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To the memory of David Underdown (1925–2009), who was to have been with us in this enterprise, and whose seminal work has inspired our labours

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References to cricket are to be found in the period between the beginning of the fourteenth and the late-seventeenth centuries in England; cricket is referred to in Florio's Italian–English dictionary (1598); cricket is listed as a pastime of 'Inhabitants' in Edward Chamberlyne's *Anglia notitia* (1694); William Goldwin's Latin poem 'In Certamen Pilae; Anglice, A Cricket Match' (1706) describes a game recognisable to that which developed in the eighteenth century.

Early eighteenth century	Cricket matches being played by colonists in North America.
1720s	Cricket being played by the English in India (though native people not involved in organised cricket until the 1840s).
1744	Laws of cricket settled by the 'Cricket Club' of London's Artillery Ground.
1745	First recorded women's cricket match in England.
Mid eighteenth century	Organised cricket played in Kent and Sussex; prominence of Hambledon (Hampshire) club by 1770s.
1754	James Love's <i>Cricket: An Heroic Poem</i> .
1755	Samuel Johnson defines cricket as deriving from the Anglo-Saxon 'cryce' meaning 'stick' in his <i>Dictionary of the English Language</i> .
1774	Revision of the laws of cricket by the Star & Garter Club of London (further revised ten years later).

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Late-eighteenth/early-nineteenth century	Main focus of cricket had shifted to London, where Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC – founded 1787) was based at Lord's cricket ground in St John's Wood from 1814; red leather cricket ball in use by mid eighteenth century in England; early curved bat gave way to straight-sided bat by 1770s.
1785	Additional third stump becomes 'law'.
1816	Publication of John Baxter and William Lambert's <i>Instructions And Rules For Playing The Noble Game of Cricket, As Practised By The Most Eminent Players</i> .
1830	First printed account of a match in Australia.
1832	Founding of Columbo Cricket Club, Ceylon (Sri Lanka).
1833	Publication in book form of John Nyren and Charles Cowden-Clarke's <i>The Young Cricketer's Tutor</i> and <i>The Cricketers of My Time</i> .
1835	Follow-on principle introduced, and official acceptance of round-arm bowling.
1840s	Cricket being played in South Africa and New Zealand.
1844	Match between USA and Canada, the first such international contest.
1845	Foundation of Melbourne Cricket Club; first match played at the Oval, London.
1846	Formation of All-England XI of touring cricketers by William Clarke of Nottingham; John Wisden's United England XI performed similar role of taking cricket to various parts of the British Isles.
1850s	Club cricket well established in Australia; first visit by a team from England was in 1861–62; cricket established in the Netherlands.
1851	Publication of James Pycroft's much reprinted <i>The Cricket-Field</i> .

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- 1858 First recorded instance of a hat being awarded to a bowler taking three wickets with consecutive balls (a hat trick).
- 1859 First English team tour to North America.
- 1864 Official approval given to over-arm bowling, which became the generally accepted bowling method; *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* first published.
- 1864–1908 Career of W. G. Grace, the most formative influence on the development of modern cricket.
- 1868 Team of Australian Aborigines toured England and Wales.
- 1873 Following the formation in the 1860s of an informal championship between county teams, an official county championship was created in 1873 with nine counties, gradually added to until, by the 1990s, there were eighteen counties (Durham being the most recent addition in 1991).
- 1877 First cricket Test match between Australia and England, Melbourne Cricket Ground, March 15, 16, 17, 19.
- 1880 First Test match in England; this period saw the emergence and dominance of one of the great fast bowlers – F. R. Spofforth, ‘the Demon’ – who took 14 for 90 to win the Test match at the Oval in 1882. This was the match that gave rise to the idea of ‘the Ashes’ after the *Sporting Times* printed an ‘obituary’ for English cricket: ‘The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia.’
- c.1880–1914 Philadelphia the pre-eminent club in North America, with J. B. (‘Bart’) King a leading American cricketer of the pre-war era.
- 1883 Formation of the Netherlands Cricket Association.
- 1886, 1888 Visit to England by Parsee (Indian) cricket teams.

