you enjoy covering matches at Lord's and if you need any assistance during your time at the Ground, please don't hesitate to contact Lauren, Gill, Adam or Zoe in the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Media and Communications Department who will be able to assist you on queries relating to Lord's and/or MCC.



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MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES WITH MCC IN 2021

ENGLAND v PAKISTAN - ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL SERIES:
(Saturday 10 July)

MIDDLESEX v KENT SPITFIRES - VITALITY BLAST:
(Friday 16 July)

LONDON SPIRIT v OVAL INVINCIBLES (DOUBLE HEADER) THE HUNDRED:
(Sunday 25 July) The Hundred arrives at Lord's for the first time, with a London derby to herald the arrival of the new tournament with both the women's and men's matches taking place on the same day.

LONDON SPIRIT v TRENT ROCKETS (DOUBLE HEADER) THE HUNDRED:
(Thursday 29 July)

LONDON SPIRIT v SOUTHERN BRAVE (DOUBLE HEADER) THE HUNDRED:
(Sunday 1 August)

LONDON SPIRIT v NORTHERN SUPERCHARGERS (DOUBLE HEADER) THE HUNDRED:
(Tuesday 3 August)

ENGLAND v INDIA
(Thursday 12 - Monday 16) - LV= Insurance Test Match)

THE HUNDRED - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINALS
(Saturday 21)

MCC FOUNDATION DAY
(Monday 20) The finals of the MCC Foundation's national Hub competition.

BOB WILLIS TROPHY FINAL
(Tuesday 28 - Saturday 2 October)

MCC v CRICKET WRITERS' CLUB MATCH
(Date TBC).

PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE - CLARE CONNOR
(Friday 1). Clare Connor officially becomes MCC's first female President in the Club's history.

END OF SEASON LUNCH/DINNER FOR MEDIA
(Date/format TBC).



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For more information on any of the above events, or Press Releases from past events this year, please contact a member of the MCC Media and Communications team.



AN OVERVIEW OF MCC

MCC is the world’s most active cricket club, the owner of Lord’s Ground and the guardian of the Laws and Spirit of the game. There are 18,000 Full and 5,000 Associate Members of MCC.

The Members own the Ground and all of MCC’s assets, the most famous of which is the Ashes Urn. They govern the Club through various committees, and some 2,000 of them represent MCC on the field of play each year.

The Club plays more matches than any other, around 500 each year, against schools, universities and clubs in the UK, and between 20 and 30 as part of its overseas touring programme which aims to develop cricket abroad.

MCC invests around £2 million in the game each year, including its extensive playing programme, and the promotion of the Laws and Spirit of cricket.

The MCC Secretariat runs the day-to-day operations for the Club working with other members of the Executive Management Board. Details of the individuals who make up the MCC Secretariat can be found on [Lords.org](https://www.lords.org)

MCC operates a World Cricket committee which debates the prevalent issues in the game, acting as a complementary body to ICC and its constituent nations.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LORD’S

The first-ever match played at ‘Lord’s Cricket Ground’ was in 1787, when businessman Thomas Lord staged a game between Middlesex and Essex at a newly built ground in what was then known as Dorset Fields.

By 1811, MCC had moved to a new ground in the Eyre Estate of St John’s Wood. This ground proved unpopular but when plans emerged for the Regent’s Canal to be built straight through it, Thomas Lord gratefully accepted compensation and moved the Ground to its current location in 1814.

The current Lord’s Ground has resided in St John’s Wood for over 200 years.

As well as hosting some of the most memorable international matches in history, Lord’s has recently hosted the finals of both the Men’s and Women’s ICC Cricket World Cup. In 2017, England’s women defeated India in a thrilling final and 2019 saw England’s men claim victory over New Zealand in a

dramatic super over, creating sporting history as ‘the greatest cricket match ever played’.

Lord’s is home to Middlesex County Cricket Club, as it has been since 1877. It also hosts many smaller matches, including one of the oldest sporting fixtures in the world, Eton v Harrow, the National Village Cup final, which see amateurs take to the main square, as well special days for the MCC Foundation and many other MCC matches.

The stands at Lord’s, clockwise from the J.P. Morgan Media Centre are as follows:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| • Edrich Stand | • Pavilion |
| • Mound Stand | • Warner Stand |
| • Tavern Stand | • Grandstand |
| • Allen Stand | • Compton Stand |

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPTON AND EDRICH STANDS

The redeveloped Compton and Edrich stands are the second phase of the Club’s Masterplan, following MCC Members voting in favour to develop the Ground from the Club’s own resources in 2017. The new stands are the largest development project in the Club’s 206-year history, at a cost of £52 million, and increasing the Ground’s capacity to 31,100 - and becoming the largest cricket ground in the UK.

The previous stands were built in 1991, and had poor views, were not accessible and did not have any incorporated facilities. The reasons to redevelop these stands included the vastly improve the sightlines and reduce the number of restricted view seats, increase capacity, improve accessibility, incorporate food and beverage and toilet facilities, and to improve crowd circulation.

The new stands were designed by two-time Stirling Prize winners WilkinsonEyre Architects. The world-class designs provide outstanding and integrated facilities enhancing

the spectators experience and delivering one of the best environments in the world to watch the game.

The increased capacity includes two new Debenture areas and two outstanding pitch-facing restaurants. Michelin starred chef Tommy Banks will be running The Edrich restaurant on major match days in a three-year partnership from this year.

The stands are representative of the Club’s values and pushes boundaries: the smart, innovative and original design, which complements the Ground’s character and uniqueness while respecting its heritage.

Construction started on site in late August 2019, built over a two-year programme with the stands opening in the 2021 season.

