



Andrew Strauss taking part in the Vitality Westminster Mile - the inaugural event for the Ruth Strauss Foundation

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Lord's to turn red for the Ruth Strauss Foundation

On Thursday 15th August, Lord's Cricket Ground will be turning red for day two of the second Specsavers Ashes Test between England and Australia in aid of the Ruth Strauss Foundation.

Lord's Cricket Ground, England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) will be supporting the Ruth Strauss Foundation, by turning the ground red, with players from both sides wearing special commemorative shirts including Ruth Strauss Foundation logo, red

caps and red numbers on the back of their playing shirts.

The Ruth Strauss Foundation was set up by Andrew Strauss in honour of his wife Ruth, who died of a rare form of lung cancer in December 2018. The foundation provides grants for research into rare forms of lung cancers and provides emotional and well-being support to patients and their families.

Several of ECB's cricketing partners will be showing their support for the day including Specsavers who will be turning their branding in the stadium red for the day.

Talking about the day, **Andrew Strauss** said: "The Ruth Strauss Foundation day at Lord's is not only a celebration of Ruth's life but it will help raise awareness and vital funds to produce better research into rare forms of lung cancer. Through these donations we will be able to provide grants for research and offer families vital emotional and well-being support throughout their cancer journey."

"The support for the foundation has been brilliant so far, we had a fantastic turnout for the Family Mile back in May with over 500 people taking part including players from the England men's team. I can't wait to see Lord's turn red."

On day two of the Test match at Lord's, fans are invited to wear red to show their support and create a sea of colour at the ground. Supporters will be able to make donations in the stadium by cash or card and at home via a text message service. There will also be a raffle with a variety of cricketing prizes to win including the players' red caps from the day.

Tom Harrison, ECB Chief Executive Officer, said: "Andrew was an inspirational captain and player and was integral to the success of the England men's team during his time as Director of Cricket. When we were approached about this idea, we were delighted to be able to support such a brilliant cause.

"Cricket is a sport that has a special way of bringing people together and I invite you all to join the players and staff by wearing red on day two at Lord's. We hope all supporters, either at the ground or watching at home, will support the foundation generously."

Guy Lavender, MCC Chief Executive & Secretary, added: “We are delighted to be supporting Andrew and hosting the Ruth Strauss Foundation day. Andrew was a fantastic ambassador to both Middlesex and England, and I am sure everyone that comes to Lord’s or watches from home will be enormously supportive.”

The Ruth Strauss Foundation held their inaugural event, the Family Mile, at the Vitality Westminster Mile, where Andrew was joined by over 500 runners including members of the England Men’s Cricket Team.

To find out more please visit ruthstraussfoundation.com or email ruthstraussfoundation@wearetheplaybook.com

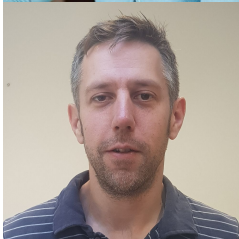
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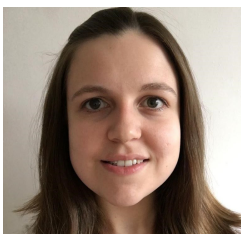
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