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FROM THE PRESIDENT 2019 SEASON (158th Season)

A warm welcome to all club members receiving this year's Scores and Averages for last season.

It is a pleasure to record that, whilst writing this piece, England seem to have unearthed a few possible 'gems' in the second and third Tests in South Africa. To a degree, I feel that the Incogs are finding themselves in a similar position. Over the last couple of years we have been able to elect some good young players who, it is to be hoped, will enjoy their cricket with us for years to come.

The club's tourists continue to fly our flag abroad with an early season trip to Thailand and a late season trip to the Balkans in this year's Fixture list. We are fortunate to have a good core of players who make our tours to the West and Mid-West well supported - Tony Wood and Jon Andrews are to be thanked for their enthusiastic tour leadership. Another trip to South Africa is on the cards under the leadership of Norman Dugdale.

Again I thank the club's Officers and particularly our Hon.Sec. Tom Wakeford for the efficient way that the club is run and their ability to foster an enjoyable atmosphere for members to play their cricket. However, all members are reminded that, as a 'Wandering' club, we are invited by our hosts to play cricket against them and the utmost respect should be shown to them for without them we have no cricket to play.

The 3rd July 2019 at New Zealand G.C. marked the end of an Incog golfing era with John Trumper retiring after 45 years leading our golfing section. John's large range of golfing contacts and his attention to detail has resulted in the smooth running of our golf over the years. His retirement was marked on the day by a well-supported Lunch in his honour along with an excellent speech by his good friend Donald Steel (his speech appears elsewhere) and the presentation of a gift from the club.

Peter Crowcroft takes over a fixture list which, as can be seen, has dwindled to almost nothing over the last few years despite attempts to breath some fresh life into it.

I wish all an enjoyable sun-drenched summer and express the hope that older retired members might consider supporting our cricket from time to time!

Nick Gibbs President.

Honorary Cricket Secretary's Report 2019

Won 12, lost 12, drew 6: the figures testify to a decent Incogs' season. Many of the match reports, so carefully collated here by the indefatigable 'Honourable Keeper of Scores and Averages' Peter Wiseman, elegantly point out many of the high points of last year's Summer.

On the positive side: new players who run (and score) at twice the speed of some of the rest of us, strong fixtures and very hospitable hosts. The tours and mini-tours are proving very popular and the continuing injection of fresh players is supporting these too. For these fixtures we of course have Ben Wakeford to thank. In the coming season he has arranged for us to play the oldest wandering club in the country - I Zingari - in addition to the second oldest, Free Foresters. There will be a lot of history on those pitches and hopefully a lot of future too. This season we are also unusually playing host to Cross Arrows - they are wandering pilgrims whilst the Nursery Ground is in hiatus. These are particularly strong fixtures which will of course ensure that we strive to be competitive.

Incogs have recently had a couple of games where, in our efforts to 'make it a good day', we have erred too far on the social side, as guests striving to give all twenty-two players a game. In doing so we've thrown it away and we haven't looked very clever while we've done so. This just calls for a recalibration on our part - all the clubs we played last year have invited us back - but the President's report relating to one of our regular and usually very rewarding July encounters, does identify a nadir and serves as a clear marker for the club.

Finally - although I'd have it as a firstly - a big personal thanks to those who communicate so constructively. It makes life much easier to receive prompt answers to invitations even if it is just to give an 'I'll know by X day'. The Availability system on the Incogs' website is now much better established as a source of players so please, as cricketers, do look to the website as well as to individual match managers, and to myself. And thank you to the cohort of Match Managers of course, and especially to those who step in so willingly to support further fixtures by finding players and getting them to games.

Tom Whyte Honorary Cricket Secretary Incogniti Cricket Club

A potted History of the Incogniti

On the 15th February 1912 some 300 cricketers gathered at the Hotel Russell, London for a celebratory dinner. This was the jubilee of the Incogniti Cricket Club and the date of the first Committee meeting 50 years previously. But there was another cause for celebration: the Ashes had been regained in Australia two days previously. On that day in 1912 the oh-so-famous Urn was the personal possession of a member of the club (they were bequeathed to the MCC after his death in 1927) and the Ashes, a concept born of a mock obituary of English cricket, had been won for England on two occasions by a major contribution from two members of the club. In its 150 year history there have been four Incogs who have captained England and eight or more Test players.

In Incogniti's first season, the year 1861, eight matches were played on a variety of grounds, starting at Lord's on 25th May v the X.Y.Z. It could have been the beginning and the end of the X.Y.Z. – they never reappeared in the amazingly complete and continuous record of the Incogniti – but Incogniti was to prosper and flourish. Tufnell Park was chosen as the home ground at that first Committee meeting, but after a week's tour to the Midlands in 1863 Incogniti became truly wandering, abandoning Tufnell Park the following year.



Bass was a prodigious wicket taker in the first 20 years

How truly great and wandering the club was to become is epitomised by the fact that both captains in the first Test series between England and New Zealand, played in New Zealand in 1930, were Incogs who had played together on the Incogniti Tour to America in 1924. And New Zealand had been put on the international cricket map by an Incog who had toured there, captaining a Fijian team prior to that Jubilee dinner. Two stalwart Incogs had played in opposing sides in an earlier Test series: 1905/6 England v South Africa.

An Incog forced the making of a new Law – the declaration. An Incog forced a change to the follow on Law. Two Incogs were heavily involved in the upgrading of the lbw Law. An Incog was largely responsible for acquisition of the southern end of the Nursery Ground at Lord's, when the whole of the ground was under threat from the building of a railway line. An Incog invented that deceitful ball, the googly. Incogniti has made its presence felt all round the world and over Europe with tours to Australia, South Africa, America, Canada, Goa, Singapore, Denmark, Holland, Malta, Cyprus and Gibraltar, and within the British Isles to Eire, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Wight. There have been Incogniti matches in nearly every county of England and even in Kenya.

The magic facts about the club, the sources of pride, have been that it is the third oldest wandering club and that it played its first game at Lord's. The first fact is false, as carved in wood on a plaque commemorating the International Millennium Cricket Festival for Wandering Clubs, Oxford 2000, but definitely debatable: this placed Incogniti as the fifth. The second fact is of little consequence since Lord's was in an appalling state at the time: anyone could play there for one shilling, inclusive of stumps, bat and ball. Maybe it is harder to remember all of the above facts but they are surely far more worth boasting about! Back in the early years of the club, the initials I.C.C. were used. Obviously they are not used today, in deference to a far more powerful organisation, but the initials had been taken from a club as meritorious in its own way. There has been un recognisable change in the social landscape since the inception of the Incogniti and yet its essential character, the desire to play a fair and honourable game to a sporting conclusion, has not. Incogs remain passionate about the "proper" way of playing, about the joy derived from playing for a finish, and from playing with the opposition rather than against them. It is the preservation of this ethos that is now drawing cricketers, tired of the lack of these very qualities in league cricket, into the ranks of the Great Unknown.

> Claire Whickman Club Archivist



This is the story of the Incogniti Cricket Club, starting with eleven men, some if not all, recently having finished their schooling at Godolphin, Hammersmith, in a match on 25th May 1861 at Lord's cricket ground. With no boundaries, no declaration, a 4 ball over, under-arm or round-arm bowling and long-stops, cricket was then a significantly different game. Bowling was so much the lesser part that no analysis was kept – scoring 50 runs was considered as great a feat as a hat trick! The conditions acceptable for play were also considerably different - even Lord's had a rough wicket and ridge and furrow in the outfield. Play would continue through drenching downpours and on into darkness. Cricket had a long way to go to become the game that we know today.

Early in its history the Incogniti played counties and mostly won, fielding up to 9 first class cricketers in its side. Some 650 first class cricketers have been members, including 9 Test captains. A meritorious wandering club – one of those Test captains was of South Africa (having previously played for England) and another was of New Zealand.

Some 300 pages tell a personal story of a journey through the 76 kilos of leather bound records and 42 kilos of other memorabilia. It is eclectic, anecdotal, visual and colourful, including photographs taken from 1863 onwards. There is also a complete record of the opposition in the nearly 8,000 matches played; who, where, when and with what result.

Copies of "Wanderings of the Unknown" are available to purchase from the Club's online shop, or you may contact Claire Whickman at: Winmalee, Long Lane, Shaw, Newbury, Berks RG14 2TH. Or <u>gwhickman@btinternet.com</u>

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED

Won (12)

Ibiza Jesus College Hampshire Hogs Royal Navy Honiton Chiswick Malmesbury Merstham Highgate Hurricanes (Balkan Bash 1) Romanian Bears (Balkan Bash 2) CFCCC (Balkan Bash Final)

Lost (12)

Ibiza Dulwich College Tiffin School Old Victorians Mill Hill School Royal Household Maidenhead & Bray Old Leightonians Ottery St. Mary Budleigh Salterton North London Stoics

Drawn (6)

Farmers Tiffin Tercels Oratory School Beckenham Wiltshire Queries (abandoned) Trowbridge

No Play (3)

Honourable Artillery Company Millers Hinton Charterhouse

Total Matches Played 2019 30

Matches Played 1861 - 2019

Total 7991 Won 2919 Lost 2380 Drawn 2655 Tied 19

Notes.

- 1. Candidates are shown with a star (*) before their names.
- 2. Guests are shown with a hash (#) before their names.

INCOGNITI C. C. v IBIZA C.C.



This was the first sporting tour I had joined where I wasn't playing and so I wanted to do something to justify my presence. I have to say at this point that, although I had played a lot of fairly decent cricket, the players on this tour really impressed me with their technical, historical and even philosophical views on the game. Having not played cricket at school (it was athletics for me) I had no coaching and my bowling technique was loosely based on watching (the real) Imran Khan and then Botham doing their things. So listening to my fellow tourists dissecting technique tactics and the nuances of batting and bowling on artificial soccer pitches and other surfaces was quite illuminating. But the essence of touring disregard for staying sober and and going to bed early and still managing creditable performances in the game the next day.

Of course, 'what goes on tour, stays on tour' and I will send this only to the tourists. Whether you choose to share it with others is your choice.

The pen pictures I requested before the tour were few and predictably modest – particularly that of Young Ben (YB). Not So Young Ben's (NSYB) was, if nothing else, long. The description of Imran Khan (the Incog not the real Imran Khan) – hereinafter referred to as Immy - was written by a team mate and was not flattering. Since he seems to figure quite prominently throughout the report, I won't expand on that here.

The tour party met in Wetherspoons at Gatwick North. Probably the most expensive Wetherspoons in existence.

On to Ibiza and it was proper tour behaviour on arrival at the hotel where the beers were ordered before checking in. I believe a kebab house was discovered for a late night snack – a venue that was to become a tour talking point in the not too distant future.

Everyone enjoyed a very good breakfast the next morning and Mickey – el jefe of the hotel – was an excellent host. I'm fairly sure only Kaps and Chris made breakfast the next day. Mention should be made at this stage of the venerable Christopher Dean, umpire and global cricket tourist who officiated wisely and participated even more wisely in the tour. We made our way to the ground. It was an artificial soccer pitch and the wicket was marked out with tape in the centre of the pitch. We feared the tape would last about one over but it lasted the whole game. I should say at this point that my cricket reporting will not be as comprehensive as, say, a Neville Cardus or E.W. Swanton. "Who are they?" ask the younger element. After listening to the players deconstruct the games afterwards, I realised I should use the broader brush for my reporting.

Incogs began the game with 9 players as Imran and Naveed didn't turn up until an hour into the game. Immy asked me not to report his late arrival or the fact that he left the baby buggy behind so I won't. YB was perpetual motion in the field, Ibiza's umpire was perpetual chatter and I was perpetually cold. The opening game was won by the Ibiza X1 and it went to the wire. The Islanders scored 181 and Incogs almost got there with a final score of 180. Notable performances included the Balearicans' fearless fielding, Immy's bowling, Kenny G's batting for Ibiza. Post-match in the bar, we enjoyed a few beers and Seb enjoyed quite a few Buenos as well.

Back at the hotel, we had a very good dinner before setting off into the night to explore the Ibiza 'scene'. Our destination was Paradise Lost, a bar where Jimbo, one of the Ibiza cricketers worked. It turned out to be a quirky, friendly bar frequented by locals (expat locals of the Ibiza type, not Fuengarola) and a good time was had by all. Your reporter stuck to red wine which was evident from the state of the polo shirt in the morning. The polo shirt stayed in Ibiza. There was fun and games with Australians apparently at the bar and in subsequent establishments. From what I could gather the next day, many of the party poked their noses into several of the famed Ibiza clubs later on but decided it was not their 'scene'. Of course the young guns, Seb and YB found the clubs exactly to their liking – for the second night running. I believe many tourists made it back to the hotel around 0600. An incident at the kebab house – principally involving 'Spanish' Steve (a reference to his linguistic skills) – evolved into mild violence or didn't according to the version of events you choose to believe. Given the hour, the amount of booze consumed and unreliable memories, it's no surprise there are differing versions. Everyone made it home though. And so to the ground for another game of cricket.

Ibiza chose to field and must have thought they were en route to another W when the jaded Incogs were 57 for 5 (or thereabouts). Then did young Seb make his way to the middle. Carnage ensued and the Balearican bowlers became used to watching the ball soar into the sky and over the boundary. Statistic – Seb hit 14 sixes. I found myself making regular trips out on to the road and into the nearby woods looking for cricket balls. Incogs posted a respectable 251 from their 35 overs. Someone, I'm told it was Seb himself, described him as a fat Noel Gallagher. I doubt the belligerent Mancunian has ever set foot on cricket pitch.