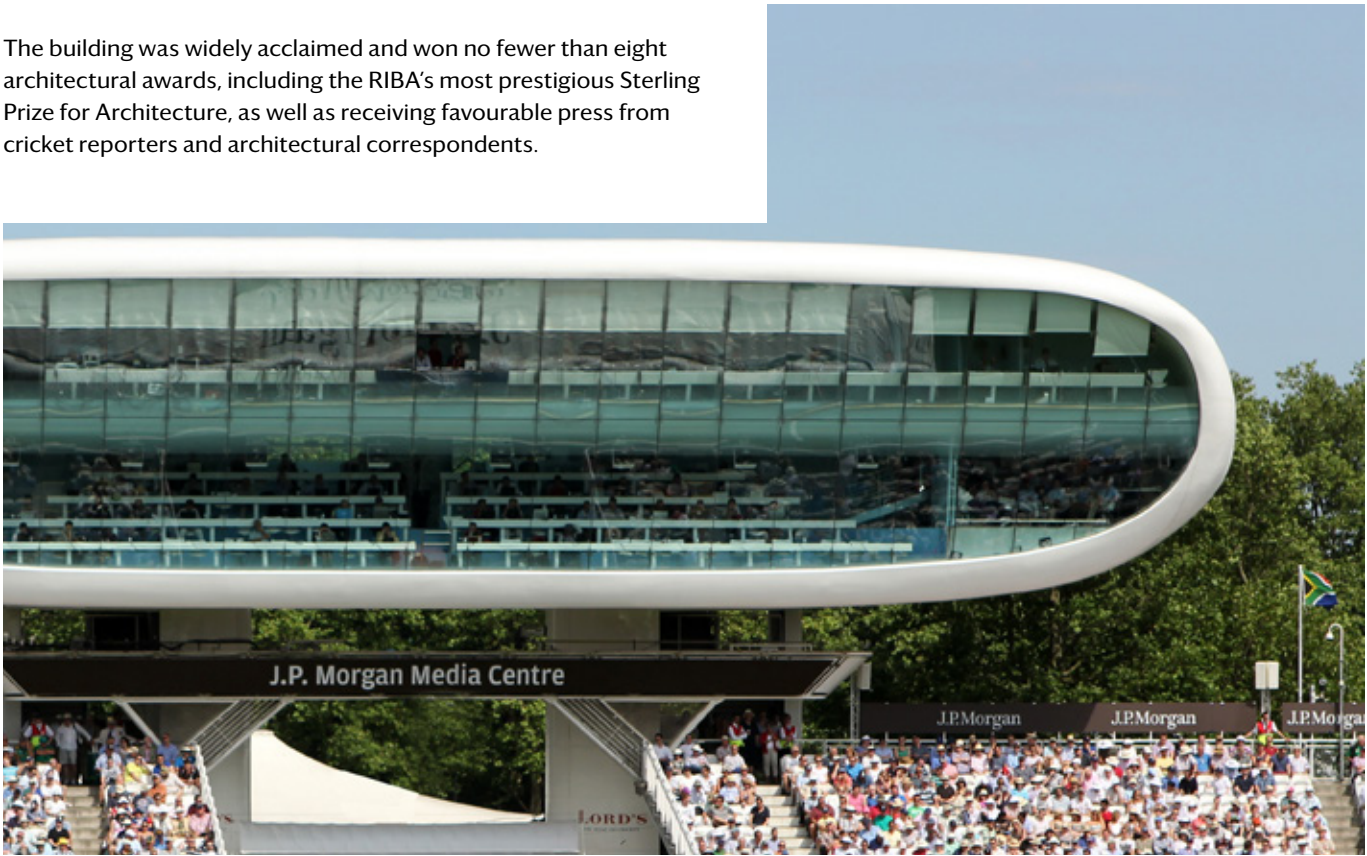
THE J.P. MORGAN MEDIA CENTRE

The award-winning J.P. Morgan Media Centre became iconic in the world of cricket when it was opened in 1999, ahead of the Cricket World Cup tournament in England that year.

The structure, which turned 20 years old in 2019, was first mooted in the mid-nineties when it became clear the existing facilities at the Pavilion End were no longer suitable for the modern media.

The Media Centre was officially opened on 27 April 1999 and was used for the first time 17 days later when England faced Sri Lanka in the opening match of the World Cup.