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- 1887 Formation of the White Heather women's cricket club.
- 1888 A. G. Steel and the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton, *The Badminton Book of Cricket*.
- 1889 South Africa's first Test match (versus England).
- 1890 South African Cricket Association formed, following the first visit by an English team in the previous year; South African Coloured Cricket Board set up in 1897.
- c.1890–1914 So-called 'golden age' of English cricket, with dominance of amateur batsmen.
- 1891 Inter-colonial tournament in the West Indies, and first visit by combined West Indies team to England in 1900.
- 1892–93 Sheffield Shield competition initiated in Australia.
- 1895 W. G. Grace scores 1,000 runs in May and reaches his 100th century.
- 1897 Publication of C. B. Fry and K. S. Ranjitsinhji's *The Jubilee Book of Cricket*.
- 1899–1912 Career of Victor Trumper, the outstanding Australian batsman of the pre-1914 period.
- 1900 Six-ball over introduced; cricket included as an event at the Olympic Games for the first and last time.
- 1903–34 Career of Jack Hobbs, pre-eminent English batsman of the twentieth century.
- c.1903–10 Major innovation in bowling with development by B. J. T. Bosanquet of the 'googly' (or 'bosie'), used to great effect by South Africa in Test matches before the First World War.
- 1905 Establishment of the Australian Board of Control for International Cricket; publication of George Beldam and C. B. Fry's *Great Batsmen: Their Methods at a Glance* and *Great Bowlers: Their Methods at a Glance*.

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- 1906–07 Plunkett Shield competition established in New Zealand.
- 1909 Formation of Imperial Cricket Conference comprising England, Australia and South Africa, as forum for the governing bodies of the Test-match playing countries.
- 1912 First (and only) triangular Test tournament organised by the ICC in England; publication of Pelham Warner's *Imperial Cricket*.
- 1915 Death of W. G. Grace (aged 67).
- 1922 MCC team visit Denmark, where cricket had been played since the 1860s.
- 1926 Following rise in popularity of women's cricket after the Great War, Women's Cricket Association formed; in 1934–35 an England women's team toured Australasia, and by 1939 there were seventeen county women's associations. An International Women's Cricket Association was formed in 1958; West Indies Cricket Board of Control established, and Test-match status accorded to the West Indies team in 1928. Tour of England that year brought L. N. (Learie) Constantine to fame; publication of H. S. Altham's *History of Cricket*.
- 1927 Board of Control for Cricket in India established; BBC radio begins to broadcast cricket.
- 1927–49 Career of Donald Bradman, leading batsman of the first half of the twentieth century, and Australian national hero.
- 1929–30 Test-match status accorded to New Zealand.
- 1930 Four-day Test matches introduced in England; publication of Neville Cardus's *Cricket*.
- 1932–33 Controversial 'Bodyline' Test series between Australia and England.
- 1933 Publication of Learie Constantine and C. L. R. James's *Cricket and I*, one of the first books by Caribbean authors to be published in Britain.

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- 1933–34 First Test matches played in India by an English team; Ranji Trophy competition established in 1934.
- 1934 Publication of Marjorie Pollard's *Cricket for Women and Girls*.
- 1935 'Bodyline' bowling outlawed by MCC.
- 1937 Amendment of lbw law to include balls breaking from the off-side; first women's Test match in England.
- 1938 Test match cricket televised for the first time (England v. Australia at Lord's).
- 1939 'Timeless Test' between South Africa and England at Durban ends in a draw after ten days.
- 1944 Publication of Edmund Blunden's *Cricket Country*, one of several books celebrating cricket and Englishness published during the Second World War.
- 1945 Publication of Neville Cardus's *English Cricket*.
- 1948 Introduction of five-day Tests in England.
- 1950 West Indies win a Test series in England for the first time, beating England at Lord's in the process; publication of Donald Bradman's *Farewell to Cricket*.
- 1952 First Test match played by Pakistan; Len Hutton becomes England's first regular professional captain.
- 1953–74 Career of Garfield Sobers.
- 1956 Jim Laker, England, took 19 wickets for 90 v. Australia, Old Trafford.
- 1958 Publication of Donald Bradman's *The Art of Cricket*.
- 1960 After a public campaign, Frank Worrell becomes the first regular non-white captain of West Indies.

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- 1963 Abolition of amateur–professional distinction in English cricket; introduction, following a decade of declining attendances in English county cricket, of the Gillette Cup, a sponsored one-day, limited-overs (originally sixty-five, later reduced to sixty) competition; death of Sir Jack Hobbs (aged 82); publication of C. L. R. James’s *Beyond a Boundary*.
- 1966 Publication of E. W. Swanton *et al.*’s *World of Cricket: The Game from A to Z*.
- 1968 End of MCC’s longstanding *de facto* control of English cricket with the creation of the Cricket Council and the Test and County Cricket Board.
- 1968–70 Controversy of the selection of Basil D’Oliveira to play for England on tour to South Africa 1968–69. The tour was cancelled and the repercussions of the ‘D’Oliveira Affair’ led to the cancellation of a planned tour by South Africa to England in 1970, and the exclusion in the same year of South Africa from international Test cricket in protest at the country’s apartheid laws. The exclusion lasted until 1991.
- 1969 John Player Sunday League (forty overs per side) introduced in England.
- 1970 Publication of Rowland Bowen’s *Cricket: A History of its Growth and Development Throughout the World*.
- 1971 First one-day international match played, Australia v. England, Melbourne.
- 1975 First cricket World Cup, at Lord’s, won by West Indies.
- 1976 First women’s match at Lord’s, England v. Australia.
- 1977 Kerry Packer introduces World Series Cricket, signing fifty-one of the world’s leading players to his organisation.
- 1978 First use of a full protective helmet in Test matches, by G. N. Yallop of Australia.

