



LORD'S

MCC MEDIA GUIDE 2022



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MATCHES AT LORD'S IN 2022

Thursday 2 - Monday 6 June

ENGLAND V NEW ZEALAND – LV= INSURANCE MEN'S TEST MATCH

Thursday 9 June

MIDDLESEX V SURREY – VITALITY BLAST

Thursday 16 June

ARMED FORCES T20 CRICKET DAY

Sunday 19 June

MIDDLESEX V KENT SPITFIRES – VITALITY BLAST

Thursday 23 June

MIDDLESEX V ESSEX EAGLES – VITALITY BLAST

Monday 27 June

OXFORD V CAMBRIDGE (MEN'S AND WOMEN'S)

Tuesday 28 June

ETON V HARROW

Friday 1 July

MIDDLESEX V SOMERSET – VITALITY BLAST

Thursday 14 July

ENGLAND V INDIA

– ROYAL LONDON MEN'S ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL

Saturday 30 July

MCC FOUNDATION NATIONAL HUBS FINALS (BOYS AND GIRLS)

Sunday 31 July

MCC MEN'S T20 FINALS DAY

Monday 8 August

LONDON SPIRIT V MANCHESTER ORIGINALS

– THE HUNDRED (MEN'S)

Wednesday 17 August

ENGLAND V SOUTH AFRICA

– LV= INSURANCE MEN'S TEST MATCH

Wednesday 24 August

LONDON SPIRIT V WELSH FIRE (DOUBLE HEADER)

Saturday 27 August

LONDON SPIRIT V OVAL INVINCIBLES (DOUBLE HEADER)

Tuesday 30 August

LONDON SPIRIT V BIRMINGHAM PHOENIX (DOUBLE HEADER)

Saturday 3 September

THE HUNDRED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINAL

Saturday 17 September

ECB NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Sunday 18 September

THE VONEUS VILLAGE CUP FINAL

Saturday 24 September

ENGLAND V INDIA

– ROYAL LONDON WOMEN'S ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 25 September

THE RACHAEL HEYHOE FLINT TROPHY FINAL



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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 18,350 Full and 5,500 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 fields more teams than any other, and play around 500 each year, against schools, universities and clubs in the UK, and abroad.

The Chief Executive & Secretary, Guy Lavender, is the Club's senior employee, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Club. He is supported by the MCC Secretariat (details available online at Lords.org) and other members of the Executive Management Board.

Former England captain Clare Connor is the President of MCC and took over the position in October 2021. She announced at this year's AGM that bestselling author, actor, director, presenter, and comedian Stephen Fry will succeed her to become the next President of MCC on 1 October 2022.

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 on the Eyre Estate in 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, and also hosts many smaller matches over the course of each season.

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

- **Edrich Stand**
- **Mound Stand**
- **Tavern Stand**
- **Allen Stand**
- **Pavilion**
- **Warner Stand**
- **Grand Stand**
- **Compton Stand**

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPTON AND EDRICH STANDS

The new stands, built between 2019 and 2021, are the largest development project in the Club's 235-year history, at a cost of £52 million, and increased the Ground's capacity to 31,100 - becoming the largest cricket ground in the UK.

The previous stands were built in 1991. They had poor views, were not accessible and did not have any incorporated facilities. The reasons to redevelop these stands included to 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, 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 is running The Edrich restaurant on major match days in a three-year partnership with MCC.

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

Construction started on site in late August 2019. The stands were built to a two-year programme, opening in the 2021 season. They were officially opened by President Kumar Sangakkara in August 2021.

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 that year's Cricket World Cup tournament in England.

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 Stirling Prize for Architecture, as well as receiving favourable press from cricket reporters and architectural correspondents.



MCC MEMBERSHIP

MCC is a Members' Club and we currently have around 18,350 Full Members and 5,500 Associate Members.