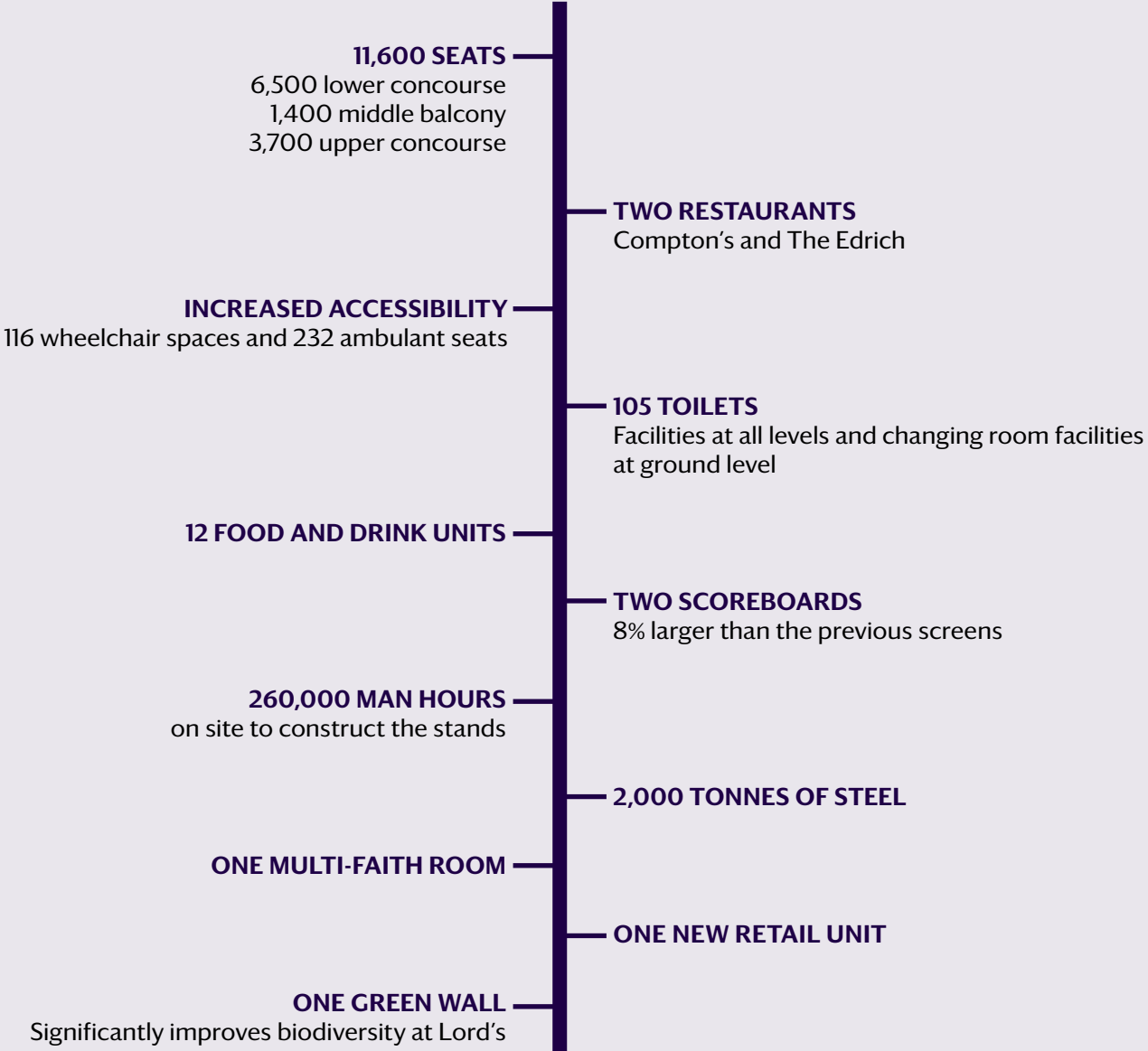
The building was widely acclaimed and won no fewer than eight architectural awards, including the RIBA’s most prestigious Sterling Prize for Architecture, as well as receiving favourable press from cricket reporters and architectural correspondents.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and inclusion, in all forms, is extremely important to the Club and has had a specific focus over the past 12 months. Work has been undertaken to understand our current position across all areas of the Club, as well as to initiate change, and process, that will have a longer lasting impact.

THE NEW COMPTON AND EDRICH STANDS
FACTS AND STATS



MCC MEMBERSHIP

MCC is a Members’ Club and currently has around 18,000 Full Members and 5,000 Associate Members.

With a waiting list of approximately 29 years, Membership is a highly sought-after commodity and as a result, successful candidates will be given an opportunity to become an Associate Member before becoming a Full Member of MCC.

While Associate Members do not have the same rights as a Full Member, they do have the right to attend selected matches at Lord’s alongside a number of other privileges.



All candidates for MCC Membership must be proposed, seconded and sponsored by full (or senior) Members of MCC.

Those who are able to play cricket for MCC can apply for Membership by becoming Playing and Out-Match Candidates, with the aim of graduating to Full Membership through the Club’s burgeoning playing programme, without joining the waiting list. This however requires the candidate to be of the required cricketing ability.

Playing Members need to be aged between 16 and 40, and are required to appear in a minimum number of MCC matches spread across two consecutive years.

Out-Match Members also need to be aged between 16 and 40, and while they are expected to appear in the same number of MCC matches over the two-year period, they do not receive the right to watch matches at Lord’s so, accordingly, pay a lower annual subscription.

In 2019, the Club announced that 138 women had been elected that year as Full Members of the Club. This is the highest number of female Members the Club has elected in its history, following the admittance of women to membership of MCC in 1998.

MCC now has a total of 805 female Members, of which 70 are Honorary Life Members who have been elected in recognition of their outstanding service to the game. There are currently 930 women on the waiting list and MCC is keen to see this number continue to increase.



Covid-19 has had a drastic impact on MCC’s business and operations since the pandemic began in early 2020. The closure of the Ground and the cancelling of all commercial activities was unprecedented. Like any other business, the financial impact was hard but particularly so for MCC, coming at a point in time where we were in the middle of the Compton and Edrich stands redevelopment, a £52m project, and the most complex and expensive ever undertaken at Lord’s.

With income reduced by £30m, a plan to weather the financial storm was key. The Club examined a number of different options including bank debt, a bond issue, and pausing the project, but Life Membership provided the most effective and least damaging method of meeting our requirements.

It was met with strong approval from Members, with a clear majority vote at the Club’s AGM in June. Over 2,000 existing Members took up the scheme, and with 338 new Full Members joining from the waiting list. The scheme generated £25.6m, ensuring that the redevelopment could continue and that the Club remained debt free.

Our staff were drastically impacted, with their place of work swiftly closed to everyone. Staff adapted excellently; from those who took to working from home, and others who were furloughed, the MCC workforce has risen to the challenges thrown at them.



COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND LORD’S VACCINE CENTRE

The Club’s response to the pandemic was to assist the local community. With no cricket possible at Lord’s until late summer 2020, access was given for parking and storage for Wellington Hospital and their staff, as well as access to our kitchen facilities to allow community groups to store their food deliveries

The MCC Foundation raised £78,000 towards the Westminster emergency appeal for homelessness, providing 23,000 meals in total. In early 2021, MCC collaborated with local Primary Care Networks and Healthcare Central London to convert a space at Lord’s, creating the biggest Covid-19 vaccination centre in the borough at the time. The healthcare campaign “Aiming to knock Covid for 6” was created to encourage vaccinations and to give a special welcome to those coming to the Ground.

The cricket-themed campaign has continued throughout the centre operating from the Ground, with a vaccination scoreboard, displaying the total number of inoculations administered, which at close of play of the centre, shows over **46,000** vaccinations.

CRICKET – ACTIVE PLAYING PROGRAMME

No other club in the world plays as many matches around the globe each year. At Lord's, the Home of Cricket, we host a variety of different matches every season.

MCC MATCHES

Each year, thousands of MCC Playing Members take part in around 500 matches. From first-class fixtures featuring international players, to games against schools and clubs celebrating important landmarks.

During the high point of the summer, MCC can be found playing in up to 15 fixtures at one time across the UK. More high-profile matches include Secretary's Matches against stronger opposition, many of which take place on the main Ground at Lord's.



CHAMPION COUNTY MATCH

The MCC fixture with the highest profile however remains the annual Champion County fixture against the previous season's domestic four-day winners which has taken place in a number of overseas locations, most recently in Dubai.

This match is now MCC's only first-class fixture. In 2019, Surrey were the opponents for MCC, after they won the 2018 Specsavers County Championship, and the match finished in a draw.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the planned match in Sri Lanka in 2020 had to be cancelled, as well as plans for a 2021 match.

OVERSEAS TOURS

As part of its active playing programme, MCC undertakes numerous overseas tours.

In planning these trips, MCC works closely with the International Cricket Council. This helps to maximise the tours' effectiveness in increasing cricket's international appeal and assisting national teams' move towards one-day international or even Test status.

MCC's touring programme currently takes in four men's tours a year and one women's tour every other year.



MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS

The MCC Young Cricketers Programme (YCs) is an intensive playing programme that young players who aspire to be professional players can benefit from, arriving at Lord's and using its world-class facilities.

With one in three MCC YCs going on to sign professional terms with a first-class county, the current squad will be hoping to emulate some of the recent success stories.

Importantly, the MCC Young Cricketers programme also develops the non-sporting skills of its participants, to ensure that they have multiple alternative career options available to them.

The programme has been the starting point in the game for many players who have gone on to achieve great things in cricket, both at international and domestic level. Ian Botham was on the scheme in its early years in 1972, whilst New Zealand's Martin Crowe was part of the programme in 1981.

More recently, New Zealand's Ross Taylor, Darren Sammy of the West Indies and Ireland's first Test Match captain Will Porterfield have all graduated through the scheme.

TRADITIONAL MATCHES AT LORD'S

The Home of Cricket plays host to a broad selection of different matches each year, away from the Test Matches, One-Day Internationals and County Matches it is normally associated with. In 2021, these include:

- MCC Women's Cricket Day - a recent addition to the calendar, first held in 2018 when Middlesex Women played their first match on the main square at Lord's. In 2021, MCC played two matches in 'The Hundred' format, the first of their kind to be played on the main square.
- MCC Foundation Day - this is the finals of the National Hub competitions for under-15s boys and girls cricket sponsored by Charles Stanley Wealth Managers.
- The Voneus Village Cup Final - held since 1972, 300 clubs from villages across the British Isles battle it out for the chance of a once in a lifetime opportunity to play at Lord's.
- Eton v Harrow and Oxford v Cambridge - two of the longest running fixtures at Lord's.

ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET

As one of the largest cricket clubs in the world with a vast reach, MCC continues to show commitment to advancing the women's and girls' game.

MCC was one of the first organisations to invest in a Head of Women's Cricket role in 2017, subsequently launching a Women's Cricket Plan in 2018 resulting in more opportunities for MCC Members and more women's matches on the fixture list. The introduction of MCC Women's Day has provided the opportunity for the Club's Members to play on the Main Ground, including the first ever 100-ball match to be played at Lord's which took place on 29 April 2021.

MCC was the first cricket club to pay female cricketers as professionals and made its progressive intent towards equity in 2020 when it announced its first ever female President, Clare Connor. The Club announced plans in early May 2021 to commemorate Rachael Heyhoe Flint with a permanent memorial at Lord's and is delighted to be able to open its first major exhibition on the women's game in the MCC Museum

this season, postponed from its scheduled launch in 2020 due to the pandemic.

MCC has been a strong advocate for The Hundred and its level playing field opportunities from the outset, and looks forward to hosting the women's London Spirit team during the tournament, including the finals day that will see both women's and men's games played at Lord's.

GROUNDKEEPING AT LORD'S

In late 2018, Karl McDermott began as the new Head Groundsman at Lord's. He replaced Mick Hunt, who retired from the role after 49 seasons at the helm. McDermott joined from Hampshire, where he was initially appointed Deputy Head Groundsman in 2009, ahead of the Ageas Bowl's inaugural Test Match in 2011 between England and Sri Lanka. He became Head Groundsman at Hampshire in 2016.



LORD'S TOURS AND MUSEUM

MCC is strongly associated with the art, history and evolving cultural identity of the game at all levels, and thousands of cricket supporters from around the world visit the Home of Cricket each year to discover the heritage that Lord's has to offer.

MCC MUSEUM

First established in 1864, the MCC Museum is one of the oldest sporting museums in the world, dedicated to tracing the history and development of cricket.

