

LORD'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new Lord's Community newsletter - I hope you will find it both interesting and informative.

Inside you will see news on this season's fixtures as well as an insight into some of MCC's campaigns - from trying to stamp out corruption in cricket to educating school children about the right way to play the game.

Several times a year MCC hosts meetings of the Lord's Community Group, which comprises local residents, councillors and business representatives. This forum allows the Club to communicate with its neighbours and to try to deal with any concerns they may have. If you would like to find out more about the Group, please do get in touch with our Community Relations team at community@lords.org.

I hope that many of you will find time to attend a match at Lord's this summer - and to pop in for a drink and bite to eat at the Lord's Tavern.

With best wishes,



Keith Bradshaw
MCC Secretary & Chief Executive

THE LORD'S TAVERN

There has always been a pub at Lord's - one would expect nothing less from a Ground originally owned by and named after a man who worked as a wine merchant. Thomas Lord established taverns at all three Lord's grounds, and this month



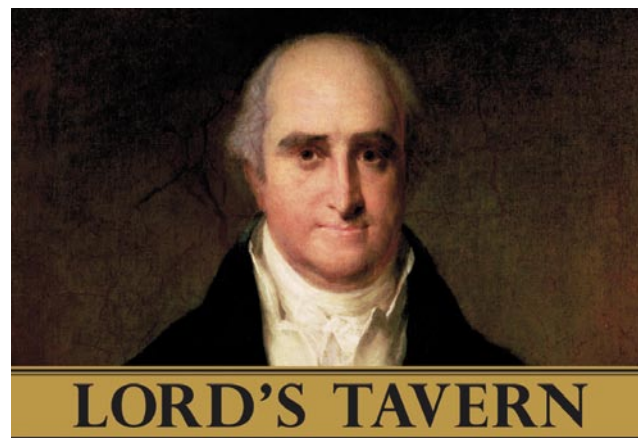
MCC will be opening the latest incarnation, the newly refurbished Lord's Tavern, which the new management hopes will prove popular with residents and visitors to Lord's alike.

The new Lord's Tavern will offer the best of British food and drink - from rib eye steak and bangers and mash, to hand-pulled real ales - in warm and welcoming surroundings. With food of the quality of a gastropub - but without the prices to match - the Tavern will have a subtle theme based around the cricket's gastronomic heritage.

On weekdays, the Tavern will be open from 11am, and serve food until 9pm and drinks until 11pm. At weekends, it will open at 9am to serve brunch, and on Sundays will serve lunch, including a traditional roast. There will also be a special menu for children.

As well as families and food-lovers, the Tavern also hopes to attract sports fans who want to enjoy a beer whilst watching wickets tumble and runs flow. Do come along and discover what it has to offer - those visiting before 21st April will receive a free dessert with each main course purchased on the production of the voucher available from www.lords.org/tavern.

The Tavern is located next to the Grace Gate, on St John's Wood Road.



LORD'S MATCH FIXTURES

After an extraordinarily busy 2010, something approaching normal service is resumed at Lord's in 2011. The Ground hosts two Test Matches and One Day Internationals (ODIs) against India and Sri Lanka as well as the final of the CB40 (the domestic 40-over competition). This year, unlike last, there will be no neutral Test Match.

So what's in store for those visiting Lord's this season? Most people are waiting with bated breath for the arrival of one man: Sachin Tendulkar. The wonderful batsman, who has scored more international runs than anyone in the history of the game, will probably be playing his last innings at Lord's – perhaps a final chance for people to say they have seen a genius at work.

However, the Indian team of which he is part is far from a one-man-band. It is full of explosive batsmen such as Virender Sehwag and M.S. Dhoni and sits top of the world Test rankings. The Indians will provide a stern Test for England.

The Sri Lankans also boast many batting stars, such as graceful captain Kumar Sangakkara, as well as mesmerising bowlers like Ajantha Mendis and Lasith Malinga. The Sri Lanka Test begins on Friday 3rd June and the India Test on Thursday 21st July.

This year there are just three Twenty20 Cup matches, compared to five in 2010, and all three will be played on Thursdays under floodlights, beginning at 6.15pm. There are no floodlit weekend matches, and, unlike other grounds in the country, music will be played only during the Twenty20 Cup and not as part of ODI or CB40 matches.

Tickets are available from www.lords.org/tickets or by calling 020 7432 1000.



PLAY HARD, PLAY FAIR, HAVE FUN – SCHOOLCHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET



For the third successive year, local schoolchildren will be learning about how to play cricket in a fair, fun and honest way thanks to MCC's partnership with Chance to Shine – the Cricket Foundation's campaign to regenerate the game in state schools.

While the Cricket Foundation focuses on coaching batting, bowling and fielding, MCC's input means six-to-thirteen-year-olds in more than 3,500 schools across the country and six in the City of Westminster, including Gateway Primary School in Capland Street, are taught to Play Hard, Play Fair and Have Fun. These principles form the cornerstone of MCC's Spirit of Cricket campaign, which aims to enshrine respect for team-mates, opposition and the officials, and to encourage players to play by both the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law.