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- 1979 Publication of Derek Birley's *The Willow Wand: Some Cricket Myths Explored*.
- 1980 Eight-ball over in Australia (used since 1922) abandoned.
- 1982 Sri Lanka achieved Test-match status.
- 1983 India win a historic victory at Lord's to win the third cricket World Cup.
- 1985 Publication of Mike Brearley's *The Art of Captaincy*.
- 1987 Publication of David Frith's *Pageant of Cricket*, a history of the game with over 2,000 illustrations.
- 1988 (and continuing) Career of Sachin Tendulkar.
- 1990 Publication of Mihir Bose's *A History of Indian Cricket*.
- 1991 Durham became eighteenth English county, the first to be admitted to the county championship since Glamorgan in 1921.
- 1992 Test debuts of Shane Warne and Muttiah Muralitharan, the highest wicket-takers in Test cricket. Warne's Test career ended in 2007 when he had taken 708 wickets. Muralitharan retired in July 2010 with 800 wickets to his name; first Test match for Zimbabwe; Pakistan win World Cup with a victory over England in the final.
- 1993 ICC – previously administered by MCC – became an independent body with its own executive; publication of Gideon Haigh's *The Cricket War: The Inside Story of Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket*.
- 1994 Brian Lara (Warwickshire) became first player to score 500 runs in a first-class match (501 not out v. Durham); publication of Mike Marqusee's *Anyone But England: Cricket and the National Malaise*.
- 1995 Publication of Hilary Beckles and Brian Stoddart's *Liberation Cricket: West Indies Cricket Culture*.

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- 1996 Sri Lanka win World Cup.
- 1999 Publication of Jack Williams's *Cricket and England: A Cultural and Social History of the Inter-War Years*.
- 2000 Bangladesh played its first Test match; W. J. (Hansie) Cronje, South African captain, was banned from cricket for life after being found guilty of match-fixing. Cronje died in an air crash in May 2002; Pakistan captain Salim Malik, and former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, banned from cricket for life for match-fixing; New Zealand won the women's World Cup for the first time; publication of David Underdown's *Start of Play: Cricket and Culture in Eighteenth-Century England*.
- 2001 Death of Sir Donald Bradman (aged 92).
- 2002 Publication of David Frith's *Bodyline Autopsy*; publication of Ramachandra Guha's *A Corner of a Foreign Field: The Indian History of a British Sport*.
- 2003 Twenty20 cricket introduced in English first-class game; publication of Andre Odendaal's *The Story of an African Game*.
- 2004 Brian Lara becomes the first player to reclaim the world Test record score by overtaking Matthew Hayden's 380 on his way to 400 not out; publication of Greg Ryan's *The Making of New Zealand Cricket 1832–1914*; publication of Jon Gemmell's *The Politics of South African Cricket*.
- 2005 The ICC headquarters moved to Dubai after ninety-six years at Lord's.
- 2007 Inaugural Twenty20 World Cup.
- 2007–08 Establishment of Indian Cricket League and Indian Premier League for Twenty20 cricket.
- 2009 On 3 March, the Sri Lankan cricket team was attacked by gunmen on its way to the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore for the third day of the

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second Test against Pakistan. Six policemen and two civilians were killed and six Sri Lankan players, two staff and an assistant umpire were injured. Security fears led the ICC to strip Pakistan of its hosting rights and the Pakistan team was forced to play all its fixtures abroad; England win women's World Cup.

Lalit Modi, chief executive of Indian Premier League, suspended by Board of Cricket Control in India over allegations of corruption; Pakistan players Salman Butt, Mohammad Amir and Mohammad Asif suspended by ICC under the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Code following allegations of their involvement in 'spot fixing' during the Lord's Test match against England.

FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ACB	Australian Cricket Board
ACC	Asian Cricket Council
BCCI	Board of Control for Cricket in India
BCCP	Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (now PCB)
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
ICC	International Cricket Council (formerly Imperial Cricket Conference)
IPL	Indian Premier League
MCC	Marylebone Cricket Club
MCG	Melbourne Cricket Ground
NSW	New South Wales
NZCC	New Zealand Cricket Council
PCB	Pakistan Cricket Board (formerly Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan)
SCG	Sydney Cricket Ground
TCCB	Test and County Cricket Board (now England and Wales Cricket Board)
WICB	West Indies Cricket Board
WSC	World Series Cricket