The MCC Museum continues to enhance its collection through donations, bequests, purchases and commissions and has a formal acquisitions policy in place. The generosity of players, administrators and Members continues to keep the museum relevant and up-to-date.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions in the MCC Museum showcase highlights from the MCC Collections in new and interesting ways, often alongside internationally important loans. Exhibitions are regularly updated and can be enjoyed as part of a visit to the Museum, a Lord's Tour or on a match day to ticket holders.

The first major exhibition on the women's game will open in the MCC Museum this summer. It tracks the development of women's cricket from its beginnings to a modern, professional sport which competes for media attention with the men's game.

The Museum currently has on display an exhibition exploring the lives of Denis Compton and Bill Edrich and highlights why they merit such a significant celebration of their achievements. The exhibitions is also traces the redevelopment of the new Compton and Edrich stands.

MCC LIBRARY

The MCC Library contains the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of books and publications dedicated to cricket.

Spanning over 20,000 titles from the latest books and magazines to rare editions and pamphlets from the game's earliest days, the Library is an invaluable resource for authors, researchers and journalists.

As well as a complete set of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, the collection also includes the only known complete set of Britcher's Scores and many other items of a rare and precious nature. Many works on other bat and ball games are also featured in the collection, most notably on real tennis, a sport with which MCC has a long association.



THE ASHES URN

The original Ashes Urn is one of the most prized possessions at Lord's, and the most famous exhibit on display in the MCC Museum.

Any visitor to the MCC Museum will discover the history of the original Ashes Series and the Urn, which came to be associated with cricket as a result of England's first defeat to Australia on home soil in August 1882.

The Sporting Times published a mock obituary of English Cricket concluding that: "The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia."

In December of that year, during a tour of Australia, the original terracotta urn was given to Ivo Bligh, the captain of the England team, as a symbol of the ashes that he had travelled to regain.

Following Bligh's death, the Ashes Urn was bequeathed to MCC, and is on permanent display in the MCC Museum at Lord's.

Recognising the desire for England and Australia to compete for an actual trophy, MCC commissioned a large scale replica from Waterford Crystal, which was presented for the first time to Australia following their victorious 1998/99 Test series against England. Since then, the trophy has been presented to the winning captain at the end of each Ashes Series.

The Ashes Urn travelled to Australia in November 2019 for the first time in twelve years and was on temporary display at the State Library Victoria in Melbourne.

HONOURS BOARDS

Any international cricketer has the great incentive to perform well at Lord's and write their name into history with a place on the famous Honours Boards.

By scoring a century, taking five wickets in an innings or ten wickets in a Test match, a player ensures that their name is added to one of the boards which adorn the dressing room walls in the Pavilion.

These boards, in the 'home' and 'away' dressing rooms, provide a permanent reminder of the best batting and bowling performances in the long history of Lord's.

In February 2019, the Honours Boards were overhauled as part of a wider refurbishment of the Home and Away dressing rooms.

One of the most significant changes in terms of milestones and achievements is that centuries and five-wicket hauls at Lord's in Limited Overs Internationals, in both men's and women's matches, are now recognised within the dressing rooms right next to feats from Test matches.

ART AT LORD'S

With over 3,000 pictures in the Collection, as well as exquisite examples of glass and ceramic wares, the MCC Collection traces the historic decorative, cultural and sporting value of cricket from the 1700s to the present day with its fine and decorative art.

MCC has an active portrait commissioning programme that supports London-based artists specialising in figurative drawing and portraiture. The Lord's Portrait Project was established in 2005 and continues today.

The Club's Collections include early photographs documenting the first team tours by ship around the world, the means by which cricket spread across continents. Other photographs capture history as it was made on the hallow turf at Lord's, as well as Royal and celebrity visits.

A wide range of costumes, blazers and caps, as well as early prints on textiles form part of the Collections, most noticeably the very first known examples of The Laws of Cricket printed in 1774 on linen. Match worn equipment representing significant moments in sporting history also makes this collection truly unique.



TOURS OF LORD'S

Tours of Lord's give visitors the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes at the Home of Cricket and explore some of the most famous sights in sport.

Led by an expert guide, the Tour includes the Grade II* listed Pavilion, legendary Long Room, Players' Dressing Rooms with the Honours Boards, award-winning J.P. Morgan Media Centre and MCC Museum.

To celebrate our re-opening following closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic, even more elements have been added to the tour. The experience now includes a visit to the brand-new Lord's Father Time Wall and exclusive access to the Pavilion Roof Terrace, which offers a breathtaking view looking out to the J.P. Morgan Media Centre and the stunning new Compton and Edrich stands

There are also several exclusive experiences now available for cricket supporters, including the chance to dine in the Players' Dining Room, and the unforgettable walk out on to the hallowed turf from the Lord's dressing rooms, recreating the most famous walk in cricket.

Tours are currently priced as follows:

- Public Tours
- Adult £26
- Senior (over 60s) £20
- Disabled (carer goes free) £20
- Student (ID required) £20
- Children (aged 5-15) £16
- Family (2 adults & 2 children aged 5-15) £65
- Infants (under 5s) Free
- Private group tours are also available.



THE LORD'S FATHER TIME WALL

A new addition for 2021, the Lord's Father Time Wall, is a stunning new installation that has been erected at the Ground. The wall not only recognises 100 of the greatest milestones to take place at the hallowed Home of Cricket, but also give supporters around the world the chance to buy a personalised plaque to commemorate their own significant moments and memories at Lord's.

The redevelopment of the Compton and Edrich stands presented the Club with a fresh, blank canvas in the form of the wall behind the Grand and Compton stands.