With a waiting list that currently stands at approximately 29 years, membership is a highly sought-after commodity. At present, all candidates for MCC membership must be proposed, seconded and sponsored by existing Members. Changes to this process are being considered ahead of full digitisation of the system later this year.

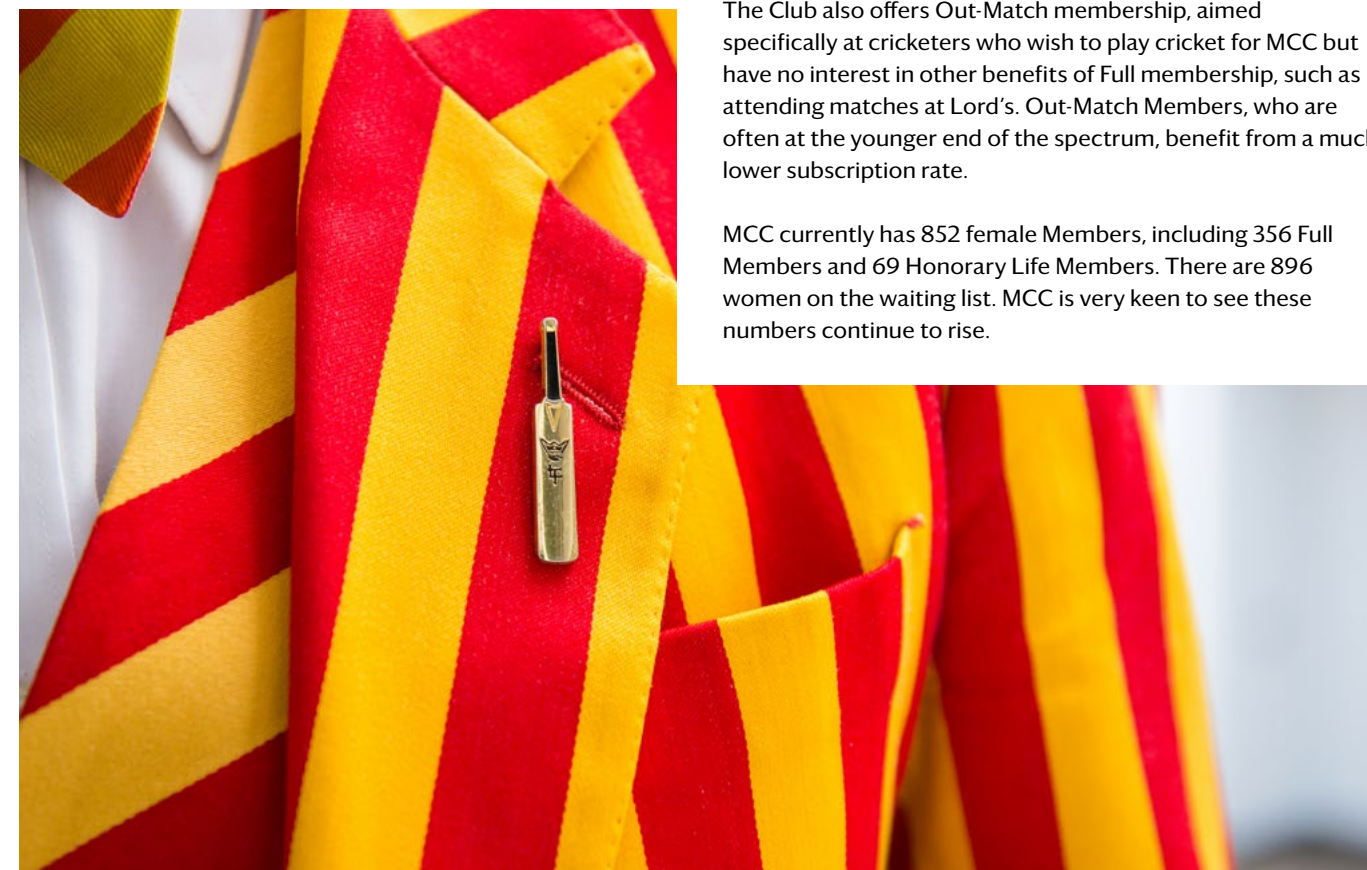
Candidates are offered the opportunity to become an Associate Member before becoming a Full Member of MCC.