An essential element of cricket is the teas. Ibiza provided wonderfully fresh baguettes stuffed with a variety of fillings. Well received by all. Even Immy's children were allowed to have a short time off from their studies to eat some tea.

Incogs took the field and the Islanders' batters set out to challenge the massive total accumulated by the tourists. YB opened the bowling looking far more sprightly than he deserved to be. NSYB looked exactly as he should after his night out and had already put in a plea to Kaps to be excused bowling. Seb who clearly preferred batting to bowling today asked me if I would like to field at one stage – I think the skipper would have levied a humungous fine for that. Incogs made inroads into the Ibiza batting and around the 8th over had 3 slips in place – another cricket fact.

Rather than go through the rest of the match which was won comfortably by the Incogniti Incognitis, here are some high and low lights:

- It was a much hotter day than Saturday
- Nav's fine catch at short mid-off didn't need a replay in slomo he provided that himself!
- Kaps' throw from the long off boundary cleared our keeper Perry's head by 6 feet!
- NSYB distinguished himself with a run out following an unsuccessful dive at cover that made Nav's effort above look positively lightning fast.
- Phil bowled his usual full allotment of overs and softened them up for Immy to take the glory.
- For his second hat-trick ball of the tour, Immy had 4 slips but no hat-trick.
- From the number of players giving advice etc, it was not hard to tell there were a number of teachers in the Incog side.

A leisurely wind down with a few beers in the sunshine saw the tourists pack up, clean up and sup up before setting off to dinner. Disappointingly, the Spanish restaurant we intended to go to was shut and we ended up having a burger at an American Diner. No importa, a buena tour it was.

Rafi Hussein (Tour Reporter)

Played at San Augustine on 6th April 2019:-

IBIZA C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
P.Mills Run Out	5	B.Birtles b Amos 48
A.Holmes c Malik b Wakeford	25	P.Pearce c Johnston b Harvey 1
C.Prentice c? b Arnould	32	S.Eyre c Gooda b Harvey 17
R.Parmentier b Arnould	30	P.S.Arnould st? b Amos 62
K.Johnston b Khan	45	N.Malik b Amos 0
S.Gooda lbw bKhan	0	J.Andrews b Amos 0
J.Harvey b Khan	0	K.Balasubramaniam c Amos b Dudding 8
J.Parmentier b Saeed	0	N.Saeed Not Out 6
P.Cantwell Not Out	22	B.Wakeford b Amos 5
J.Dudding b Khan	7	I.Khan b Amos 19
M.Amos b Khan	0	G.S.Starost Not Out
Extras	15	Extras
Total	181	Total (for 9 wickets) 180

Bowling :Eyre 5-0-17-0; Malik 7-1-37-0; Wakeford 7-0-20-1; Arnould 7-0-61-2; Khan 6-1-24-5; Saeed 3-0-13-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 1 RUN

INCOGNITI C.C. v IBIZA C.C.



Seb Eyre during his 136*.

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Played at San Augustine on 7th April 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.

Total (for 6 wickets)	251	Total 1	144
Extras	11	Extras	26
B.Wakeford DNB		P.Slater Not Out	1
I.Khan DNB		D.Parmentier b Khan	4
P.S.Arnould DNB		M.Amos b Khan	0
G.S.Starost Not Out	19	P.Cantwell b Khan	25
P.Pearce b Slater	40	J.Dudding b Khan	27
B.Birtles c Holmes b R.Parmentier	7	K.Johnston b Eyre	18
S.Eyre Not Out	136	M.Makepeace c Saeed b Malik	9
N.Malik lbw b Cantwell	1	R.Parmentier Run Out	13
N.Saeed c Amos b Dudding	2	C.Prentice b Birtles	0
I.Khan c Makepeace b Dudding	5	A.Holmes c Pearce b Malik	1
K.Balasubramaniam b Dudding	30	S.Gooda c Balasubramaniam b Malik	20
INCOGNITI C.C.		IBIZA C.C.	

Bowling :Birtles 5-0-18-1; Malik 7-3-14-3; Arnould 7-0-34-0; Eyre 2-0-12-1; Balasubramaniam 5-0-37-0; Khan 3-1-6-4.

RESULT : WON BY 107 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v DULWICH COLLEGE.

On a cloudy, late April day, Incogniti convened on the manicured lawns of Dulwich College for the annual fixture. The College won the toss and, not surprisingly, opted for first use of a typical College deck, hard and true. With former Incog Geoff Randle-Piller donning the white coat for us, battle commenced with Messrs. Cunningham and Kenningham (a good music hall partnership!) made steady progress against Neil Gill and candidate Ali Pervaiz. With the required breakthrough not forthcoming, skipper Nav Saeed turned to the left-arm spin of Tommy Pegler who struck immediately to dismiss Kenningham for 33 and, shortly afterwards, sent back Cunningham for the same score and then bowled Cox to leave the College on 76-3. With spin at the other end in the shape of guest Mohsin Ali, Incogs gained the ascendancy with Ali removing College skipper Wilson without scoring. A useful stand between Marchant and Creasey was ended by Pegler who then struck again to remove Ossmain to make the score 121-6. With Ali dismissing Marchant for a fine 44 and then bowling McGuinness-Smith, the College was almost out for the count but rallied at the death to post 182 all out and surely a great chance for Incogs to record a rare victory. Pegler easily took the bowling award for a superb, sustained spell of bowling to take 6-59 whilst Ali offered fine support with 3-53.

Alas, it was not to be as Incogs were immediately on the back foot at 8-2 with Joshi removing Laurie Nicholson and Rav Sehmi in his first over, the wicket of Sehmi to a superlative leg-side stumping by Luke Wilson. Nick Wood then helped Ashley Leat to steady the ship with a fine partnership of 46 before Wood departed for 19. Leat soldiered on before holing out against Kemp for a solid 38. Further wickets fell and, at 84-7 it seemed like the Dulwich Jinx would prevail yet again. Hope sprang eternal with Nav Malik sharing a crucial 51-run stand with Ali before he fell agonisingly short of what would have been a well-deserved fifty. Ali continued to bat well but, with the final two wickets falling in quick succession, Incogs were all out for 170; so near and yet so far. This season is Bill Athey's last as Head Coach after 20 years in the post and I for one will miss our chats.

Peter Wiseman (Scorer)

Played at Dulwich College on 24th April 2019:-

Total	182	Total	170
Extras	6	Extras	18
L.Joshi Run Out	10	T.Pegler Not Out	0
B.Kemp Not Out	12	N.Saeed b Joshi	8
L.McGuinness-Smith c Ali b Pegler.	19	#M.Ali b Joshi	29
S.Connor b Ali	10	N.Malik st Wilson b McGuinness-Smith	42
M.Ossmain c Leat b Pegler	0	N.D.Gill lbw b Ossmain	11
O.Creasey c Sehmi b Pegler	7	*A.Pervaiz b Cunningham	0
M.Marchant c Wood b Ali	44	I.Valibhoy c McGuinness-Smith b Kemp.	5
L.Wilson c Leat b Ali	0	N.Wood b Kemp	19
F.Cox b Pegler	8	R.Sehmi st Wilson b Joshi	0
A.Kenningham c Leat b Pegler	33	L.Nicholson lbw b Joshi	0
L.Cunningham c Saeed b Pegler	33	A.Leat c Marchant b Kemp	38
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Bowling: Gill 3-0-25-0; *Pervaiz 5-0-31-0; Pegler 14-3-59-6; #Ali 9-0-53-3; Malik 2.2-0-8-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 12 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v TIFFIN SCHOOL.

Played at Grist's on 1st May 2019

TIFFIN SCHOOL.		INCOGNITI C.C.
S.Short c Saeed b C.Dixon	15	#M.Dixon b Snagnanasuneram
R.Ikram c Chamberlain b Whyte	4	P.Pearce b Snagnanasunderam 8
A.Kapila b Whyte	14	#I.Burrows c Short b Snagnanasunderam. 57
T.Jones c Valibhoy b Whyte	25	#P.Chamberlain lbw b Snagnanasunderam 0
S.Patel Not Out.	110	P.Lyes c & b Bains
D.Cross b Malik	5	#J.Graham c Bains b Snagnanasunderam. 4
A.Gohal lbw b Malik	0	I.Valibhoy c Talman b Snagnanasunderam 0
A.Cormack Not Out	30	N.Saeed c Short b Jones 16
R.Talman DNB		N.Malik b Jones 1
D.Bains DNB		#C.Dixon Run Out 7
P.Snagnanasunderam DNB		T.Whyte Not Out
Extras	1	Extras 10
Total (for 6 wickets)	204	Total 183

Bowling : Whyte 13-6-36-3; #C.Dixon 9-2-25-1; Malik 8-1-62-2; Pearce 3-0-34-0; #M.Dixon 2.4-0-46-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 21 RUNS

CHANNEL ISLANDS TOUR

INCOGNITI C. C. v FARMERS C.C.

A vanguard comprised mainly of Wakefords arrived in St Helier on Saturday 4 May for Incogniti CC's first tour to the Channel Islands in over a decade. They were joined the next day by the remainder of the touring party; a mix of established members, candidates and guests with a range of cricketing skills almost as broad as their list of ailments.

After a systematic and detailed breakfast briefing of exactly how many different bars there were at the hotel, we journeyed to the picturesque Farmers Ground to play Farmers CC, bathed in glorious, near-French sunshine. It is difficult to believe that this idyllic setting was a couple of potato fields just 15 years ago. However, after spending some time talking to club chairman, landlord and groundsman James Perchard, you can begin to see how the transformation was possible. With passion and expertise (and forgiving personal tax rates), anything is possible.

Captain Bardon performed his first job admirably, calling correctly (heads) and opting to bat on what looked like an excellent wicket. Candidates Will Lake and Orban Holdgate opened the batting and set about building a solid platform against some enthusiastic seam bowling from the hosts. When Holgate departed for 14, it brought Jack Atchinson to the wicket, fresh from three hotel room changes that morning. Jack played a collection of delightful late cuts and later cuts on his way to 16 before falling to an off-spinner, making the mistake of trying to hit the ball in front of square on the off side. There followed the defining partnership of the match, between Lake, who cruised to a classy 94, and captain Bardon, who clung on to his coattails for 55. When Bardon and Wakeford Jnr were dismissed in consecutive balls, Incogs' momentum could have slowed, but first Peter Monar and then guest Alistair Hart manoeuvred the field expertly, as befits cricketers of their vast experience, to shepherd us to 251 for 5 declared from 49 overs.

After the traditional port-enhanced tea break, Incogs took to the field, a spring in their collective step (or was that a limp?). If there is one thing more traditionally Incogniti than port at tea, it is a Wakeford opening the bowling from each end. Snr took the first over and bowled with great control, sometimes going as long as four or five balls without a bouncer. As ever, Jnr wheeled away manfully up the hill into the breeze, and while their opening burst of 14 overs only yielded one wicket (more uprooted stumps for Ben), the control they gave limited Farmers to less than 50. That allowed candidate Patrick Bennett

to bowl some attacking lines in search of extra wickets, and he produced the ball of the day to disturb Farmers' number 3's off stump. A spell of tight bowling through to the drinks break had Farmers well behind the rate, at which stage the Incogs captain sportingly agreed to ensure that Farmers received the same number of overs that we had received, even though it ensured his charges a long evening in the field. It was a move that arch-sportsman Tom Wakeford would have been proud of, in spite of his pained comments to the contrary at the time.

Further tight bowling from spin twins Nav Malik and Peter Monar meant the game was effectively over as a contest after 40 overs. Peter in particular did not let a few reverse sweeps get under his skin (too much) and bowled leg spin with control that belied the length of time between his appearances. Farmers ended on 215-8, with the loudest cheer of the day coming from their players as their opener holed out for 95 in the final over. With friends like these...

There followed an enjoyable BBQ and another conversation with Don-Perchard, who informed us that our proposed venue for the next day really wasn't befitting of the Incogniti, so he had arranged for the fixture to be moved to Farmers. How's that for hosting?

Sam Bardon



Played at Farmers C.C.on 5th May 2019

INCOGNITI C.C.

#W.Lake c J.Perchard b Richardson.	91			
#O.Holgate c J.Perchard b Richardson	14			
J.Atchinson c Turnbull b Brooks	16			
S.Bardon b Thomas	55			
T.Wakeford c Perchard b Thomas	0			
P.Monar Not Out	25			
#A.Hart Not Out	28			
N.Malik DNB				
*T.Bennett DNB				
#P.Bennett DNB				
B.Wakeford DNB				
Extras	22			
Total (for 5 wickets declared)251				

FARMERS C.C.

J.Turnbull c B.Wakeford b Holgate	95
R.Firth b B.Wakeford	5
S.Malposs b P.Bennett	25
B.Kynman Run Out	23
J.Richardson c Hart b Monar	11
A.Kearsey c T.Wakeford b Malik	14
J.Faudemer b Monar	15
D.Thomas lbw b Lake	12
H.Tobias Not Out	4
H.Brooks Not Out	0
J.Perchard DNB	
Extras	11
Total (for 8 wickets)	167

Bowling : B.Wakeford 7-1-17-1; T.Wakeford 7-1-20-0; #P.Bennett 5-0-33-1; Bardon 6-2-18-0; Monar 12-1-65-2; #Lake 3-0-9-1; Holgate 1-0-6-1.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C. C. v OLD VICTORIANS C.C.

