

Sporting Memories

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AT HOME WITH CRICKET

Dear Member,

Welcome to *At Home With Cricket*.

I write to you at an exciting time for our *Lord's Father Time Wall* project, which we have been able to make great progress with over the last few months, despite these uncertain times.

As I am sure you will be aware, the new installation will offer the chance for Members – and indeed, supporters from all around the world - to be a part of Lord's via a personalised plaque, with the inscription of their choice appearing in a new display between the Grand and Compton stands.

I am delighted with the positive response from Members, which has been absolutely fantastic and I would like to thank you, on behalf of the team, for your support for the project. We are now reaching one of the most exciting stages of our plans, as we are about to reveal the *100 Greatest Milestones* to have taken place at Lord's, which you helped us to narrow down last year. There is more information further on in this email about how to access the milestones but I am afraid you will have to wait a little longer to find out who made the First XI – as the seminal moments will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Those of you who were able to log on for Thursday's Informal Meeting will have heard Guy Lavender mention the MCC Extras scheme, which you will be receiving more information about very soon. This programme is designed to provide extra benefit to your MCC membership, including through online events at a time when we are all restricted in our ability to come to Lord's. We are finalising the programme as I write and I hope you will find this a welcome benefit over the coming months.

Also included in this week's email are highlights from a thrilling ODI contested by England and India at Lord's a decade ago in *From the Archives*, a customary round-up of the latest international action in *Winter Watch* and another round of your submissions.

I hope that you enjoy your weekend. I am sure that many of you will be watching the Test Match from India as this email arrives and I hope England can continue their brilliant form!

Yours sincerely,

Andy Muggleton
Assistant Secretary (Commercial)

FROM THE ARCHIVES: ENGLAND v. INDIA, LORD'S, 2011



We have delved into the white-ball cricket annals this week in *From the Archives*, as we recall a thrilling encounter between England and India at Lord's in 2011.

This match was the fourth One-Day International in a five-match series. After no result was possible in the opening match, wins for England at Southampton and The Oval saw the hosts go 2-0 up before this clash at the Home of Cricket.

England captain Alastair Cook had won the toss and asked India to bat first, and they went on to make 280 for 5 from their 50 overs. Suresh Raina top-scored for the visitors, making 84 from 75 deliveries, and shared a partnership of 169 for the fifth wicket with Indian skipper M.S. Dhoni. The wicket-keeper/batsman made an unbeaten 78 as they set England a stiff target.

England were reduced to 61 to 3 in response but a fourth wicket stand between Ian Bell and Ravi Bopara developed to provide the impetus the innings needed. Might a tight finish be on the cards?

Remind yourself of a classic encounter at Lord's via the Home of Cricket YouTube channel below.

WINTER WATCH WINDIES WIN IN BANGLADESH, ENGLAND MAKE CHANGES IN CHENNAI (1)



After an incredible victory in their opening Test against **Bangladesh** at the weekend, a confident **West Indies** side are currently doing battle once again with their hosts, as the second Test of the series is underway in Dhaka.

In the opening match in Chattogram, the Windies recorded a famous win, scoring a mammoth 395 in the fourth innings on a turning pitch. Fielding three debutants and without six first-choice players, the tourists chased down the fifth highest target in the history of Test cricket.

Kyle Mayers, one of the three playing in their first Test, struck an unbeaten 210 to become only the sixth player in history to score a double century in the final innings of a Test, and also the sixth to pass 200 on debut. You can see highlights of the final day's play courtesy of the *Windies Cricket* YouTube channel, by clicking the image above.

In the current match, Joshua Da Silva (92), Nkrumah Bonner (90) and Alzarri Joseph (82) led the Windies to a first innings total of 409, with Abu Jayed and Taijul Islam sharing eight wickets between them for Bangladesh. The hosts had reached 105 for 4 at the end of the second day and the match continues.

