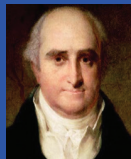


Lord's: Centuries in the making

"The Home of Cricket" has occupied a special place at the heart of the game for over 230 years



■ **1787**
Former first-class cricketer **Thomas Lord** (left) opens cricket ground

on Dorset Fields.
Marylebone Cricket Club founded there in same year

■ **1811:** Lord's relocates to new ground at North Bank

■ **1813:** Parliament requisitions land for **Regent's Canal** – forcing new move

■ **1814:** Third ground opens on current site in St John's Wood

■ **1824**
MCC member **William Ward** (right) secures future of Lord's, buying lease for £5,400



■ **1864:** Purchase of lawn mower removes need to keep sheep



■ **1877**
Middlesex County Cricket Club begins residence at Lord's

■ **1884:** Lord's hosts its first **Test Match**, between England and Australia

■ **1890:** Pavilion, with famed **Long Room**, opens

■ **1926:** **Father Time** weathervane installed on grandstand



■ **1972**
Hosts first **One Day International**

■ **1975:** West Indies beat Australia to win first **World Cup Final**, and retain trophy four years later

■ **1983:** India triumph in World Cup Final

■ **1998:** Women admitted as members of MCC – allowed into pavilion for first time

■ **1999**
Shane Warne inspires Australia to victory against Pakistan



■ **2000:** England beat West Indies in 100th Test played at Lord's

■ **2019**
Lord's hosts **World Cup Final** for fifth time