We duly returned to Farmers the next day for our fixture against Old Victorians Cricket Club, this time a 40 over game. The arrival was a little closer to the start time than the previous day, with many of the team having sampled some (but by no means all) of our hotel's bars. By this time our numbers had been boosted by the arrival of bearded duo Neil Gill and Jim Green, who duly slotted into the top three. They and Nav Malik dug in against an aggressive new ball pairing, which peppered the batsmen, uncaring of their experience or exploits the night before. Incogniti were three down before long and scrambling for pads and painkillers alike. Tom Wakeford and Jack Atchinson steadied the ship, with Tom looking particularly controlled for his 42. However, Jack's dismissal for 14 precipitated another mini collapse and it was suddenly 100-6. Spirited lower order resistance from Bardon, Lake and Patrick Bennett ensured Incogs reached 180, but we were disappointed to be dismissed inside our full allocation of overs. Old Victorians set about their target with gusto early on and, despite two early wickets for Lake, it was only the introduction of spin that halted their scoring. Nav Malik first restricted and then dismissed the opposition captain, smartly stumped by candidate Tom Bennett behind the wickets. This was an excellent scalp for Nav, of the "best batsman on the island", who would have been playing for Jersey against Hampshire Seconds that day, had he not retired earlier in the year. At drinks the game was in the balance, but despite excellent supporting hands from occasional bowlers Gill and Atchinson, some fearless batting from Old Victorians' inexperienced lower-middle order powered them over the line with an over to spare. In the end a defeat by three wickets, but a very competitive game.

Overall, this was a very enjoyable return to the Channel Islands for The Incogniti. Great facilities, accommodating opposition and plenty of activities for families visiting with the players. A special thank you to Jim Green and Peter Monar for playing through knee injuries, and to Alistair Hart for leaving the Botanical Gardens to be a sub fielder on the second day. Over curry on the final evening all agreed that we wouldn't hesitate to return. I would encourage you to join us next year.

Sam Bardon

INCOGNITI C.C.		OLD VICTORIANS C.C.	
J.Green c Burrell b Brooks	13	D.Kotedia lbw b Lake	10
N.Malik c & b C.Carnegie	1	P.Gough st? b Malik	39
N.D.Gill b C.Carnegie	8	W.Jenner c T.Bennett b Lake	1
T.Wakeford c Jenner b Forrest	42	R.Carnegie Run Out	36
J.Atchinson c Gough b Giles	14	J.Carnegie c Lake b Malik	1
#O.Holgate b Giles	4	E.Giles c Holgate b Gill	15
*T.Bennett c Gough b Giles	0	R.Forrest Not Out	25
S.Bardon c Giles b Brooks	28	D.Burrell c Hart b Lake	35
#W.Lake c J.Carnegie b Breeze	25	C.Carnegie Not Out	5
#P.Bennett Not Out	12	H.Brooks DNB	
P.Monar st Gough b Brooks	1	C.Breeze DNB	
Extras	33	Extras	17
Total	181	Total (for 7 wickets)	184

Played at Farmers C.C.on 6th May 2019

Bowling : #Lake 8-0-27-3; #P.Bennett 7-0-34-0; Malik 8-2-29-2; T.Wakeford 8-0-47-0; Gill 4-0-20-1; Atchinson 4-0-20-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 3 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C. C. v MILL HILL SCHOOL.



Last season, Incogs turned up to Mill Hill School expecting to play only to find the fixture had been "lost in scheduling". Thankfully this season battle resumed as planned, with Incogniti arriving to glorious sunshine and the school grounds looking better than ever.

After lengthy discussion over the match format the toss took place just to the right of the bleached cricket strip. Despite the clement weather, the coin managed to land on its side! Captains and umpires moved onto the pitch to re-toss and Incogniti duly won, electing of course to bat first.

A strange innings ensued, during which a sort of "slow collapse" occurred. Incogniti never appeared to be in a great deal of trouble with most batsmen making starts against some pacy and accurate Mill Hill bowling. Their Australian recruit for the summer bowled particularly well. Mason and Gill opened up, with the latter looking in spectacularly good form (hitting the first ball of the innings for a majestic four through point). Both he and Mason contrived to miss full straight deliveries, bringing candidate Woodfield and stalwart Bowry to the crease. Both made decent starts before falling to Mill Hill's spintwins - Bowry went LBW though would no doubt have reviewed given the opportunity, and Woodfield fell attempting to hit a third consecutive boundary when a straight bat would have been more advisable. Leat, making a welcome return to Incog cricket after a couple of seasons out, and Paul Lyes set about rebuilding the innings but a terrible mix-up resulted in both batsmen at the same end. Lyes attempted to run a "solo two" but was short of his ground, run out for single figures. At Lunch we found ourselves 7 down for less than 100 - far from ideal. Leat was our best hope of getting the score to respectability, and he batted with great responsibility whilst Ben Wakeford and then Tom Wakeford provided a couple of cameos. Still, at around 130-9 the innings was 40 or so short of par despite the game likely to only comprise of 80 overs (20 overs from 5pm was agreed as Middlesex Ladies were using the ground for their training at 6pm). Leat was able to bludgeon some welcome boundaries as he and Leighton took the score to 151-9 off 40 overs. The declaration came leaving the schooboys an hour and a quarter plus 20 overs.

During the Incogniti CC innings both Tom Wakeford and Mike Leighton were dealt blows on the feet by the Mill Hill Aussie quick, and were prevented from bowling (though Tom Wakeford did attempt a couple at the end of the innings). So, Ben Wakeford and Tom Whyte opened up the bowling. Ben, fresh from his Middlesex over-50s debut a fortnight before, steamed in and immediately caused trouble for the Mill Hill openers. He bowled with great pace and skill, mixing leg-cutters, yorkers and short-of-a-length deliveries that flew past the outside edge. His first wicket was a simple caught-behind for Candidate Tom Bennett, the batsman playing back and late after a succession of plays and misses. Then followed a fine yorker to clean-bowl the Mill Hill school number 3, who looked tentative coming forward as Ben continued to bowl with great pace. His third wicket, at the stroke of Tea, was certainly his most satisfying - he signalled with great ceremony for Tom Mason to drop back to long-leg on the hook, and then bowled the most perfect and most inevitable of yorkers.

Meanwhile, Tom Whyte bowled with good accuracy and a tightly set field. He restricted the runscoring and was very unlucky to finish wicketless from his 9-over opening spell. At tea Incogniti CC were well on top, having the schoolboys reeling at 50-4. Soon after the break, Bowry replaced Ben Wakeford and induced a false stroke and an overbalance. Bennett duly completed the stumping. A partnership then developed between Mill Hill's Australian import and their diminutive wicket-keeper. Both were batting sensibly before Ben Wakeford was again in the midst of the action - swooping at square leg to pick up one-handed and throw down the single stump he had to aim at. Mill Hill were less than half-way to their target, with half their wickets shed.

Spells for Valhiboy and Leat were fruitless, as Mill Hill's two strongest batsmen took to the attack to the Incogs bowling. Suddenly the scoring rate rapidly increased and boundaries began to fly. The runs required quickly diminished and Mill Hill School were on top. There was no twist in the tale to come - the Mill Hill batsmen completed their task with around 4 overs to spare to gain a well earned victory.

A few extra runs in our first innings, or some better containing bowling during the middle-overs of their innings, would surely have brought at least a draw, but nevertheless it was a most enjoyable game where we were, as always, hosted exceptionally well amidst fine surroundings.

Tom Wakeford

Played at Mill Hill School on 16th May 2019

INCOGNITI C.C.		MILL HILL SCHOOL.
N.D.Gill b Taylor	15	J.Samarasinghe c Bennett b B.Wakeford 10
T.R.G.Mason b Taylor	4	J.Lewis b B.Wakeford 4
#T.Woodfield b Shahani	20	C.Maxwell b B.Wakeford 1
S.Bowry lbw b E.Hilderbrand	15	R.Bhoja st Bennett b Bowry 12
A.Leat Not Out	39	J.Taylor Not Out 70
P.Lyes Run Out	8	I.Patel Run Out 14
I.Valibhoy b E.Hilderbrand	3	M.Shahani Not Out 26
*T.Bennett c Patel b Bhoja	3	G.Taylor-Yates DNB
B.Wakeford lbw b Bhoja	7	A.Shakhali DNB
T.Wakeford b Taylor	17	D.Hilderbrand DNB
M.G.O.Leighton Not Out	1	E.Hilderbrand DNB
Extras	19	Extras 17
Total (for 9 wickets)	151	Total (for 5 wickets) 154

Bowling : B.Wakeford 7-1-28-3; Whyte 12-3-33-0; Bowry 7-1-32-1; Valibhoy 2-0-14-0; Leat 2-0-21-0; T.Wakeford 2-0-5-0; Gill 2.4-0-15-0; #Woodfield 1-0-2-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 5 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v JESUS COLLEGE.



Played at Jesus College, Cambridge on 21st May 2019

INCOGNITI C.C.		JESUS COLLEGE.	
T.R.G.Mason b Jones	14	S.Stacpoole b Khan	1
N.Saeed c Millhan b Rehman	25	L.Aspden lbw b Whyte	19
N.D.Gill Not Out	100	L.Perera c Lyes b Boothroyd	
J.Ritchie c Barnard b Barrow	41	J.Grower c Saeed b Boothroyd	4
P.Lyes lbw b Dudley	7	J.Barnard b Bell	37
J.Andrews b Barnard	9	H.Barrow b Boothroyd	33
B.Bell Not Out	16	P.Jones Not Out	44
T.Whyte DNB		J.Blanchard-Lewis Run Out	1
I.Khan DNB		J.Dudley lbw b Boothroyd	0
D.Boothroyd DNB		S.A.Rehman b Boothroyd	1
T.M.Sims DNB		M.Millhan b Khan	0
Extras	27	Extras	25
Total (for 5 wickets)	239	Total	183

Bowling : Boothroyd 15-0-54-5; Khan 10.2-3-19-2; Whyte 6-1-26-1; Bell 8-1-42-1; Saeed 3-0-9-0; Mason 3-1-20-0.

RESULT : WON BY 56 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v HAMPSHIRE HOGS C.C.

After some controversy in 2018, a rigorous pre-match ball selection process set the stage for one of the great advertisements for the game of cricket. Other sporting pastimes are available.

With the toss won, the stage was set for Incogniti to set the tone for the match. An in-form Gill, and the imperious Mason dutifully stepped up, both reaching lunch without falling, and opening up with a 125 stand. After Gill fell the ball after reaching his half century, the Incogs witnessed driving not seen from Mason since his Peugeot 207 went into retirement. With a fearsome batting line up, the Incogs sadly stumbled after the loss of the first wicket, losing a pilot who couldn't see (don't fly British Airways any time soon), followed soon by the loss of the Pearce family: the script writers were clearly on strike (refusing to work, not facing the Hogs bowling).

With the ever-solid Mason still going strong, Khan (aka the Golden Child) came to the crease to turn the tide. Dutifully ignoring captain's orders (there was plenty of time left to bat), a quick-fire 31 reinstated the Incogs dominance. Mason then suffered at the hands of the still-on-strike script writers, who fell 9 short of a maiden century. Lower order contributions from Bowry and Saeed saw the Incogs to a respectable 258 all out, with the skipper generously allowing the opposition 5th change bowler their 5-fer, rather than declaring 9 down. True sportsmanship at its best.

A wicket in the first over for Boothroyd came as a surprise to most, but no more than the skipper who knew very little about the ball that was driven right back at him and somehow stuck. Typically, a Partnership then ensued, despite some movement in the air from Boothroyd, and guest Pointon. Then came the combination of leg-spin from Bell, and seasoned left-arm-something from Whyte. Despite having gone for 'a bit of a walk', the day before, Whyte broke the deadlock, and opened up the middle order for Bowry to bamboozle with a great amount of flight, and a little less guile.

With the Incogs in control, but wickets to take, it was time to ring the changes. Bowry had done his job, and even he would say, without reservation, it was absolutely the right decision to rest him. Despite an excellent century from the young Hogs opener, he kept losing partners. With 5 wickets down, however, a partnership ensued. A terrific spell up the hill from guest S Pearce eventually landed him the big scalp of Ridley, and a maiden Incogs wicket. Was this the breakthrough that would turn things back in the Incogs' favour? 11 overs remained, and four wickets required.

The tension was palpable. But there was more to come. With runs on the board, it was a matter of finding a way through the defences. With constructive, measured and considered discussions about who was best at buying a wicket, the changes were rung. Bowry broke the deadlock, and Boothroyd followed suit with two in an over, earning himself the remaining overs down the hill. Now only one wicket to take, and 6 overs remaining, surely it was to be a comfortable victory? Next over from Bowry? No wicket. Have a blow. Bell from the bottom end? No wicket. Another over passed. Down to two overs remaining - this was going to be a classic. Whyte, have a go. some near misses, but nothing.

One over to go. A couple of wasted deliveries, a couple of near misses. Suddenly, only one ball remained. There was a feeling the Incogs had missed their opportunity. But what's that in the distance? The script writers are back, they had settled on a suitable remuneration package, and they were back at their typewriters. The last ball, aimed at leg stump, swung late. The batsman went back - a big mistake to a length delivery. Pinned in front. Howzat? Lord Moss: that's out!