WINTER WATCH WINDIES WIN IN BANGLADESH, ENGLAND MAKE CHANGES IN CHENNAI (2)

After **Pakistan** sealed a 2-0 Test series victory over **South Africa** with a 95-run win in Rawalpindi, the teams embarked on a three-match T20 International series. Pakistan prevailed in the opening match on Thursday, recording a thrilling win by three runs. Opener Mohammad Rizwan struck an unbeaten 104 from 64 deliveries to help the hosts to a total of 169 for 6. South African openers Reeza Hendricks (54) and Janneman Malan (44) were the main contributors in the visitors' innings but Pakistan's bowlers held their nerve to seal a win, with the second match set to take place today (13.00 GMT).

England announced a raft of changes for the second Test against **India** in Chennai (scheduled to begin earlier this morning) following their brilliant 227-run victory in the opening match, which concluded on Monday. Jofra Archer was ruled out through an elbow injury and Jos Buttler is returning home as planned. Moeen Ali was tipped to play in his first Test since 2019 in place of Dom Bess.

Finally, **Pakistan Women** won their opening One-Day International against **Zimbabwe Women** by 178 runs in Harare on Tuesday. Javeria Khan (81) and Aliya Riaz (74) starred in Pakistan's innings of 255 for 6 and the hosts were bowled out for 77. Sadly, the tour has come to an abrupt end due to unforeseen air travel complications, as flights were suspended between Dubai and Harare.

FATHER TIME WALL: 100 GREATEST MILESTONES TO BE REVEALED



Following the announcement of the *Lord's Father Time Wall* in late 2020, the time has come to commence revealing the *100 Greatest Milestones* in the history of Lord's.

The first batch of milestones is being revealed exclusively across the Lord's and MCC social media channels and website today, with further milestones named as we build up to the announcement of the First XI. The first milestone on that final teamsheet will be inked in on 20 February, with a further announcement made each day, culminating on 2 March, when we will disclose the identity of the number one greatest moment at Lord's.

You can find more information, and the first batch of milestones, via the link below, as well as the video above to whet the appetite.

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VACCINATIONS AT LORD'S: A VISIT FROM THE CULTURE SECRETARY

MCC welcomed Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden (*pictured below left*) for a special visit to Lord's yesterday, to tour the vaccination centre at the Ground as part of his thanks to the wider culture, media and sports sectors for their help in the vaccine roll-out to date.

The Culture Secretary met MCC Chief Executive & Secretary Guy Lavender (*pictured with Oliver Dowden below right*) for the tour of the centre that is the largest in the City of Westminster, capable of administering 2,000 inoculations a day. The tour was led by Dr. Saul Kaufman, Clinical Director of St. John's Wood and Maida Vale Primary Care Network, who is running the NHS operation at the Ground.

The visit by the Culture Secretary is part of a wider campaign to encourage those aged 70+ who have not yet received a jab to come forward. The campaign is backed by prominent sporting figures including Sir Geoff Hurst, Roy Hodgson, Ann Jones and cricket's own David 'Bumble' Lloyd.

Anyone resident in the UK aged 70 or over who has not yet been vaccinated is urged to contact the NHS by visiting [their website](#) or calling 119 to arrange an appointment.



ENGLAND v. NEW ZEALAND TEST MATCH: FORTHCOMING DEADLINE

Tickets are currently available for Members to purchase on a first come, first served basis for the LV= Insurance Test Match between England and New Zealand, which will take place between Wednesday 2 and Sunday 6 June 2021.

The Members' Priority Period will conclude at **16.00 on Friday 19 February**.

NB. If tickets are showing as unavailable, please check that you have identified yourself to the system as a Member by logging into your account.

BUY ONLINE



A deadline of **16.00 on Wednesday 17 February** applies to Members wishing to apply for Hospitality Suites for the above match, which will be allocated by means of a ballot.

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MEMBERS' SUBMISSIONS

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We have another fine selection of *Members' Submissions* to bring you this week. We start with a fantastic tale a mid-Ashes New Year's Eve party in Melbourne, before hearing memories of playing for MCC in the 1960s, reflections on a career from a former England Test player, and a chance meeting at Lord's that ended up on the back pages.

In 1954-55 I was Third Officer on board a P&O Liner named S.S. Strathmore. We were in Melbourne at the time of the third Test Match of the 1954-55 Ashes series.