Associate Members are able to attend a selection of matches at Lord's alongside a number of other privileges, such as wearing the Club's distinctive egg-and-bacon colours.

MCC is very active on the field and to support this, we offer a faster route to Full membership for cricketers. Those who play the game to a high standard can be accepted on to our list of Probationary Cricket Candidates. "Probationers" play in a minimum number of MCC matches spread across two consecutive years and, if accepted as Members, are then expected to play further Out-Matches for the Club in the period after their election.

The Club also offers Out-Match membership, aimed specifically at cricketers who wish to play cricket for MCC but have no interest in other benefits of Full membership, such as attending matches at Lord's. Out-Match Members, who are often at the younger end of the spectrum, benefit from a much lower subscription rate.

MCC currently has 852 female Members, including 356 Full Members and 69 Honorary Life Members. There are 896 women on the waiting list. MCC is very keen to see these numbers continue to rise.



CRICKET – ACTIVE PLAYING PROGRAMME

Cricket naturally plays a huge part in the fabric of MCC. No other Club in the world fields as many teams for fixtures around the world each year, whilst back at Lord's, the Home of Cricket hosts a variety of different games every summer.

MCC MATCHES

Each year, thousands of MCC Playing Members take part in around 500 matches around the world. 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, some of which take place on the Main Ground at Lord's.



OVERSEAS TOURS

As part of its active playing strategy, MCC undertakes an overseas playing programme.

In planning these trips, MCC works closely with the International Cricket Council. This helps to maximise each tour's effectiveness in increasing cricket's international appeal and assisting national teams to 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.

MATCHES AT LORD'S

The Home of Cricket plays host to a broad selection of different matches each year, including Test matches, One-Day Internationals, The Hundred and Domestic County matches.

The Lord's Fixture List for 2022 includes increased playing opportunities for women (see details in later section). It will be the final year that Eton v Harrow and Oxford v Cambridge are played as annual matches, with the move furthering MCC's goal to broaden the scope of the fixture list, extending playing opportunities at Lord's to a wider range of players.

ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET

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

MCC was one of the first clubs 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 on the Main Ground at Lord's in early 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 to commemorate Rachael Heyhoe Flint with a permanent memorial at Lord's and opened its first major exhibition on the women's game in the MCC Museum earlier this year.

MCC has been a strong advocate for The Hundred and its level playing field opportunities from the outset. We look forward to once again 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.

Last year's women's final in 2021 attracted a new domestic record for women's cricket with a packed crowd of 17,116 witnessing Oval Invincibles defeat Southern Brave to lift the trophy.

There are increased playing opportunities for women on the Main Ground in 2022:

- England v India - Women's One-Day International
- The Hundred - three group matches and the final
- Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy Final
- MCC Women's Day - three matches



- Oxford v Cambridge - women's and men's matches
- Armed Forces Twenty20 Cricket Day - women's and men's matches
- MCC v NACC - women's and men's matches
- MCC Foundation National Hubs Finals - girls and boys' matches

GROUNDSKEEPING AT LORD'S

In late 2018, Karl McDermott began as the new Head Groundsman at Lord's, joining from Hampshire. He replaced Mick Hunt, who retired from the role after 49 seasons at the helm. In recent pitch news, the Club has invested in its own mobile light-rig, which is designed to assist and improve the consistent preparation of pitches, particularly at the extremes of the season when sunlight is scarcer.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

MCC is committed to ensuring that cricket is a game for all, and that Lord's is a Ground where everyone feels welcome. These are the guiding principles which inform our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strategy, with six broad areas of activity led by an MCC staff working group.