David Boothroyd

Played at Warnford on 2nd June 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		HAMPSHIRE HOGS C.C.
N.D.Gill c Bailey b Vail	50	B.Vail b Boothroyd 0
T.R.G.Mason c Brown b Horley	91	E.Ridley c Pointon b S.Pearce 110
N.Wood b C.Brown	2	K.Sharma lbw b Whyte 36
#S.Pearce lbw b Neville	5	E.Talbot st P.Pearce b Bowry 2
P.Pearce c sub b Horley	1	C.Lovell b Bowry 14
I.Khan st Bailey b Horley	31	A.Seager c S.Pearce b Saeed 8
S.Bowry c sub b Horley	17	F.Neville lbw b Boothroyd 40
N.Saeed c Horley b B.Seager	26	H.Horley b Bowry 1
B.Bell b B.Seager	6	G.Brown b Boothroyd 3
D.Boothroyd b Horley	10	B.Seager b Boothroyd 0
#F.Pointon Not Out	0	C.Brown Not Out 8
T.Whyte DNB		
Extras	19	Extras
Total	258	Total 231

Bowling :Boothroyd 12-5-27-4; #Pointon 5-0-28-0; Bell 6-0-39-0; Whyte 8-0-32-1; Bowry 6-0-29-3; Saeed 4-0-19-1; #S.Pearce 7-0-38-1; Wood 3-0-15-0.

RESULT : WON BY 27 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v ROYAL HOUSEHOLD C.C

Played at Frogmore on 9th June 2019:-

ROYAL HOUSEHOLD C.C.		INCOGNITI C. C.	
G.Holmes b Boothroyd	10	N.D.Gill b Spear	0
A.Lawson b Arnould	59	N.Malik c Lawson b Spear	14
T.Zaman b Khan	0	R.Sehmi c Holmes b Massey	30
A.Goddard Not Out	100	#S.Sharma b Arovran	48
A.Mazfield Not Out	59	A.Drew c & b Spear	46
H.Spear DNB		B.Bell b Arovran	1
P.Massey DNB		I.Khan c Spear b Arovran	11
A.Arovran DNB		G.S.Starost b Turner	21
R.Turner DNB		T.R.G.Mason b Arovran	0
A.N.Other DNB		D.Boothroyd c & b Arovran	0
A.N.Other DNB		P.S.Arnould Not Out	0
Extras	11	Extras	4
Total (for 3 wickets declared)	239	Total	175

Bowling : Boothroyd 11-3-35-1; Khan 6-1-13-1; #Sharma 7-0-42-0; Arnould 10-0-38-1; Bell 5-0-49-0; Gill 2-0-28-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 64 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY C.C.

11th June 2019. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C. C. v TIFFIN TERCELS C.C.

Played at Grist's on 16th June 2019:-

TIFFIN TERCELS C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
K.Sachdeva c Valibhoy b Boothroyd.	35	N.Saeed c Sachdeva b Bhatti22
T.Mehdi c Valibhoy b Balasubramaniam	24	#R.Bakrania c Mehdi b Jackson
H.Vanderman lbw b Boothroyd	0	N.D.Gill c Percival b Jackson
M.Subesinghe b Balasubramaniam	0	T.R.G.Mason b Bhatti0
M.Percival st Bennett b Balasubramanian	n 0	*T.Bennett b Sachdeva14
T.Fawcett c Bowry b Arnould	19	I.Valibhoy b Sachdeva
J.Graham c Bennett b Whyte	54	K.Balasubramaniam b Mehdi17
J.Thomas Not Out	51	P.S.Arnould b Bhatti7
B.Bhatti Not Out	14	S.Bowry lbw b Jackson 10
Y.Jackson DNB		T.Whyte Not Out14
S.Subesinghe DNB		D.Boothroyd Not Out0
Extras	13	Extras9
Total (for 7 wickets)	210	Total (for 9 wickets)150

Bowling: Boothroyd 9-2-33-2; Gill 5-0-23-0;Balasubramaniam 5-2-9-3; Whyte 8-2-36-1; Arnould 6-1-29-1; Bowry 4-0-35-0; Saeed 5-0-26-0; Mason 2-0-15-0.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C. C. v ROYAL NAVY C.C.



A prestigious fixture, great facilities, keen opponents and all the richness and complexity of 2-day, 2innings cricket. We were most relieved that, after 2 weeks of rain, it finally brightened...and that the Navy have good covers.

We lost the toss and were inserted. Apparently, the Navy had 'a lot of bowling'. The pitch looked decent but we thought it would play slow and low. And so it proved. Nav was unlucky to play on but Wakeford B and skipper Gill dug in and gritted their way through the first hour. Tight bowling and brave batting in tough conditions. Wakeford was eventually LBW to one that kept low and Eyre joined Gill and upped the tempo. They made contrasting 40s before succumbing, leaving keeper Pearce to bat with courage and skill against hostile pace. Smith's 4lb bat contributed a brief cameo before the declaration came at 201-8. The Navy had 30 minutes to get through to tea and then 30 overs left in the day.

The cricket remained tense with the Incogs attack being rotated skilfully by Gill. Smith, Robinson and Pegler were the pick of the bowlers, each taking wickets as the Incogs whittled away. Eyre and Wakeford B were unleashed for brief bursts of pace but it felt like a slow bowler's wicket. The Navy finished the day 5 down (120 on the board) and although nicely poised we thought Incogs were slightly in front.

Both teams retired to Nando's and some committed refuelling ensued. Thanks to the Navy guys for the hospitality. Our usual haunts (Vaults and Casino) were supplemented by Huis Belgian beer cafe and a Spice Girls karaoke.

Day 2 was as perfect a day for cricket as could be wished for. As Tom Whyte said 'we could be in Cape Town' We had an excellent first hour and were quickly into the tail. Nav Malik and Wakeford T led the charge and, apart from a comedy stand-off between Whyte and Wakeford B (easy catch in the ring for either led to no catch and 2 runs taken), we were delighted to be batting again an hour before lunch. The Navy had been bowled out for 182 leaving Incogs with a 19-run lead on 1st innings.

Once more a firm foundation was built; Sam Kennett (guest and outstanding cricketer, sign him up someone) and Wakeford B did the hard yards, keeper Pearce continued his good form and Beardsley (guest – also a good player) and Gill provided a late flurry to set up the declaration.

A word here about the luxuriantly bearded skipper Gill. He combined upbeat enthusiastic leadership with sound cricket wisdom and the look of a fiery and zealous Old Testament preacher. He set the Navy a challenging target of 199 from 44 overs...tempting for sure, but would it be gettable?

Of course not! On a wearing, turning track the Incogs spinners took over, Nav Malik bowled beautifully flighted off breaks and ripped into the Navy with 4 early wickets, Tom Whyte sent down his usual mixed bag of swingers and spinners and snaffled 2 good wickets (including their skipper, a centurion in last year's fixture) Robinson and Pegler chipped in before Gill turned to venerable paceman Wakeford B who cleaned up the tail. Everyone enjoyed him uprooting their number 6's leg stump to finish off a great team performance.

The Navy had been rattled out for 119. Incogs had won by 79 runs with 13 overs to spare (and without taking the new ball in the second innings)

Many thanks to Lord Moss for the 2 days of umpiring. And to all the players for playing well, having fun and bringing in a terrific win.

Other highlights:

- Overheard in kebab shop early Friday morning: Wakeford B "I first played this fixture in 2000"
- Seb Eyre "that's before I was born"!
- Unending good humour and banter from skipper Neil Gill, despite having a team full of strong characters all of whom could bowl and most of whom fancied themselves as captains.
- Ian Robinson's impressive 2-day display of bowling, catching and ground fielding.
- Sunny and Tom Whyte plotting the downfall of Grosvenor casinos, while a tipsy Wakeford T was singlehandedly ensuring their survival (with a huge smile on his face).

And finally...

Ian Robinson played well and contributed greatly to the great result. He was nobly supported by his father Keith – a long time Incog and one of a select group of cricketers to have played in this fixture for the Navy against Incogniti (1960/61) and for Incogniti against the Navy (1964/5)

2019 is Ian's 40th year as an Incogniti member and coincidentally 2019 is also Keith's 60^{th} year with the club...so there you have it, a centenary – a combined 100 years as Incogs.

Well done guys and we look forward to celebrating your 102nd anniversary in Portsmouth next year!



Ian & Keith Robinson

Jim Green

Played at H.M.S. Temeraire, Portsmouth on 20th & 21st June 2019;-

INCOGNITI 1 st Innings.		ROYAL NAVY C.C. 1st Innings	
B.Wakeford lbw b Parker	17	T.Stafford lbw b Pegler	27
N.Malik b Gregory	0	L.Curtis c Eyre b Smith	0
N.D.Gill lbw b Clarke	42	G.Crichton c Whyte b Robinson	13
S.Eyre b Bobb	43	L.Buscombe lbw b Robinson	9
P.Pearce b Clarke	35	L.Clarke b Eyre	41
T.Wakeford b Clarke	4	J.Parker Not Out	
K.Smith b Curtis	14	J.Morley st Pearce b Malik	2
S.Bowry Not Out	14	S.Bobb b T.Wakeford	2
T.Whyte b Curtis	1	A.Gregory b Smith	14
I.Robinson Not Out	2	S.Preece c Robinson b Malik	2
T.Pegler DNB		S.Blackburn c Gill b Smith	12
Extras	29	Extras	16
Total (for 8 wickets declared)201Total			

Bowling: Smith 11-2-29-3; Eyre 6-1-10-1; Robinson 8-2-27-2; B.Wakeford 4-0-14-0; Pegler 4-0-15-1; Whyte 2-0-17-0; Malik 7-1-28-2; T.Wakeford 4-0-27-1.

INCOGNITI C.C. 2nd Innings.		ROYAL NAVY C.C. 2nd Innings	
B.Wakeford c Blackburn	12	T.Stafford b Malik	7
#S.Kennett lbw b Clarke	41	L.Curtis b Malik	0
N.Malik b Curtis	4	G.Crichton c Robinson b Malik	25
P.Pearce c Parker b Clarke	35	L.Buscombe b B.Wakeford	37
S.Bowry c Bobb b Clarke	6	L.Clarke st Pearce b Malik	14
#H.Beardsley c Stafford b Gregory	22	J.Parker c T.Wakeford b Whyte	4
N.D.Gill Not Out	22	J.Morley c Pearce b Whyte	0
T.Wakeford b Parker	5	S.Bobb b Pegler	0
I.Robinson b Parker	1	A.Gregory lbw b Robinson	9
T.Pegler Not Out	7	S.Preece b B.Wakeford	
T.Whyte DNB		S.Blackburn Not Out	0
Extras	24	Extras	6
Total (for 8 wickets declared)179		Total	119

Bowling: Malik 8-0-32-4; Whyte 9-1-28-2; Pegler 7-2-25-1; Robinson 5-1-21-1; B.Wakeford 1.2-0-2-2; #Beardsley 1-0-5-0.

RESULT : WON BY 79 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v ORATORY SCHOOL

On a cloudy morning but with the prospect of good weather later in the day it was an unfortunate toss to lose. The school had no hesitation and asked us to bat. Due to the deluge over the previous evening the pitch had been undercover and was a touch two-paced to say the least.

The openers found it tough going against a youthful but accurate opening bowling attack. We found ourselves 22 for 4 within the first hour with all of the batsmen undone by the ball sticking in the pitch or variable bounce. Ben Birtles and Seb Eyre set about patiently rebuilding the innings. Their application and technique saw us through to lunch without further losses, but with the score still only on 73 off 31 overs there was still work to be done.

After an excellent lunch the pair set about trying to move the score on. Seb was the first to fall to the opposition skipper to a ball that did more than a bit for a patient 25. A carbon copy delivery saw off Paul Lyes soon after leaving the Incogniti in dire need of a partnership. Alex Smith batting down the order moved the score on to three figures with Ben Birtles before Ben was undone for 41. Nav Malik (22) joined Alex (35) and they continued to build the score towards something respectable, potentially defendable or wishfully match winning. Through positive running between the wickets and a more aggressive approach the Incogs moved the score to 153 all out; something to bowl at on a pitch that was still doing a bit for seamers and spinners alike.

After tea we set out in search of quick wickets and the Incogs first ever win in this fixture. Zak Tunda (guest / candidate) and Ben Birtles opened the bowling with early success coming at both ends. A combination of good bowling a helpful pitch and excellent fielding meant we had the school on the defensive after the first 10 overs. With the match winners from the 2 preceding fixtures back in the pavilion we were feeling confident. In a side story the skipper whom we dropped 5 times last year on his way to a match winning century was excellently caught by Alex Smith diving forward at square leg, he couldn't believe it.

After a decent opening spell it was time to introduce a bit of left arm spin and swing as the two Toms took over the bowling duties. Tom Whyte (1 for 6 off 6) put the squeeze on from one end and Tommy Pegler (5 for 35 off 12) took wickets from the other end including his first ever hat trick. It was a classy piece of bowling luring the his first victim from his crease with Seb taking a tidy stumping, the second wicket was caught just behind square and a relieved Gilly held onto a high catch at mid-off.

With the score only on 74 for 7 our tails were up and hopes of a first victory were high. The school were not going to be rolled over easily though and good partnerships between their opener and numbers 9 &10 kept them going well into the last 20 overs. Tommy kept going and threatened throughout his excellent

spell while we rotated the bowling between Whyte, Jackson and Birtles at the other end in search of the last 2 wickets.