The Club believes that lessons learnt from the Spirit of Cricket – from understanding how to win or lose magnanimously, to trying your hardest to succeed, but not at all costs – can benefit children both on the cricket field and in the classroom. MCC provides teachers in Chance to Shine schools with resources to illustrate the Spirit of Cricket and make it applicable to everyday life, whilst also funding coaches who integrate the principles into their sessions. These resources are open to all to use at www.lords.org/soc

England Women cricketers such as captain Charlotte Edwards and all-rounder Jenny Gunn are coaching ambassadors for Chance to Shine. They are inspirational in communicating to the

youngsters how to play the game in the right way. All in all, the Club is doing all it can to encourage the Ashes winners of tomorrow to Play Hard, Play Fair and Have Fun today.

THE VISION FOR LORD'S

The "Vision for Lord's" – MCC's plans to redevelop the Ground in order to deliver new and improved facilities that will benefit MCC Members, the local community and spectators – is still in its conceptual stage.

The Club is undertaking exhaustive work on the Vision and there is still much to be done. Once MCC finalises its Vision for the Ground, there will be extensive and thorough consultation amongst both local residents and MCC Members to ensure they have ample opportunity to comment on the proposals.

With both the economic and cricketing landscapes having changed since MCC started work on the Vision in 2007, the Club has to ensure that any long-term development must be viable both economically and in terms of providing facilities that will be needed and used. Whatever plan the Club proposes, it will be geared towards retaining the same open green spaces and sense of tranquillity that so many visitors love about the Ground, and keeping Lord's as the best place to watch and play cricket in the world.

CORRUPTION IN CRICKET

During the final Test Match of 2010, the cricket world was rocked by the spot-fixing allegations made by the *News of the World* – which accused some Pakistan players of deliberately bowling no-balls to order. Since then, three Pakistan cricketers – captain Salman Butt and the two bowlers in question, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir – have received bans of between five and ten years from the International Cricket Council (ICC).

While MCC is no longer cricket's governing body, it is the guardian of the Laws of the game, and, within those Laws, it has enshrined the Spirit of Cricket Preamble. The Club's World Cricket committee – which includes current and former



From left: Keith Bradshaw, Steve Waugh, Tony Lewis, Mike Brearley and John Stephenson at the meeting in Perth

players such as Steve Waugh, Mike Brearley and Rahul Dravid – met in Australia during December and resolved to amend the Laws – through the Spirit of Cricket Preamble – to forbid specifically the corruption or attempted corruption of any aspect of a match.

The committee also set up an Anti-Corruption sub-committee, including Waugh, Secretary & Chief Executive of MCC, Keith Bradshaw, and former cricketers Barry Richards and Courtney Walsh to investigate ways of removing corruption from cricket. Current ideas range from legalising betting in India to including non-corruption clauses in all professional cricketers' contracts worldwide.

Cricket attracts more gambling than any other sport in the world – former Met Police Commissioner Lord Condon estimated as much as \$1 billion could be bet on some Indian international matches. The need to recover cricket's credibility is pressing; MCC intends to do everything within its powers to aid that recovery.

FLOODLIGHTS

After each season, MCC removes the headframes from the four floodlights at Lord's for the winter, leaving four "chimneys" exposed. Recently some local residents have indicated that they would prefer the headframes to stay on the retracted floodlights throughout the year, preferring that look to the masts without lights; others want to maintain the status quo. The Club spends nearly £40,000 each year removing and reinstating the headframes as required by the planning permission granted for the floodlights. However, it has been suggested that if the headframes were kept on during the winter when the floodlights

were not in use, that money could be invested instead in community projects, after consultation with members of the Lord's Community Group. As any change to the current practice would require the approval of Westminster City Council, MCC would like to hear your views on what should be done – please email community@lords.org

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THE OLYMPIC ARCHERY AT LORD'S IN 2012

Tickets are now on sale for The London 2012 Olympic Games. Lord's will be hosting the Olympic Archery competition, ticket prices for which range from £20 to £65 for the preliminary rounds and from £30 to £95 for the final. There will be four gold medals up for grabs in the archery, with individual and team shoots for both men and women.

Lord's will be transformed for the competition, with two temporary stands erected on the outfield at the Home of Cricket accommodating up to 4,500 spectators. The archers will shoot from the Pavilion End of the Ground across the square, with the target placed on the other side of the square.

Should the grass be affected by the temporary stands, it will be replaced with fresh grass – already being grown – at the end of the competition to ensure the speedy return of cricket to Lord's.

In preparation for the Games, LOCOG will organise a test event at Lord's later this year. Set-up will begin on 25th September with the final breakdown finishing on 17th October. Practice takes place on 1st and 2nd October, with the competition running from 3rd to 10th October.

For more information on the Olympics, visit: www.london2012.com



A computer generated illustration depicting the Olympic Archery competition during London 2012

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If you would like to contact MCC's Community Relations team, find out more about the Lord's Community Group, or enable MCC to contact you about issues that affect local residents, visit: www.lords.org/community or email community@lords.org.
The Club will be pleased to hear from you.

MCC strives to minimise disruption to local residents during match days. Anyone who is being unduly inconvenienced by the PA system or music should call 07527 320529 on match days and speak to the noise duty officer.



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