MCC's full EDI Plan for 2022/23 can be found **HERE**, with key actions to have taken place over 2021/22 including:

1 INSIGHT

- The most extensive Member and staff surveys in a generation have been undertaken, highlighting new initiatives which are now being executed.

2 EDUCATION

- MCC's anti-discrimination training began in the Autumn of 2021 with a programme delivered to all staff and the MCC Committee in conjunction with the UK's largest anti-racism education charity, Show Racism the Red Card.
- The Club's Heritage & Collections department undertook a comprehensive review of the historic MCC Collection and Archive. More specifically, its inaugural Women's & Girls' Exhibition was celebrated with a special Symposium in the Long Room on International Women's Day in March, and a Long Room picture rehang was completed.
- The Community team and MCC Foundation's charitable work continue to help under-represented groups to flourish through cricket, such as the Afghan Refugee Project which won the Tessa Jowell Community Sports Industry Award 2022.

3 COMMUNICATION

- An EDI calendar of events has been established to support a variety of characteristics and anniversaries. MCC hosted the first ever Iftar at Lord's in early April, hosted by the Club's Community department. Lord's subsequently played host to an ECB Iftar event in The Long Room, another first for the game.

4 PATHWAY

Cricket:

- Community school programmes are back to pre-Covid 19 levels and a bursary programme has been launched.

Members:

- Simplified membership application process is being considered.
- Broader Member events programme confirmed to appeal to a wider set of interests.

Staff:

- Attracting more diverse applicants through the use of gender-neutral language in adverts, updated policies and contracts, and diverse interview panels.
- Additional apprenticeships have been created to encourage children from local schools to apply, especially those that recently attended MCC's Community Level Up programme.

5 ENVIRONMENT

- Second multi-faith room and permanent Changing Places washroom
- Accessibility - see section later on in Media Guide.
- Review of in-ground behavioural signage.

6 ACCOUNTABILITY

- At the start of the 2021 cricket season we made changes to our incident reporting procedures to simplify the process for those needing to contact us with their concerns. A new anonymised system will be available from July for anyone to report a concerning or serious incident relating to MCC or Lord's. Our disciplinary procedures are robust and confidential, and matters reported to us are handled swiftly and sensitively. Available via the Lord's app and lords.org



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 highlights items 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.

The most recent major exhibition held was on the women's game. It tracked the development of women's cricket from its beginnings to a modern, professional sport which competes for media attention with the men's game.

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.



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, dressing rooms with the Honours Boards, award-winning J.P. Morgan Media Centre and MCC Museum.

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 stunning view looking out to the J.P. Morgan Media Centre and the magnificent 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 player's dressing rooms, recreating the most famous walk in cricket.

Tours are currently priced as follows:

- Public Tours
 - Adult £26.95
 - Senior (over 60s) £20.95
 - Disabled (carer goes free) £20.95
 - Student (ID required) £20.95
 - Children (aged 5-15) £16.95
 - Family (2 adults & 2 children aged 5-15) £74.95
 - Infants (under 5s) Free
- Private group tours are also available.

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 Collection includes 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 hallowed 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 Collection, 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.

LORD'S FATHER TIME WALL

The Lord's Father Time Wall is a stunning new installation, erected at the Home of Cricket in 2021. 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' is 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)



CUSTODIANS OF THE LAWS



One of 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 is 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 Lords.org in several different languages and there is an official Laws app, available on iOS and Android.

In September 2021, MCC announced that the Laws of Cricket would be amended to use the gender-neutral terms 'batter' and 'batters' rather than 'batsman' or 'batsmen'.

During 2021, MCC conducted a review into the Law on short-pitched bowling in response to increasing incidents of concussion in the game. In March 2022, the Club announced the outcome of the consultation and there will be no Law change made, however MCC will continue to educate everyone involved in cricket on the dangers of concussion.

Also in March 2022, a new Edition of the Laws was announced which saw several notable changes made to the Laws. These will come into force on 1 October 2022.