With all 4 results still possible going into the final overs it was a thrilling game to be involved in. The final over to be bowled by Tommy they required 13 to win and Incogs needed 2 wickets. Tommy obliged with his first delivery, but unfortunately couldn't shift their mainstay. It was an excellent match, played in the right spirit with the school still going for it until the final 5 deliveries.

My thanks go to Claire and Gordon for scoring and umpiring duties as well as all those who played. Anyone yet to play this fixture should make it a priority, the ground is beautiful, the cricket of a decent standard and the hospitality at lunch and tea top notch.

Rob Tierney

Played at Oratory School on 26th June 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.

N.D.Gill c Thorby b T.Winterbottom.	9
#Z.Tunda b O.Winterbottom	3
N.Saeed c & b O.Winterbottom	2
Y.Jackson c & b T.Winterbottom	7
S.Eyre b Wallace	25
B.Birtles c Thorby b Saunders	41
P.Lyes b Wallace	0
A.Smith lbw b Wallace	34
N.Malik b Wallace	22
T.Pegler Run Out	0
R.J.F.Tierney Not Out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 9 wickets)	154

ORATORY SCHOOL.
M.Williams Not Out73
G.Ganagbalam c Malik b Birtles0
H.Thorby c & b Tunda1
J.Wallace c Smith b Tunda7
O.Winterbottom lbw b Whyte15
N.Majakas st Eyre b Pegler 10
G.Tikolani c Tunda b Pegler0
B Griffiths c Gill b Pegler0
M.Macrae c Gill b Pegler9
T.Winterbottom c & b Pegler17
C.Thomas Not Out0
Extras7
Total (for 9 wickets)139

Bowling:#Tunda 7-0-25-2; Birtles 10-1-59-1; Whyte 6-3-6-1; Pegler 12-2-35-5; Jackson 3-0-11-0.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C. C. v THE MILLERS C.C.

1st July 2019. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C. C. v MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.

It does not surprise me that the Match Manager has not offered a report on this game!

I watched Incogs in the field and was upset at what I was witnessing - fielders stopping the ball with their feet, fielders with hands in pockets and bowling, I was told, of a standard to give our hosts some runs to 'make a game of it'!

I left at tea time embarrassed to be the President of a club that showed such disrespect to our hosts. Result - we lost of course!

Nick Gibbs (President)

Played at Maidenhead & Bray on 7th July 2019:-

MAIDENHEAD & BRAY C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
G.Parsons c Ritc hie b Saeed	99	B.Birtles c Denman b Morthy10
P.Searing c Malik b Saeed	28	S.Eyre c Denman b Appavoo4
S.Ball b Saeed	5	*H.Nadir lbw b J.Child
E.Denman c Saeed b Malik	5	#B.Lee c Searing b Morthy12
M.Parkinson c Saeed b Malik	4	J.Ritchie c Appavoo b Butler
A.Appavoo c & b Nadir	2	S.Bowry c Parsons b J.Child0
J.Child Run Out	0	#A.Khan b Butler23
T.Child c Sims b Bennett	7	N.Malik Run Out5
M.Armstrong c Birtles b Bennett	0	N.Saeed Not Out4
A.Morthy Not Out	13	*T.Bennett lbw b J.Child0
C.Butler b Saeed	9	T.M.Sims lbw b J.Child0
Extras	22	Extras2
Total	194	Total143

Bowling :#Khan 8-1-31-0; Ritchie 4-0-21-0; Saeed 9-1-35-4; Malik 6-1-22-2; *Nadir 4-1-10-1; *T.Bennett 8-0-41-2; Bowry 5-0-26-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 51 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v OLD LEIGHTONIANS C.C.

A fine array of gentlefolk gathered at Leighton Park School on the 12th of July 2019 for the annual fixture between Incogniti Cricket Club and The Old Leightonians. Incogniti had managed to summon up a well balanced side with the vital elements of both youth and experience well covered. Under slightly overcast skies, captain P.A Lyes won the toss and put the opposition in on what looked to be a sporting surface. The decision which had been somewhat influenced by the fact the opposition was still awaiting the arrival of 4 players, turned out to be a good one as an exceptional opening spell from both ends meant Old leightonians struggled to get the scoreboard moving. Candidate S Malik picked up the early wicket in a 6 over spell which cost just 5 runs whilst at the other end A.Imran (Guest) bowled a miserly 5 over spell for just 6 runs. The introduction of T.Whyte and N.Malik provided scant respite for the opposition who were reduced to 33 for 5 after 21 overs with Malik picking up 3 and the 5th wicket coming via the way of a run out. An excellent 60 partnership from the opposition middle order helped restore some respectability to the total, a stand that was finally broken by S.Malik returning for his second spell after lunch. When the opposition danger man C.Priddle was well caught by the evergreen T.Sims off the bowling of K.Sachdeva for a well played 74 the score was teetering on 142 for 7. This quickly became 142 for 9 with candidate Tauseef claiming 2 in and over. Some lusty hitting from opposition skipper T.Gilmore ensures a competitive total of 172 was reached.

In reply the Incogniti openers managed to get the innings off to a reasonable start before a couple of quick wickets reduced us to 33 for 2, when opener A.Smith was well caught for a well played 23 and Krish was bowled leaving a straight one we limped into tea at 54 for 4. The batsman struggled to get a decent partnership going after the break with regular wickets breaking any positive momentum. With 75 minutes remaining we found ourselves 104 for 7 with Skipper P.Lyes joining S.Malik at the crease. A steady 40 run partnership in 20 overs brought us to within sight of the finish line before P.Lyes perished

well caught at long off by a diving Newell-Price. T.Whyte entered the fray and together with S.Malik put on a quick 20 to take us to within 10 runs of the win before he was valiantly run out going for a second run to get S.Malik on strike. This brought us to the final over with all 3 results very much possible, 10 runs were required for the win with 1 wicket in hand. Unfortunately it was to be this year, with S.Malik being stumped going for the win. A well-played 46 to go along with his 2 wickets ensured S.Malik was the Incogniti man of the match. Overall an excellent fixture played in a tremendous spirit by both sides and very well hosted by Old Leightonians. We had had the better of them over the last couple years on the field so it was pleasing to see them come roaring back this year, we look forward to renewing acquaintances in 2020.

Paul Lyes

Played at Leighton Park School on 12th July 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.

A.Smith c Srinivasan b Bewell-Price.	23
#T.Mehdi c Hayles b Newell-Price	8
S.Eyre c Allan b Mackay	2
*K.Sachdeva b Narayanasamy	9
Y.Jackson lbw b Newell-Price	19
#A.Imran c Allan b Newell-Price	3
*S.Malik st Allan b Narayanasamy	46
N.Malik b Narayanasamy	9
P.Lyes c Newell-Price b Srinivasan	23
T.Whyte Run Out	5
T.M.Sims Not Out	0
Extras	16
Total	163

OLD LEIGHTONIANS C.C*.

C.Allan b S.Malik5
N.Hayles c Sims b N.Malik5
P.Newell-Price c Sims b N.Malik5
C.Priddle c Sims b Sachdeva74
A.Srinivasan c Mehdi b N.Malik0
S.Narayanasamy Run Out1
W.Mackay c Mehdi b S.Malik
J.Allan b Mehdi13
R.Price c Lyes b N.Malik7
J.Groom lbw b Mehdi0
T.Gilmore Not Out23
Extras8
Total172

Bowling: #Khan 9-4-33-0; *S.Malik 11-5-35-2; Whyte 8-1-23-0; N.Malik 6.2-3-14-4; Jackson 2-0-12-0; *Sachdeva 5-2-17-1; #Mehdi 4-0-34-2.

*Batted first.

RESULT : LOST BY 9 RUNS

WESTERN TOUR

INCOGNITI C. C. v HONITON C.C. (T20 match)



Opening Pair - Simon Parrish (left) & Tom Beattie (right)

We started the Western Tour 2019 on a beautiful sunny evening with a T20 against a keen but unknown quantity in Honiton CC. We batted first with Simon Parrish and young Tom Beattie (16) a guest and pupil at Radley College. Simon over from Sweden for the week with his father also on tour, made a surprise entrance back into the pavilion after a couple of deliveries. Tom then set about consolidating with Harry Gadsby (16) another young and promising Incogniti cricketer from Oundle School. Both young men looked at ease defending the ball but T20 cricket requires a distinct set of batting skills to the longer form of game. We struggled initially to get the ball through a good in-field ring of Honiton players but with more time and confidence the runs came and a good start was made with a partnership of 15 for the second wicket.

With Tom's departure this allowed another 16 year old Ollie Wood from (Wycliffe College & son of Tony) to come to the wicket. By now this must surely have been the youngest quartet of batsmen to have opened the Incogniti innings' in many years if not, its entire history of 158 years. Harry showed good intent moving the ball around the outfield for 1's, 2's and 4's. Ollie supported Harry in the running and then hit a big six over deep mid-on. They combined well with a partnership of 24. With Ollie out when the score was on 39 this allowed Louis Dugdale to come to the wicket. Louis hit a lovely 4 but then perished bowled by Dee.

Our guest due to a late withdrawal on the previous day was a local cricketer, teacher and friend of Tom Gadsby. Lloyd took a few balls to get his eye in but then cut loose with Jon Andrews who had come in for the departing Harry Gadsby for a sound 23.

Lloyd and Jon set about the opposition bowling with gusto. Both were in wonderful form cutting and driving the ball over square, deep mid-on and mid-off. Jon hit a glorious six over deep mid-on to his own surprise and delight. Lloyd was out for a well-played 26 and Jon and Tristan then finished off our innings.

We finished on 127 which, on the face of it looked defensible providing we bowled well. In the slightly fading light Ollie Wood came on from the top end and it is fair to say the opening batsmen played (I think) and missed 4 balls, one ball hit him on the thigh and the last ball hit him on the pad to a chorus of "howwwzat". The pace was too quick for Phillips so Ollie was duly rested from any further bowling duties. Meanwhile, Bob Davison coming from the bottom end provided no let up. His first over went for 2, his second over for 2 and his third over for 7 but in this time his accurate medium pace bowling accounted for the wickets of Phillips and Pickard. With the score at 26-3 it looked even between the teams.

The "older" or should I say "wily" combination of Tom Gadsby from the top end and Tony Wood from the bottom end proved equally effective. Tom's three medium paced overs went for only 9 runs and while he did not pick up a wicket his accuracy kept the runs down. While Tom was tying up the top end

Tony snuck in like Santa down the chimney chipping away at the middle order to take wickets at regular intervals ending up with 5-24 off his 4 overs. Honiton had a very tidy middle order of first and second team cricketers so this was certainly going to be a battle. Hext showed his class for Honiton with a well-crafted 45 before Wood managed to bowl him and Mudd the Honiton captain also scored freely again before he was out bowled by Kingsford.

The match was beginning to get very close at the end with Ottley making 25 before he was bowled by the man of the evening Lloyd Pettit. Tristan bowled particularly well following his return to cricket after a hip replacement operation bowling 3 overs for 9 runs and taking 1 wicket. Honiton made a spirited comeback but fell short with 117 after their 20 overs leaving Incogniti to run out winners by 10 runs.

A few beers were sunk in the evening with our opposition who were keen for us to come back in 2020 and we then headed off up and down the Honiton High Street looking for the local curry house which was enjoyed by a number of us including dad and scorer for Incogniti on the evening Jon Beattie. My thanks to Jon for doing the book and to Maurice for his umpiring.

Tony Wood

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Played at Honiton on 15th July 2019:-		
INCOGNITI C.C.		HONITON C.C.
S.D.Parrish b Hext	0	R.Phillips st Beattie b Davison0
#T.Beattie b Osler	2	H.Court b A.G.Wood 8
*H.Gadsby c? b Graham	23	J.Pickard c? b Davison8
O.Wood c? b Graham	12	K.Conway b A.G.Wood6
L.Dugdale b Dee	4	J.Hext b A.G.Wood45
#L.Pettit c? b Phillips	26	W.Graham c Beattie b A.G.Wood0
J.Andrews Not Out	44	C.Mudd b Kingsford9
T.B.Kingsford Not Out	9	D.Ottley b Petit25
#R.Davison DNB		A.Osler Not Out0
T.Gadsby DNB		B.Dean b A.G.Wood0
A.G.Wood DNB		Malt DNB
Extras	7	Extras15
Total (for 6 wickets)	127	Total (for 9 wickets)117

Bowling :*O.Wood 1-0-0-0; #Davison 4-0-18-2; T.Gadsby 3-0-9-0; A.G.Wood 4-0-24-5; Kingsford 3-0-9-1; Parrish 2-0-18-0; #Petit 3-0-20-1.

RESULT : WON BY 10 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.



Tristan looking very relaxed providing support to Jon Andrews on one leg (without the parrot!) with Bob looking on mildly amused.



L-R Standing (Rear) - M.Moss (Umpire), Perry Reeves, Bob Davison, Tom Churchill, Tristan Kingsford, Simon Parrish (Captain), Tony Wood (12th Man) Oliver Wood, Tom Gadsby, Christine Moss (Scorer) Front Row (Kneeling) Jon Andrews, Joe Lewis, Harry Gadsby, Jeremy Sims

It was a beautiful sunny day and Day 2 of the Incogs' mini-Western Tour. The setting, Ottery St. Mary Cricket Club, a large ground with an impressive pavilion/club house and a flat if rather parched track. We were confident going into this match having picked up a dazzling win in our opening T20 fixture, although today's 40 over match presented an entirely different challenge and stories abounded of their strength in batting from last year's encounter.