The project to utilise this space has two main aspects. Firstly, the 100 Greatest Milestones at Lord's, voted for by the Club's Members and staff, showcases the Ground's rich history, involving many of the world's greatest cricketing nations, and give visitors the chance to experience the fabric of Lord's and the many special moments which it has played host to.

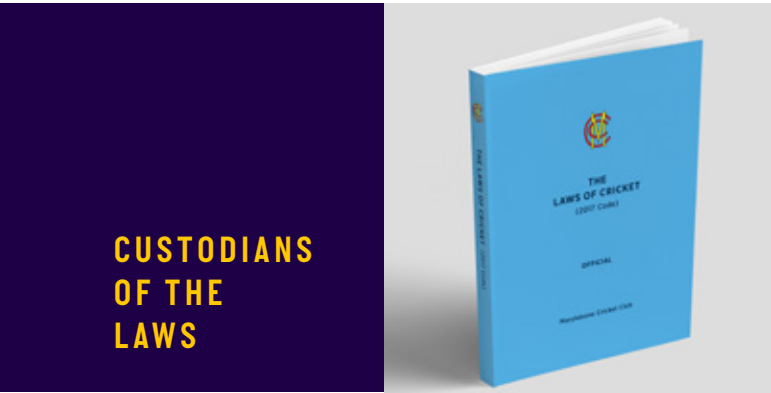
The other is a chance for cricket supporters both near and far to have their own opportunity to exist in the rich tapestry of the Ground by purchasing a personalised plaque, sees them feature on their very own spot on the wall for longevity.

The sale of the plaques helped to fund the project, as well as 5% of the proceeds of the sale going to the MCC Foundation to support its life-enhancing projects within cricket, both at home and abroad.

The 100 Greatest Milestones at Lord's were announced in early 2021 and the 'First XI' are as follows:

1. Thomas Lord founds a cricket ground at Dorset Fields (1787)
2. England beat New Zealand to win the Men's World Cup (2019)
3. MCC issues a Code of Laws for Cricket (1788)

4. England beat India to win the Women's World Cup (2017)
5. The Ashes Urn is presented to MCC (1928)
6. Thomas Verity's new Pavilion is completed (1890)
7. England's James Anderson takes his 500th Test wicket (2017)
8. Graham Gooch 333 - first Test triple-century at Lord's (1990)
9. Memorial Gates erected in memory of W.G. Grace (1922)
10. West Indies beat Australia to win the first Men's World Cup (1975)
11. The Father Time weathervane is gifted to MCC (1926)



One of the MCC’s most important roles, which it has carried out since the Club’s formation in 1787, is its custodianship of the Laws of Cricket.

Although the International Cricket Council is the global governing body for cricket, it still relies on MCC to write and interpret the Laws of Cricket, which are applicable from the village green to the Test arena.

MCC’s Laws sub-committee are responsible for the debating, decision making and drafting of the Laws, which are - in turn - passed by MCC’s Main Committee, retaining a robust and measured decision-making process.

Certain levels of cricket are subject to playing regulations, which may create subtle differences to the Laws themselves. This is most high profile at international level, where the ICC applies playing conditions which can cause some confusion at lower levels of the game.

There is an official book of the Laws available from the Lord’s Shop, however there are also many online aids for those looking to find out more about the Laws.

MCC’s eLearning programme on the Laws of Cricket uses photos, videos and animations to help explain what can be a complicated subject. They can be downloaded from the Lord’s website in several different languages and there is an official Laws app, available on iOS and Android.

MCC WORLD CRICKET COMMITTEE

Established in 2006, the MCC World Cricket committee is an independent body, funded and administered by MCC and reports to the MCC committee.

Its members have all been involved in international cricket at an elite level.

The committee has a remit to act as an independent think tank, debating issues and making recommendations about the health and state of the game.

The committee meets twice yearly, including once at Lord’s.

The full list of committee members is as follows:

- Mike Gatting (Chairman)**
- John Stephenson (MCC Assistant Secretary, Cricket)**
- Suzie Bates**
- Sir Alastair Cook**
- Kumar Dharmasena**
- Sourav Ganguly**
- Tim May**
- Brendon McCullum**
- Ricky Ponting**
- Ramiz Raja**
- Kumar Sangakkara**
- Ricky Skerritt**
- Vince van der Bijl**
- Shane Warne**

The most recent meeting, held in February 2021, was the first to be held remotely as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The key topics discussed were the launch of the Club’s consultation on short-pitched bowling, the Decision Review System (DRS), the application of saliva on the ball, the future of the ICC World Test Championship, the use of host-country umpires in Test cricket, and women’s cricket.

The next meeting is due to take place in August before the England v India Test Match at Lord’s.



COWDREY LECTURE

The Cowdrey Lecture, also referred to as the MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture, takes place annually at Lord’s.

The event was first hosted in 2001, following the death of Lord Colin Cowdrey in December 2000 and inaugurated in his honour. Cowdrey was instrumental in adapting the Captains’ Charter as the Spirit of Cricket and subsequently adding it as the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.

The Lecture is delivered by distinguished cricketing personalities, and following the Lecture itself, a panel discussion ensues with various names from the world of cricket.

The list of those who have delivered the Cowdrey Lecture are as follows:

2001	Richie Benaud	2011	Kumar Sangakkara
2002	Barry Richards	2012	Tony Greig
2003	Sunil Gavaskar	2013	Simon Taufel
2004	Clive Lloyd	2014	Sir Ian Botham
2005	Geoffrey Boycott	2015	Rod Marsh
2006	Martin Crowe	2016	Brendon McCullum
2007	Christopher Martin-Jenkins	2017	Brian Lara
2008	Desmond Tutu	2018	Dave Richardson
2009	Adam Gilchrist	2019	Mike Brearley
2010	Imran Khan		

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu is the only person from outside of the world of cricket to have delivered the lecture, whilst Kumar Sangakkara is the only active player at the time to have done so.