MCC WORLD CRICKET COMMITTEE

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

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 home of MCC.

The full list of committee members is as follows:

- Mike Gatting (Chair)**
- Jamie Cox (MCC Assistant Secretary, Cricket & Operations)**
- Suzie Bates**
- Alastair Cook**
- Kumar Dharmasena**
- Sourav Ganguly**
- Tim May**
- Brendon McCullum**
- Ramiz Raja**
- Kumar Sangakkara**
- Vince van der Bijl**

The next meeting is due to take place in July following the England v India One-Day International at Lord's

MCC COWDREY LECTURE 2021

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MCC COWDREY LECTURE

The MCC 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 Cowdrey in December 2000 and inaugurated in his honour. Cowdrey was instrumental, with Ted Dexter, 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 individuals, and following the Lecture itself, a panel discussion ensues with various names from the world of cricket.

In 2021, Stephen Fry joined The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu as the only other person from outside of the world of cricket to have delivered the Lecture.

The list of those who have delivered the MCC 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	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	2021	Stephen Fry

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.

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 is 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 hosts 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 runs monthly activity sessions for people aged over 60.
- **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 invites 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 - MCC supports 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 schoolchildren take over as Tour Guides for the day, delivering private tours of the Ground to their parents and peers.



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 70 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 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.

From October 2021 to March 2022, the Foundation was thrilled to be able to welcome a number of Afghan refugees to the Lord's Indoor Cricket Centre each week, in a joint project with MCC. This saw men, women and children access the nets for cricket practice and in addition, English classes, yoga, a creche and a delicious Afghan meal were provided each week, helping this vulnerable group settle in their new country. The project won the Tessa Jowell Community Award at the 2022 Sports Industry Awards.

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 MCC President Designate, Stephen Fry.

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



ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

In 2021, the Club published its first ESG Report, the fabric of which exist in three main pillars:

ENVIRONMENT

We commit to prioritising sustainable development within the Club's strategy to be the finest cricket club in the world. We pledge to minimise our environmental impacts, while enhancing our social and economic value.

SOCIAL

A welcoming club is at the heart of MCC's social strategy, both on and off the field - a Club that empowers its Members, colleagues, cricketing community, local community and visitors alike.

GOVERNANCE

A good governance structure provides the framework to our ESG approach, ensuring we are accountable across everything that we do. With this strong foundation, we can deploy a balanced and varied skillset to achieve our Club's strategic objectives and safeguard the Club for the next generation.

To download the full report, please click [HERE](#).



SUSTAINABILITY AT LORD'S

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

Lord's became the first UK sports venue to employ a full-time Sustainability Manager in 2009 and has 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.

Following the switch to 100% renewable electricity in October 2016, Lord's was operating on 100% wind power a year later.

MCC has also reduced the amount of single-use plastic given to spectators by:

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

We will be increasing biodiversity by planting over 12,000 plants in the Green Walls located on the Compton, Edrich and Warner Stands, whilst there are several bug hotels located behind the Warner Stand in the Coronation Garden.

In the three newest stands (Compton, Edrich and Warner) we use ground source heat pumps to heat and cool the stands.

Finally, we encourage all visitors to Lord's to use public transport.

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 eight accessible areas within Lord's specifically for wheelchair users and their companions, four of which are covered.

Accessible lavatories as well as baby changing facilities are available at concourse level in many areas of the ground. There are 20 accessible toilets in public areas and 11 accessible toilets in Members' and Hospitality areas.

There is a fully accessible adult changing facility in the Ground with a fully electrical hoist. This is supplemented by a fully accessible ("changing places") toilet, with an adult hoist and changing table, provided by Mobiloo, which is available on major match days and is located behind the Warner Stand.

All toilets at Lord's have non-slip floors, emergency lighting and audio alarms if required.

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 people 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.

Bag and vehicle searches, including that of people 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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