We were honorably offered, as the touring party, the opportunity to bat first which we gleefully accepted. It was hot and there was going to be a lot of chasing leather.

Young Harry Gadsby was eager to demonstrate his batting metal and took on the responsibility of our opening bat, accompanied by Jon Andrew, the hero of the previous evening. Unfortunately Jon was unable to capitalise on his good form, driving his first ball to mid-off. Harry's father, Tom, was more mindful at first but soon succumbed to the frustration of repeatedly picking out their fielders by driving straight to mid-off as well. Tom Churchill, coming in at 4 showed us how important it was to be positive on this track and to attack the bowler on the front foot and was rather unlucky to have his well-connected drive plucked out of the air by their captain fielding at guess where? Mid-off!

We were beginning to wonder if this was a conscious tactic by the opposition to put repeated deliveries in the driving slot. If it was, the arrival of Joe Lewis demonstrated that a bit of patience and positive application could sow dividends. Indeed, his 4th wicket partnership with the ever-steady and patient Harry helped claw us back into the match from 20 for 3 to 145 for 4. Even after Joe's departure for 81 Harry had built up the confidence to play more daring amd aggressive shots and delighted the crowd by reaching his first senior cricket half century eventually being bowled for a very commendable 73. Jeremy Simms propped up the middle order nicely in the final overs but unfortunately received little support from the lower order batters who were barely able to survive 2 or 3 balls each in a bid to push our score over 220 in the last 10 balls.

Leaving Ottery St. Mary 219 to win we felt we had a reasonably defensible target as we had some good bowlers in our armoury. Ollie Wood opened with the kind of pace that would unnerve any quality batsmen but it was the steely and deadly accurate Perry Reeves who made the early breakthroughs, bowling both opening bats in his first 13 balls, including their very much lauded Overseas Player from Australia. However, their 3rd wicket partnership was a tutorial on just how to play on this wicket; be positive but watchful, get on the front foot and drive through the ball.

With the ball being flayed to all corners of the ground it was becoming quickly apparent that it would be near impossible to defend our total and so taking 10 wickets would be the only chance of winning this match. Indeed, turning to spin did bring about an important if costly breakthrough with our captain, Simon Parrish, removing their captain and batting danger-man, with a brilliant caught-and-bowled. When Tristan Kingsford got another quick wicket we felt back in the match. However, we were unable to remove their doggedly determined Number 3, the second teenager of the day to show excellent application on a tricky batting track, and it was his 104 not out that helped steer Ottery St. Mary to a comfortable and compelling victory by 4 wickets.

As in any defeat there is always a feeling of disappointment, but the match was conducted in an excellent spirit from both teams and we were treated to an excellent and amiable post-match BBQ and the evening was finished on a high. A big thanks to our hosts and, of course, to Lord and Lady Moss for their services (and unwavering support) as umpire and scorer. We are already looking forward to next year's fixture.

Simon Parrish (Captain).

Played at Ottery on 16th July 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.

Total	218
Extras	24
#P.Reeves Not Out	1
O.Wood b Mutter	0
T.B.Kingsford st? b Meldon	1
S.D.Parrish b Meldon	0
#R.Davison b Meldon	0
#J.Simms Not Out	23
#J.Lewis c Smith b West	81
#T.Churchill c Malt b Mutter	15
T.Gadsby c Malt b Tierney	0
J.Andrews b Mutter	0
*H.Gadsby b Tierney	73

OTTERY ST. MARY C.C.

OTTERT DI. MART C.C.
A.Dean b Reeves11
O.West b Reeves4
E.Rudolph Not Out104
J.Meldon c & b Parrish43
O.Jeacock b Kingsford 1
J.Birch st? b A.G.Wood
Southall-Brown b A.G.Wood0
G.Mutter Not Out14
J.Tierney DNB
B.Venables DNB
Smith DNB
Extras
Total (for 6 wickets)

Bowling: O.Wood 4-0-26-0; #Reeves 7-1-34-2; #Lewis 5-0-29-0; Parrish 3-0-23-1; #Davison 4-0-22-0; Kingsford 4-0-21-1; A.G.Wood 3-0-25-2; T.Gadsby 1-0-11-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 4 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C. C. v BUDLEIGH SALTERTON C.C. (T20 match)



L-R Rear (Standing): Tony Wood, Tristan Kingsford (Captain), Simon Parrish, Harry Gadsby, Tom Gadsby, Oliver Wood

L-R Front Row (Kneeling): Damian Barry, Bob Davison, Jon Andrews, Louis Dugdale, Tom Beattie

Our third game in three days was at the idyllic Budleigh Salterton ground. Budleigh are usually the strongest side we play midweek as they have a number of younger players available for this evening T20 fixture.

It perhaps came as no surprise to any of us we were invited to field first. I am not sure whether we won or lost the toss but it is irrelevant and probably would not have mattered. Budleigh had a good batting side so we needed to make early inroads. Tristan started the new "Pink" ball game with Ollie Wood and himself opening the bowling. Ollie's first over is something I think I shall remember for many years. The first ball came down and the opening batman snicked it past slip. Doble the batsman did not know too much about it and despite Tom Gadsby reacting with two strides to his left at third man the ball had skittled quickly to the boundary. I think for the first time on tour I saw Ollie fired up. He steamed in and clean bowled Doble off a good length who could not quite believe what had happened.

Third ball of the over and in came H. Parkin a young Devon representative cricketer. No sooner had he gone half forward and he was bowled with two stumps cartwheeling out of the ground. I remember a distinct "hush" then descended over the home crowd in front of the pavilion. They could not quite believe the scoreline at 4-2. Ollie came in for his hat-trick ball and bowled it short (not sure that was in the script!) which the batsman evaded with the ball hitting the batsman on the glove, his helmet coming off and just missing the stumps and the ball flew over our keeper Tom Beattie's head for 4! It was adjudged also a front foot no ball! Drama after 4 balls.... The next three balls went for 9 runs with a couple more snicks for 4 behind and a single. So after an over of pace from Ollie and strong resilience from the Budleigh batsman they were 16-2 off the first over!! Only in cricket could there be so much happening and there was still 19 more overs for us to bowl....!

Tristan's first over was as equally exciting. His first ball went for a 4 and then he bowled tight but the Budleigh wicket and outfield are helpful to batsmen and he went for 12 with one dropped catch from our fielders. So after 2 overs Budleigh were 28 for 2 wickets. Ollie had a second over which had a couple of wides in but no wickets and it as left to Tristan to take his first wicket of Parkin caught neatly behind by Tom Beattie standing up.

The Budleigh batsmen punished anything loose and the quick outfield and our tired legs on Day 3 meant most balls went to the boundary. Tom Gadsby and Bob Davison both bowled tightly with Tom taking 2 wickets in his 4 overs for 31 runs and Bob wheeling away with good accuracy for his one wicket for

only 29 runs. Both Incogniti bowlers were bowling to very good batsmen but they stuck to their craft of bowling a tight line wobbling it enough to provide the indecision required for the batsmen.

At the end Ollie Wood came back on but could not find his line bowling too many wides and a couple of dropped catches proved crucial. Meanwhile Simon Parrish bowling his right arm off breaks was having considerable success in both his flight and pace of bowling. He had the wicket of E. Doble smartly stumped by Tom Beattie. Tom had a good evening with the gloves taking two very quick stumpings and one smart catch standing up to the stumps. Tom looks an exciting prospect for the Incogs and one we hope will be keen to come along next year along with Harry, Ollie and their other cricketing friends of similar age.

Budleigh made an impressive 188-8 off their 20 overs.

Incogniti by contrast had a poor start with the bat. Harry Gadsby played the anchor role but he found it difficult to get the Budleigh bowling away. Sadly, we lost five wickets for only 23 runs in reply with Harry top scoring with 12. Jon Andrews provided a glimmer of hope with some nice drives and remained not out on 20. This provided some respite from the fall of wickets and meant Jon had a successful tour with the bat. Simon Parrish also played positively and struck some good boundaries before he departed for 12. It was left to Bob Davison to plunder the opposition attack in very quick time scoring an impressive 27 of 21 balls with a nice 6 over deep mid-on. Tristan also made some good runs at the end but we fell a long way short with 93 on the board. Mesner for Budleigh Salterton took 4-4 with his off spin.

It was the conclusion of a very good three days of cricket with new young players coming forward in Harry Gadsby, Tom Beattie (wk) and Ollie Wood supported by Tristan and his Millfield School colleagues plus guests and members. My continued thanks to Mi Lord and Mi Lady for their respective efforts on tour with John Beattie also scoring the two T20's. We look forward to next season's tour in 2020 and the fixtures between 13-16 July 2020. I am hoping for the addition of one more fixture on Thursday 16th July in Somerset on the way home.

Antony Wood (Incogniti CC Western Tour Match Manager)

INCOGNITI C C

Played at Budleigh on 17th July 2019:-

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Total (for 8 wickets)	188	
Extras	21	Ext
Butler DNB		T.C
L.Russell Not Out	12	T.E
M.Mejzner Not Out	17	#R
D.Messom st Beattie b Davison	0	S.E
E.Doble st Beattie b Parrish	23	O.V
Pickles c h.Gadsby b T.Gadsby	49	J.A
N.Bolt c? b T.Gadsby	24	L.E
C.Parkin c Beattie b Kingsford	13	#T.
H.Parkin b O.Wood	0	A.0
C.Hutney lbw b Davison	22	#D
J.Doble b O.Wood	4	*H
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INCOGNITI C.C.
*H.Gadsby lbe b Mejzner12
#D.Barry c? b Russell6
A.G.Wood c? b Mejzner0
#T.Beattie c? b Mejzner1
L.Dugdale c & b Russell 1
J.Andrews Not Out
O.Wood c? b Mejzner0
S.D.Parrish c? b Parkin12
#R.Davison b E.Doble27
T.B.Kingsford Not Out9
T.Gadsby DNB
Extras
Total (for 8 wickets)93

Bowling: O.Wood 4-0-51-2; Kingsford 4-0-32-1; #Davison 4-0-29-1; T.Gadsby 4-0-31-2; A.G.Wood 1-0-13-0; Parrish 3-0-27-1.

RESULT : LOST BY 95 RUNS

INCOGNITI C. C. v BECKENHAM C.C.

Incogniti returned to the lovely home of Beckenham CC as they have done so many times in the home club's 153-year history. Nav Saeed won the toss and elected to bat against a fairly young Beckenham side with Seb Eyre and Imran Valibhoy opening against young Dylan Hoad and Hameed Ullah with Hoad striking first to remove Valibhoy. With candidate Hussnan Nadir lending good support, Eyre began to find his range and struck the ball powerfully with home skipper Ken Hoad turning to spin in an effort to break through. The stand was broken just short of the hundred when Nadir was bowled by Rithik Hari. Enter the experienced Jason Bilimoria with two quick wickets including Eyre for an splendid 91 and Incogs stood at 162-4. Seam again from the pavilion end and Vandan Patel worked his way through the middle order and Beckenham were back in the game at 210-7. Mo Ali made a useful 25 at the end and Incogs were all out for 246.

In reply, Sabharwal and Rithik Hari started steadily against Steve Starost and guest Fergus Carrick. Hari, who is making an impression in Beckenham's 1st XI, was first to go as Eyre took a regulation catch from Starost. Finlay Michael then joined Sabharwal in putting together a fine fifty partnership before Nadir's off-spin sent back the latter. Michael, however, grew in stature and played some polished shots in company with firstly Bilimoria and then skipper Hoad as he progressed to an excellent half-century. With Nadir dismissing Hoad for 25, the score stood at 185-4 with Michael now in the nervous nineties. Nav now decided to introduce the pace of Seb Eyre to the proceedings and he proved to be much too quick for the young home middle and late order, taking 3-6 in three overs with Michael hanging on grimly to complete a very fine 102 not out as Beckenham closed on 207-9.

Peter Wiseman (Beckenham scorer.)

Played at Foxgrove on 24th July 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		BECKENHAM C.C.
S.Eyre lbw b Bilimoria	91	A.Sabharwal b Nadir
I.Valibhoy b D.Hoad	10	R.Hari c Eyre b Starost12
*H.Nadir b Hari	24	F.Michael Not Out102
#B.Lee c Ullah b V.Patel	15	J.Bilimoria Retired Out14
S.Bowry lbw b Bilimoria	12	K.Hoad b Nadir25
#R.Hardman c & b V.Patel	18	V.Patel b Eyre0
#M.Williams c Roberts b V.Patel	12	G.Roberts Run Out2
#M.Ali c Sabharwal b Ullah	25	D.Hoad b Eyre0
G.S.Starost c D.Hoad b Ullah	5	J.Hoad c Carrick b Eyre0
#F.Carrick b D.Hoad	9	B.Patel c Bowry b Nadir5
N.Saeed Not Out	2	H.Ullah Not Out0
Extras	23	Extras16
Total	246	Total (for 9 wickets) 207

Bowling:Starost 8-1-19-1; #Carrick 6-1-13-0; #Ali 11-1-48-0; #Lee 4-0-16-0; *Nadir 8-0-58-3; Bowry 4-0-28-0; Saeed 1-0-13-0; Eyre 3-1-6-3.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C. C. v NORTH LONDON C.C.