The event did not take place in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

MCC IN THE COMMUNITY

Since the creation of the MCC Community Department in 2013, the team has established a successful, valuable and sustainable community engagement programme in which MCC are committed to actively engaging and helping enrich the lives of Westminster’s residents.

The MCC Community’s mission is “to impact positively on people of all ages using the power of MCC and cricket.” The power of sport can change people’s lives, with positive benefits being physical, mental, educational, accessible and inclusive.

MCC are exceptionally well placed to do this with the Spirit of Cricket message to respect others, try hard and be the best you can be, as well as advocating fair play and competitiveness, and accepting decisions.

The Club provides free community coaching in Westminster’s state schools, encouraging cricket participation in the younger generation. The programme also includes opportunities to attend events and matches at Lord’s, making the sport more accessible, whilst bringing communities together and tackling social deprivation.

Whether introducing cricket to inner-city London schoolchildren, providing work experience opportunities and interview training for former addicts and ex-offenders or holding coaching clinics for local youngsters in far-flung corners of the world, MCC has a strong commitment to working for the benefit of its communities at home and abroad.

WHAT WE DO

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- **Dementia Sessions** - in partnership with Sporting Memories Network, MCC host monthly reminiscence sessions for those who suffer with dementia. Volunteers engage in conversation with the guests and provide a welcoming environment throughout the afternoon.
- **Physical Activity for the Elderly** - this project is aimed at encouraging people to stay active as they reach their later years. In partnership with Open Age, MCC run monthly activity sessions for people aged over 60 years old
- **Silver Sunday** - a Westminster-wide event to target people aged 65 and over who are at risk of social isolation. MCC annually hosts afternoon tea and tours for guests on the day.
- **Memories Match** - the Club invited 500 members of the local community to a lunchtime socialising opportunity during a Middlesex County Championship match.

EMPLOYMENT

- **Forward Trust (RAPT) Programme** - the Club works in partnership with the Forward Trust to support their service users through recovery and into employment.
- **Explore Your Horizons** - Speed Networking Event - a careers event for 250 young people and 250 business volunteers from across London.
- **The Challenge Network** - Presentation Skills - we support local young people aged 15-17 years to develop presentation skills and contribute to their social action campaigns.



SCHOOLS

- **Six weeks of free coaching for Westminster Schools** - in staying true to the commitment of bringing cricket to the local community, MCC aims to provide positive after school activities and create inspirational hubs in various parts of the borough.
- **Cricket-based curriculum lessons** - inspiring students through cricket-based PE lessons, after school clubs and cricket tournaments.
- **Tours of Lord’s** - introducing students to the magic of Lord’s with tours of the ground.
- **Kids’ Takeover Day** - primary school children take over as Tour Guides for the day, delivering private tours of the Ground to their parents and peers.
- **Spirit of Cricket Day** - pupils from across Westminster schools and Chance to Shine schools are treated to a range of activities around the Ground and a chance to grace the hallowed turf.



THE MCC FOUNDATION

The MCC Foundation was founded in 1993 as the charitable arm of MCC.

The Foundation's mission is to transform lives through cricket, across the UK and around the world. In particular, its programmes aim to empower young people to reach their full potential, to unite and inspire communities, to promote physical and mental well-being, and to make cricket a game for all.

Within the UK, the Foundation runs a network of over 65 cricket Hubs which provide free-to-access hard-ball coaching and match play for almost 3,000 state-educated players. The Hubs target 11-15-year-old boys and girls from under-represented and disadvantaged groups and focus on talent - opening access to clubs and the talent pathways and helping promising young players to progress and stay in the game.

Overseas, the Foundation is working in partnership with MCC to provide hope and opportunity through cricket, and to promote the playing of cricket around the world.

In July 2018, the Club announced it would undertake a series of "Legacy Tours" to Nepal - sending teams for three consecutive years to help develop cricket in a country where there is huge passion and potential for cricket, but a need for investment and infrastructure. In order to maximise the long-term impact of these tours, the Foundation is working with local partners to deliver cricket in schools, to up-skill local teachers and coaches to deliver cricket, and to provide kit and facilities.

Since the first tour visited in November 2019, and despite the disruption caused by Covid-19, the Foundation's programmes have engaged more than 1,000 boys and girls in schools across Pokhara and Biratnagar. The cricket sessions are immensely important for the mental and physical well-being of these young people, who lack access to sport and recreation. Several players have gone on to be selected for district and provincial teams, after playing cricket for the first time through the Foundation's programmes, and now dream of playing for the national side.

The Foundation is also funding a vital project which provides year-round cricket for young Syrian refugees living in the Bekaa Valley encampment in Lebanon. The cricket sessions are delivered by Alsama Cricket and provide a lifeline for the children who have escaped the unimaginable horrors of war and are now living in the challenging environment of these refugee camps.

In 2020, the MCC Foundation appointed Dr Sarah Fane OBE as its new Director. Sarah brings a wealth of experience from her previous role as Founder and Chief Executive of Afghan Connection. Since she founded Afghan Connection in 2002, the charity has supported some 500,000 children with health, education and cricket in Afghanistan, building and renovating 130 schools, and training more than 1,000 teachers.

In partnership with MCC and alongside the meteoric rise of the Afghanistan National Cricket Team to achieve Test status, Afghan Connection also delivered cricket projects to more than 100,000 young people. It held coaching camps and tournaments for boys and girls, as well as the visually impaired, and built 110 cricket pitches in schools.

Also, in 2020, the Foundation launched an emergency appeal in response to Covid-19, raising over £78,000 in donations and providing more than 23,000 meals for vulnerable residents across Westminster.