It happened that Saturday was New Year's Eve and we were all in partying mode. Our Deputy Purser, an Aussie, was an old friend of Keith Miller. He invited Keith and Ray Lindwall on board for dinner. For some reason, which I never found out, Len Hutton also came with them.

After a lot of cocktails we had a lengthy dinner and then I invited them all up to the Bridge to blow the ship's sirens at midnight. It was hilarious! I had Len Hutton on one and Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall on the other. Len was very good and stopped when I said enough noise, but Keith and Ray went on long after all the other ships in harbour had stopped.

Naturally I asked them all to call in to my cabin on their way down to the Deputy Purser's cabin for a nightcap. Len being the sensible professional that he was, thanked me for an enjoyable evening but as he was in the middle of a Test Match he would be going ashore. I think he was also trying to recover from a bad cold. Keith and Ray on the other hand were not so abstemious. When they arrived in my cabin I said the bar is over there, just help yourselves to what you want. I didn't want to be blamed for encouraging them!

After a couple of drinks and some nautical yarns. they returned to the Deputy Purser's cabin. He told me that he eventually poured them ashore around 4.00am!

All went well on Monday and we had won comfortably by midday thanks to the deadly bowling of Typhoon Tyson, who took seven wickets for 27 runs.

The sequel to this story, and the really funny part was yet to come. On leaving Melbourne, we arrived in Sydney just before the final Test Match. I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw in large white painted letters a message at the foot of our main gangway. The Sydney Dockers had written "LEAVE OUR PLAYERS ALONE" Word had obviously leaked about our New Year's Eve party!

MEMBERS' SUBMISSIONS (2)

Tim Tilden-Smith

I have enjoyed the reminiscences of Members' first visits to HQ. Unfortunately I have no recollection of my first visit to Lord's but it must have been in the early 1950s. But I do well remember when I first played for MCC.

It was one Monday in early June, 1957 against Clayesmore School in Dorset, the first day of what was then Western Schools Week - six days of cricket against West Country Schools including Blundell's, Dauntsey's and Millfield.

My first Match Manager on that week was RJO (Jack) Meyer, founder and head of Millfield, ex-captain of Somerset, and some cricketer and character. After one game he entertained us greatly in the pub with his vivid description of how he dismissed Don Bradman in 1938 - I think it was the Gentlemen v. Australians at Lord's.

Talking of the great Don, in 1948 our Prep School XI was taken to Hove to see Sussex v. Australians. It was some experience - we saw the second day - Arthur Morris scored 180, Don Bradman was bowled by Cornford for 109 and they declared at 549 for 5 as soon as a young batsman named Neil Harvey reached 100. Ray Lindwall cleaned up Sussex, with Australia winning by an innings!

The Western Schools Week was a very good way of getting a good start towards your qualifying matches to become a Playing Member of MCC. This was achieved and I was elected in 1958, and later I became Match Manager for the Week from 1964 to 1973, ten years of most enjoyable cricket among a dozen or so delightful West Country schools.

I ended up playing well over 100 games for the Club, in the process playing with many delightful Members, some of whom I run into on my now less frequent visits to Lord's.

MEMBERS' SUBMISSIONS

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Jeremy Ward

It all started in 1953 after coming down from Cambridge with George Duckworth ringing me and asking me if I would like to go to India for five months with the Commonwealth side. That was a wonderful beginning to a cricket career, in which I went on to play for Surrey, Northamptonshire and England.

After playing county cricket in 1958, I was lucky enough to play for England and be picked to go to Australia and New Zealand, and then the following winter to the West Indies.

Almost 10 years, and many happy memories, which lasted until I retired in 1961.

Alan Davidson and his wife became lifelong friends, staying with us whenever they came to England, as well as Gopi and Comi Gopinath who would visit each year on a trip to either Lord's or Wimbledon. It was lovely talking to them recently and chatting about the Test Match in Chennai.

Jackie Hendriks from Jamaica, and the Apte family from Mumbai are in contact throughout the year, and we have been lucky enough to visit on many occasions. Wonderful memories through the game of cricket!

Hopefully we will be able to watch the Test Match against India at Lord's later this year with England having done so well in Chennai. Long may it continue!