Played at North London on 5th August 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		NORTH LONDON C.C.
M.Jennings c Gill b Hart	37	B.Wakeford lbw b S.Blyghton8
B.Birtles st Woodfield b Hart	9	O.Gill lbw b Birtles
N.D.Gill st Woodfield b Hart	3	M.Riley c Jackson b B.Blyghton 80
A.Naeem c Gill b Hiorns	17	D.Olive c Jennings b Birtles
J.Green lbw b Pegler	32	J.Mateszyk b S.Blyghton6
I.Valibhoy Not Out	16	J.Battcock c Jennings b B.Blyghton 0
B.Blyghton st Woodfield b Pegler	16	A.Hart Not Out2
Y.Jackson Not Out	16	L.Lacy lbw b B.Blyghton2
D.Blyghton DNB		T.Pegler Not Out
M.G.O.Leighton DNB		R.Hiorns DNB
S.Blyghton DNB		T.Woodfield DNB
Extras	11	Extras17
Total (for 6 wickets declared	I)157	Total (for 7 wickets) 161

Bowling:S.Blyghton 8-2-27-2; D.Blyghton 8-1-40-0; Jackson 5.2-0-35-0; B.Blyghton 6-1-18-3; Birtles 4-0-17-2; Leighton 2-0-7-0.

RESULT : LOST BY 3 WICKETS

MID-WEST TOUR

INCOGNITI C. C. v WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.

The 2019 Mid-West Tour began at the resplendent army ground at Tidworth. The Incogs side, with a mind on last year's demise at the hand of a talented Queries leg-spinner, was packed with batting. The toss was a good one to win for Incogs skipper Alex Smith. Batting the first Incogs made 300-4 before declaring just before tea. Nav Malik might have been charged for blatant 'jug avoidance' having been caught three short of what would have been a deserved and well-crafted century. He was ably supported by opening partner Alex Drew, James Kelly and Sunny Bowry. When Jack Grylls had the Queries number three, Latham, caught at extra cover with some clever bowling, the momentum had swung in the direction of the Incogs with the score 75-2. Rain, however, came in to wash out what would have been a tight finish to an even contest between two strong batting sides.

Jon Andrews



Played at Tidworth on 6th August 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		WILTSHIRE QUERIES C.C.
A.Drew c Haywood b Leach	80	T.Shaw Not Out
N.Malik c & b B.Latham	96	J.Haywood lbw b Starost
J.Kelly c? b Haywood	37	H.Latham c Smith b Grylls
A.Smith c? b Haywood	16	T.Churchill Not Out0
S.Bowry Not Out	35	N.Leach DNB
G.S.Starost Not Out	23	M.Haslett DNB
T.M.Sims DNB		S.Waters DNB
N.Saeed DNB		MacGregor DNB
J.Grylls DNB		B.Latham DNB
J.Andrews DNB		? DNB
T.Whyte DNB		? DNB
Extras	13	Extras7
Total (for 4 wickets declared)	300	Total (for 2 wickets)75

Bowling: Starost 5-0-24-1; Grylls 7-0-44-1; Saeed 2-0-9-0.

RESULT : MATCH ABANDONED

INCOGNITI C. C. v TROWBRIDGE C.C.

A damp start at Trowbridge worked in the favour of the Incogniti. With several players in less than peak condition the morning after the night before, and even scorer Chris Clayton's encyclopaedic knowledge of trainline logistics failing to prevent an unforeseeable delay getting out of London, the extra hour of recovery the rain brought was welcomed by all. Skipper Alex Drew won the toss and choose to bat. Nav Malik, fresh from an almost-tonne against Wiltshire Queries, anchored the innings. James Kelly played nicely for 42, as did Seb Duggan who made 34. The perennially hearty lunch, and generosity of the port bottle, provided the Incogs with added impetus. Upping the scoring rate after lunch allowed Drew to call the Incogs batsmen in at 233, just as Starost looked uncharacteristically like he wanted to keep batting into Thursday. Trowbridge made a strong start to their innings and, at 155-2 with plenty of overs to go, looked on top in the contest. Three wickets apiece for Drew and Jack Grylls, who bowled a threatening spell of yorker-length bowling, ripped through the Trowbridge middle-order to drag Incogs back into the game. By the time Malik bowled the final over of the day, all results were possible; 10 runs or 2 wickets were required. A wicket maiden almost won the game for Incogniti but Trowbridge's last pair stoutly defended the final five balls for the draw.

Jon Andrews



Played at Trowbridge on 7th August 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		TROWBRIDGE C.C.
N.Malik Run Out	76	R.Oakley c & b Starost
S.Duggan b Robins	34	R.Salter st Sims b Drew66
#T.Churchill c Bolton b Oakley	2	A.Goddard b Grylls 18
J.Grylls lbw b Salter	42	T.Oakley lbw b Drew
A.Drew b Salter	0	A.Bolton c & b Drew0
A.Smith Not Out	26	J.Redferns Run Out13
G.S.Starost Not Out	0	H.Robins b Grylls21
J.Kelly DNB		R.Hudd c & b Malik9
T.M.Sims DNB		D.Tallentine b Grylls4
I.Valibhoy DNB		C.Tallentine Not Out
A.J.McAvan DNB		J.Hughes Not Out8
Extras	43	Extras
Total (for 5 wickets declared)	223	Total (for 9 wickets)

Bowling: McAvan 7-0-48-0; Starost 6-2-33-1; Drew 10-0-34-3; Grylls 11-1-63-3; Malik 13-2-29-1.

RESULT : MATCH DRAWN

INCOGNITI C. C. v MALMESBURY C.C.

THE ANTHONY RICHARDSON CUP

Current Holders: Incogniti C.C. Arranged: 3 Won: 1 Lost: 1 Drawn: 0 Unplayed: 1

Played at Malmesbury on 8th August 2019:-

MALMESBURY C.C.	
B.Oakley c Whyte b McAvan	37
E.Shellard b Whyte	1
R.Gaunt b Whyte	2
H.Rogers c Whyte b McAvan	44
M.Bond Not Out	62
A.Bond c Malik b Bowry	13
A.Wood b Bowry	7
R.Moore-Colyer c Malik b Saeed	4
J.Williams b Saeed	0
C.Locke b Whyte	9
A.N.Other DNB	
Extras	28
Total (for 9 wickets)	207

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P.A.B.Beecroft c? b Williams1 J.Kelly b Williams14
A.Drew c? b Shellard
I.Valibhoy c? b A.Bond
S.Bowry lbw b Oakley27
J.Andrews lbw b Shellard0
A.J.McAvan Not Out
G.S.Starost Not Out25
N.Malik DNB
T.Whyte DNB
N.Saeed DNB
Extras
Total (for 4 wickets)

Bowling:Starost 9-3-24-0; Whyte 15-2-54-3; Malik 13-3-34-0; Bowry 3-0-16-2; Saeed 6-0-28-2.

RESULT : WON BY 4 WICKETS



Jeremy Richardson presenting the trophy to the winning captain
INCOGNITI C. C. v HINTON CHARTERHOUSE C.C.

9th August 2019. Match cancelled.

INCOGNITI C. C. v CHISWICK C.C.

Played at Chiswick C.C. on 11th August 2019:-

INCOGNITI C.C.		CHISWICK C.C.		
N.Malik lbw b Zende	28	W.Benjamin c C.Tierney b Boothroyd 6		
B.Birtles b Shamnawaz	29	K.Chuwalewala c Desay b Saeed 14		
T.R.G.Mason c Zende b Shamnawaz.	36	D.Sharma c Saeed b Boothroyd0		
I.Valibhoy b Zende	2	A.Ajgaonkar c Birtles b Leighton 130		
W.Lewis c Sharma b Ajgaonkar	31	A.Imran lbw b Saeed		
S.Bowry Not Out	52	R.Vegad b Leighton3		
#C.Tierney Not Out	5	G.Suri st C.Tierney b Leighton		
N.Saeed DNB		A.Shamnawaz c Mason b Desay6		
D.Boothroyd DNB		A.Zende Not Out9		
#J.Desay DNB		E.Simons st C.Tierney b Leighton1		
M.G.O.Leighton DNB		R.Sehmi b Desay9		
R.J.F.Tierney DNB		K.Richardson DNB		
Extras	27	Extras11		
Total (for 5 wickets declared)210Total (for 10 wickets)				

Bowling : Boothroyd 7-2-23-2; Birtles 5-0-25-0; R.J.F.Tierney 6-0-45-0; Saeed 6-0-24-2; Leighton 6-0-43-4; #Desay 4.5-0-37-2.

RESULT : WON BY 10 RUNS



INCOGNITI C.C. v STOICS C.C.

MERSTHAMCC

#Smith

Played at Finchley C.C. on 23rd August 2019:-

STOICS C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
M.Brewster b Bardon	38	A.Leat c Powe b Oriskhill
B.Powe Not Out	101	S.Bardon c Milton b De Villiers5
J.Feather b Smith	25	P.Lyes b Oriskhill2
R.De Villers b Pegler	7	N.Malik c Milton b Brewster
B.Oduwole b Pegler	5	S.Eyre c Sogbodjor Milton 11
R.Baker lbw b Smith	5	A.Naeem c Feather b Milton75
J.Milton Not Out	69	#S.Smith c & b Powe17
A.Symmons DNB		K.Balasubramaniam st Feather b Milton37
P.Sogbodjor DNB		G.S.Starost b Mohammed21
B.Mohammed DNB		J.Grylls c Milton b De Villiers
S.Oriskhill DNB		T.Pegler Not Out6
Extras	12	Extras5
Total (for 5 wickets)	262	Total252

Bowling: Starost 1-0-19-0; Bardon 10-0-43-1; Grylls 10-1-44-0; Pegler 14.2-0-76-2; 14-1-70-2.

RESULT : LOST BY 10 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v MERSTHAM C.C.

Played at Merstham C.C. on 1st September 2019:-

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*K.Sachdeva c M.Retter b F.Harris	66	K.Noon lbw b Drew16
A.Drew c Sathya b Khan	6	A.Sathya c & b Jayamanne32
P.Lyes b F.Harris	52	R.Crouch b Balasubramaniam20
*A.Pervaiz c Maplesden b Akhter	2	L.Retter c Saeed b Starost11
I.Khan st Crouch b Cripps	53	F.Harris b Balasubramaniam0
#D.Jayamanne c Maplesden b F.Harris	20	R.Harris c Balasubramaniam b Lyes 23
K.Balasubramaniam c F.Harris b Cripp	s 8	A.Maplesden c & b Jayamanne 5
G.S.Starost b Sathya	11	J.Cripps b Khan22
#S.Manuel b Cripps	6	A.Khan c Khan b Pervaiz
N.Saeed Not Out	0	M.Retter Not Out14
T.M.Sims DNB		A.Akhter c Pervaiz b Saeed0
Extras	12	Extras17
Total (for 9 wickets)	236	Total188

Bowling: Drew 8-4-9-1; *Sachdeva 8-1-25-0; Starost 5-1-15-1; Balasubramaniam 6-0-38-2; Khan 3-1-16-1; #Jayamanne 3-0-11-2; Lyes 2-0-22-1; *Pervaiz 4-0-38-1; Saeed 0.1-0-0-1.

RESULT : WON BY 48 RUNS

INCOGNITI C.C. v HIGHGATE C.C.

Played at Shepherd's Cot on 20th September 2019:-

HIGHGATE C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
C.Fletcher b Krunic	13	*H.Nadir Not Out97
D.Du Toit c Leat b Whyte	13	A.Leat c Du Toit b Hayes9
J.Crine lbw b Malik	10	S.Bowry Not Out77
S.Rawson c Pearce b Pegler	64	M.G.O.Leighton DNB
M.Matthews b Saeed	12	N.Malik DNB
M.Holly c Pegler b Bowry	46	N.Saeed DNB
D.Juniper c & b Pegler	0	T.Pegler DNB
D.Hayes b Nadir	16	A.Smith DNB
S.Ball lbw b Pegler	4	P.Pearce DNB
D.Holly Not Out	6	I.Krunic DNB
M.Ellitt c Saeed b Nadir	1	T.Whyte DNB
Extras	15	Extras
Total	200	Total (for 1 wicket) 203

Bowling: Krunic 10-1-50-1; Whyte 6-3-7-1; Pegler 14-2-50-3; Malik 6-0-17-1; Pearce 2-0-7-0; Leighton 3-0-22-0; Saeed 3-0-11-1; Bowry 3-0-14-1; Nadir 2.12-0-12-2.

RESULT : WON BY 9 WICKETS

THE BALKAN BASH

Incogs arrived at this ground in the centre of a small airport for light aircraft to find a bouncy carpet on concrete wicket with a challenging outfield. Despite the odd steep bounce, and the odd grubber, cricket was just about possible. Hurricanes, twice bash winners, had a strong batting line up (weaker bowling) so it was important we got their best players out early. Immy obliged, getting their ex-Surrey player out caught at mid-on by our great steal from Montenegro Boccaneers, Darren Gibson. Darren also bowled 3 overs of very tidy let arm spin at the end (won't mention the first over when his bones weren't quite loose in a windy day). Nay Malik picked up the other key player after he scored a rapid 23 caught in the deep by Ali Pervaiz, who took a couple of very good catches in the tournament. Norm Dugdale (1-19 off 4) and Phil Arnould (2-11 off 4) played the unfamiliar role of kettlers, keeping the score manageable, and Bowry with Gibson finished them off before they used their full 20 overs.