The Foundation is supported by their Patrons which include an illustrious line up of cricketing greats; Michael Holding, Claire Taylor, Mike Atherton and Mike Brearley, as well as actor, comedian and cricket lover, Stephen Fry.

Earlier this year, it announced the appointment of five Young Ambassadors who are supporting the charity's drive to make cricket a game for all.

In 2021, a number of new trustees were announced - MCC President Designate Clare Connor CBE, Chair of Leicestershire County Cricket Club Mehmooda Duke MBE, Director of Development & Business Innovation at the Royal Academy of Arts Charlotte Appleyard, and former MCC President Matthew Fleming.





SUSTAINABILITY AT LORD'S

Lord's operates using 100% renewable energy and is committed to sustainable operations. It is an inaugural member of BASIS, the British Association for Sustainable Sport.

Lord's also became the first UK sports venue to employ a full-time Sustainability Manager in 2009 and have since introduced a number of initiatives to make sure they are a leader in sustainability within sport.

The Game Changer report, published by the Climate Coalition states that "of all the major pitch sports, cricket will be hardest hit by climate change." Lord's has taken this threat seriously and has worked to minimise our greenhouse gas emissions. Lord's switched to 100% renewable electricity in October 2016, then switched to 100% wind power a year later.

Lord's has also reduced the amount of single-use plastic given to spectators by:

- Switching to a washable, reusable pint cup, Recup.
- Removing plastic straws, instead providing a paper straw if requested.
- Selling water in aluminium cans rather than single use plastic bottles.
- Selling soft drinks from bulk dispensers ("post-mix") into reusable cups.
- Removing plastic bags from our shops, switching to strong kraft-paper bags.

These actions have reduced the amount of plastic given to spectators by about 1.5million between 2017 and 2018.

ACCESSIBILITY

At MCC we are always trying to improve accessibility and have an active Accessibility Group, made up of staff and Members, working to ensure that all types of disabilities are accommodated so far as reasonably practicable.

There is flat, level access throughout most of Lord's.

All passenger lifts are fitted with emergency telephones, directly connected to the Match Day Control Room or internal security.

Push buttons in lifts are enhanced with tactile signage to assist blind or partially sighted passengers. Low-level tactile buttons can be operated by wheelchair users.

On major match days, there are four accessible areas within Lord's specifically for wheelchair users and their companions. These areas are at the rear of and on the grass in the front of the Warner Stand Terrace; at the front of the Mound Stand; and at the rear of the Grand Stand.

Accessible lavatories are available at concourse level in many areas of the ground. All toilets at Lord's have non-slip floors, emergency lighting and audio alarms if required.



A fully accessible ("changing places") toilet, with an adult hoist and changing table, provided by Mobiloo, is available on major match days and is located behind the Warner Stand.

Audio ball-by-ball commentary is available through headsets for all major matches, County matches, and the majority of minor matches.

Headsets are available from stewards or the Head Steward's Office (located at the back of the Mound Stand). The headsets fit over a standard hearing aid.

Assistance dogs are welcome in the Ground.

For persons living with dementia, and their carers, a visitor pack is available from the Head Steward's office. This pack contains useful information, meeting points, a place to store tickets and a simple ground map.

The lords.org website uses Recite Me, a web accessibility solution which allows customers and clients to customise your website in a way that works best for them. Recite Me's innovative assistive technology makes the website accessible and inclusive through a unique range of features.



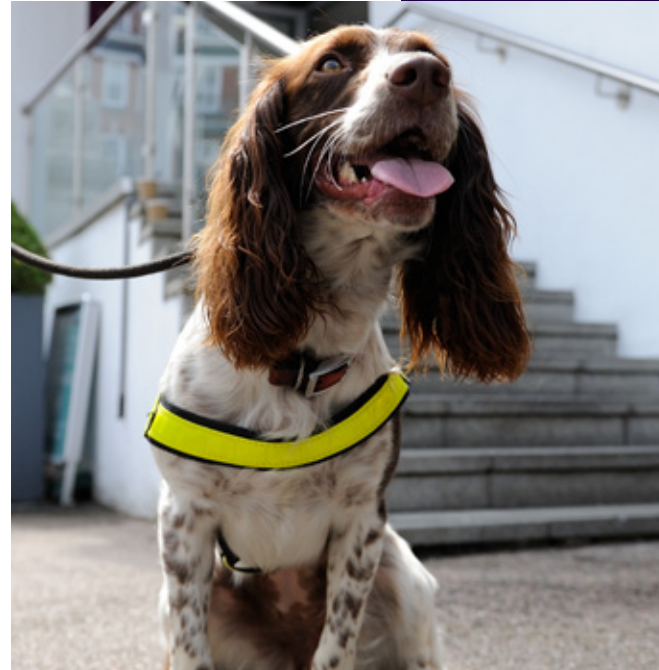
SECURITY AT LORD'S

The safety and security of all visitors and staff coming to Lord's remains the Club's priority as MCC welcomes supporters back to the Ground for the first time since 2019.

Bag and vehicle searches, including that of persons entering the Ground, remain commonplace at Lord's on both match days and non-match days and whilst the Club wishes to ensure anyone visiting the Ground, whether it be to watch cricket, attend an event or take a tour of the Ground, enjoys their visit, it is a priority that they do so in a safe and secure manner.

The Club periodically arranges live security exercises with the emergency services to test evacuation procedures.

The Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade take part in multi-agency tests, arriving at the Ground to deal with a range of simulation incidents, ensuring that robust security measures are in place.





COMMERCIAL PARTNERS

There are various partners that MCC and Lord's work with and the Club is grateful for their support. They are:

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