In reply the enforcers from the previous year, Wakeford and Khan, went early, both surprised by the steep skiddy bounce on the dewy wicket and being caught on the hook. Fortunately Nav Saeed batted excellently for 33 runs before sacrificing himself to a run out when the run rate started to creep up. Darren Gibson then dug in and used all his experience, with great support form candidate Uzi Ali, to see us home with 6 balls to spare.

Ben Wakeford

INCOGNITI C.C. v HURRICANES C.C. (1st Round)

Played at ? on 27th September 2019:-

104	Total (for 3 wickets)105				
17	Extras				
	N.R.Dugdale DNB				
	*A.Pervaiz DNB				
	T.M.Sims DNB				
8	P.S.Arnould DNB				
32	B.Wakeford (?) DNB				
16	N.Malik DNB				
0	#U.Ali Not Out11				
4	#D.Gibson Not Out29				
0	I.Khan c Probst b Osborne1				
23	B.Wakeford c Kennedy b Durant 1				
4	N.Saeed Run Out				
INCOGNITI C.C.					
	23 0 4 0 16 32 8				

Bowling:Khan 4-0-24-1; Dugdale 4-0-19-1; Arnould 4-0-11-2; Malik 2-0-16-1; #Gibson 2-0-16-1; Bowry 2-0-8-1.

RESULT : WON BY 7 WICKETS

INCOGNITI C.C. v ROMANIAN BEARS C.C. (2nd Round)

In the second heat Incogs came up against a mostly Asian heritage Romanian side. They looked a useful outfit, and we will likely go to their turf for next year's bash. Fortunately, with mostly all looking competent to very good, they steadily threw their wickets away, being bowled out with 4 overs to spare, and their star player stranded on 39 (highest score of the tournament against us). Khan again struck early, and again came back to finish the tail with 3 wickets, all bowled. Arnould again only went for 11 runs for his 4 overs picking up a wicket. Dugdale went for 2 big sixes in his only over, but did take a great caught and bowled. Nav Malik was his usual steady self, and Gibson took 3 quickly at the end after Bowry took a bit of tap, much to the amusement of at least half of his team!

In reply Incogs again lost one of their openers cheaply with Norm being unlucky to be run out (knees wouldn't quite get him there!). The other opener though again did the job. This time it was Ali Pervaiz, carrying his bat for a disciplined 22. After Arnould was bowled by a good one first ball, Wakeford also scored 22 in relatively quick time. When he fell to a grubber from the returning Waqar the remaining few runs were knocked off by Uzi Ali and then Nav Malik with over 3 overs to spare. Once again Skipper Bowry had got us to the final, and this time he hadn't even had to strap his pads on! This was to change in the final...

Ben Wakeford

Played at ?	on 27th	September 2019:-
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Total (for 9 wickets)	81	
Extras	7	Extra
Jones Not Out	0	S.Bo
Smith b Khan	2	I.Kh
Arun b Khan	2	#D.0
Syam b Gibson	3	N.Sa
Waqar b Gibson	3	T.M.
Satvik c & b Dugdale	16	N.M
Abdul c Pervaiz b Arnould	2	#U.A
M.Gaurav Not Out	39	B.W
Aftab c Ali b Malik	1	P.S./
Karthick Run Out	3	*A.F
N.Gaurav b Khan	3	N.R.

INCOGNITI C.C.	
Dugdale Run Out	6
Domining Not Out	22

*A.Pervaiz Not Out
P.S.Arnould b M.Gaurav0
B.Wakeford b Waqar22
#U.Ali c? b Waqar4
N.Malik Not Out
T.M.Sims DNB
N.Saeed DNB
#D.Gibson DNB
I.Khan DNB
S.Bowry DNB
Extras
Total (for 4 wickets)

Bowling: Khan 4-0-20-3; Arnould 4-1-11-1; Malik 4-1-7-1; Dugdale 1-0-12-1; Bowry 4-0-23-0; #Gibson 3-0-4-2.

RESULT : WON BY 6 WICKETS



INCOGNITI C.C. v C.F.C.C.C. (Final)

So, Incogs faced CFCCCC in the final (the oppo's name has something to do with a cycling club!) The team was basically made up of a bunch of ex-Cambridge Perse Schoolboys, all 30 years of age, all of which meant their average age was a fair bit less than Incogs, and that they didn't take kindly to our keeper's inadvertent sledge, which went like this:

Scorer: "Bowler's name?"... Fielder: "Rupert Cornelius Rudkin"... T Sims: "Ha ha, I'm guessing he might have gone to public school"... CCCFC skipper: "Yes, as we all did, we all went to the Perse school. Anyway, that's a bit rich coming from you lot in your jazz hats and stripy blazers"! Hilarious, and as Tim was generous enough to acknowledge, fair enough!

Incogs stuck to their winning formula of opening with the pace of Khan in combination with the previously reliable slower stuff from Phil and Nav M. B Wakeford had been mooted as possibly opening with Imran but had been overheard saying to the skipper that he'd not bowled for weeks, the run up had a huge concrete ridge in his usual take off spot, so he should only be used as a last resort to try and knock their heads off if plan A went wrong. These proved to be surprisingly prophetic words, as for once plan A didn't work. CCCFC's openers showed the fearlessness and cheek of relative youth to begin smearing Incogs' previously parsimonious slower bowlers all around the ground (well, mostly over square leg/cow!). After 10 overs Incogs had been flayed for 77 runs and a score in excess of 150 was looking likely. Skipper Bowry decided it was time for plan B. Wakeford was whistled up to brush off the dust, forget he was 50 in a couple of weeks, and avoid the concrete block on the way in. In tandem with the returning Khan the pace duo then whistled down some terrifying chin/helmet music. This was interspersed with wicket-taking deliveries and amazingly the innings was finished off in a further 7 overs with only a further 30 runs added. Highlights included Khan's usual skidding yorkers sending the stumps flying three times, and Wakeford's age-defying full length diving catch off his own bowling.

108 the total for victory.

Parvais and Uzi Ali were sent out to open, but unlike the heat games, both failed, falling for ducks. Golden child (Khan) was dispatched to work his magic, but could only manage the one big six before perishing. At this point the skipper, recognising we were finally in real danger of defeat, strapped his pads on (but in haste no box or thigh guard) and went out to bat(tle). The ex-Perse schoolboys were immediately treated to a Bowry special as he uppercut the fastest of their bowlers over backward point. Having asserted his authority, the skipper then settled down, voice booming across the field as usual, and the innings began to take shape. Candidate Javed Riaz showed his T20 credentials with a towering six and was unlucky to be bowled soon after by a ball which basically didn't bounce. Nav Saeed stuck in with his captain for a while before being bowled by a good one from Gimson, and then Nav Malik and Bowry looked like they were going to take us home with ease. Unfortunately the CFCCC youths were not finished, and they showed the same courage they had done when being struck hard on their helmets, by digging in and getting right back into the match. Bowry was tempted to follow a decent lifting ball outside off stump to be caught behind. Gibson was then caught off a lifter, and Wakeford was again finished off by a grubber before Nav Malik's fine innings ended. 93 for 9 with 14 runs still required

and it wasn't looking great for the Cogs. Enter 'Hockey wrists' Arnould who took advantage of the spinners last over by twanging him twice through midwicket to leave 6 to win off the last over.

Opening bowler Fairbank was entrusted with this key over. Tim Sims showed all his experience to clip his first ball for a single and get Arnould on strike. Three huge swipes brought no further contact from the hard hitting hockey player (pace bowling on the right lengths being almost impossible to hit on this surface). And so, 2 balls to score 5!. A wide brought that down to 2 off 2 (wides counting for 3 and still having to be rebowled in the last over). Phil sneaks a single to bring the scores level and it's down to the veteran Sims to see us home. He's down the track, the bowler can't believe it and smears the ball miles outside off. It's a wide and Incogs retain their trophy off the last ball of the tournament!

Great stuff, and great fun had by all again. Next year, an international standard turf wicket in Romania. The batsmen will be pleased!

Ben Wakeford



Played at ? on 28th September 2019:-

C.F.C.C. C.C.		INCOGNITI C.C.
W.Hammond lbw b Gibson	21	*A.Pervaiz c? b Davidson0
R.Cassels c Ali b Malik	28	#U.Ali c? b Davidson0
J.Dillon b Malik	7	I.Khan c? b Hammond13
O.Rudkin c Riaz b Wakeford	8	S.Bowry c? b Hammond20
O.Cassels b Khan	0	#J.Riaz b Gimson11
R.Brennan b Khan	0	N.Saeed b Gimson6
W.Davidson c & b Gibson	10	N.Malik c? b Rudkin 16
S.Gimson b Khan	0	#D.Gibson c? b Rudkin 3
C.Rudkin c Pervaiz b Khan	2	B.Wakeford lbw b Davidson8
W.Fairbank c & b Wakeford	0	P.S.Arnould Not Out11
J.Dean Not Out	0	T.M.Sims Not Out3
Extras	31	Extras19
Total	107	Total (for 9 wickets)110

Bowling:Khan 4-0-17-3; Arnould 2-0-24-0; Malik 4-0-23-3; #Gibson 3-1-19-2; Wakeford 4-0-18-2.



RESULT : WON BY 1 WICKET

BATTING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS (OUALIFICATION 3 COMPLETED INNINGS)

	Matches	Inns.	N.O. 1	Runs	H.S.	Avge	C.	St.
S. Eyre	7	7	1	286	136*	47.67	1	1
A. Drew	5	5	0	219	87	43.80	1	
A. Leat	4	4	1	121	39*	40.33	4	
S. Bowry	13	12	4	285	77*	35.63	2	
A. Smith	5	4	1	99	34	33.00	2	
G.S. Starost	9	9	5	130	25*	32.50	1	
N.D. Gill	11	11	2	269	100*	29.89	2	
S. Bardon	3	3	0	88	55	29.33		
P.S. Arnould	7	5	2	80	62	29.33		
T.R.G. Mason	6	6	0	145	91	24.17	1	
B. Birtles	6	6	0	144	48	24.00	2	
N. Malik	21	17	1	337	96	21.06	6	
P. Pearce	7	6	0	120	40	20.00	2	3
K. Balasubramaniam	5	5	0	100	37	20.00		
I. Khan	9	7	0	133	53	19.00	1	
J. Andrews	8	6	2	73	44*	18.25		
N. Saeed	18	13	4	152	33	16.89	8	
P. Lyes	7	7	0	98	52	14.00	2	
T. Wakeford	5	5	0	68	42	13.60	2	
I. Valibhoy	9	8	1	78	36	11.14	3	
B. Wakeford	10	7	0	72	22	10.29	2	
O. Wood	3	3	0	12	12	4.00		
S.D. Parrish	3	3	0	12	12	4.001		

The following Members also played. A.Naeem(75,17), J.Ritchie(41,39-1c), M.Jennings(37-2c), J.Grylls (42,20,dnb), W.Lewis(31), P.Monar(25*,1), J.Kelly(37,14,dnb), J.Green(32-13), Y.Jackson(7,19,16*), T.B.Kingsford(9*,9*,1), B.Blyghton(16), J.Atchinson(16,14), R.Sehmi(30,0) T.Pegler(dnb,0*, 7*,0,8*-3c), B.Bell(16*,6,1), N.Wood(19,2-1c), T.Whyte(5dnb,14*,0*,14*,1,5-3c),

N.R.Dugdale(dnb,6-1c), D.Boothroyd (2dnb,10,0,0*-5c), I.Robinson(2*,1-1c),

T.M.Sims (6dnb,3*,0,0-c,1st), L.Dugdale(4,1), P.A.B.Beecroft(1), M.G.O.Leighton(3dnb,1*),

A.G.Wood(dnb,0), T.Gadsby(2dnb,0), A.J.McAvan(dnb,30*), R.J.F.Tiereney(0*), L.Nicholson(0).

BOWLING AVERAGES OF MEMBERS

(QUALIFICATION 5 WICKETS)

	Overs	M'dns	Runs	Wkts.	Avge.
I. Khan	40	8	136	20	6.80
A.G. Wood	5	0	37	5	7.40
B. Wakeford	30	2	99	9	11.00
D. Boothroyd	54	12	172	14	12.29
T. Pegler	65	9	260	18	14.44
K. Balasubramaniam	16	2	74	5	14.80
N. Malik	112	46	394	26	15.15
N. Saeed	42	1	187	12	15.58
T. Whyte	93	22	298	13	22.92
S. Bowry	36	29	175	7	25.00
P.S. Arnould	40	2	208	7	29.71

Also bowled. N.Wood (3-0-15-0), J.Atchinson (4-0-20-0), D.Blyghton (8-1-40-0), J.Ritchie (4-0-21-0), Y.Jackson (10-0-58-0), I.Valibhoy (2-0-14-0), T.R.G.Mason (5-1-35-0), P.Pearce (5-0-41-0),

A.Leat (2-0-21-0), B.Blyghton (6-1-18-3), S.Eyre (10-1-35-4), A.Drew (18-4-43-4),

S.Blyghton (8-2-27-2), N.R.Dugdale (5-0-31-2), I.Robinson (13-3-48-3), M.G.O.Leighton (11-0-72-4),

T.B.Kingsford (10-0-66-3), P.Lyes (2-0-22-1), T.Gadsby (8-0-51-2), B.Birtles (24-1-119-4),

P.Monar (12-1-65-2), S.D.Parrish (8-0-68-2), J.Grylls (28-2-151-4), O.Wood (9-1-77-2),

G.S.Starost (38-7-161-4), A.J.McAvan (17-3-81-2), R.J.F.Tierney (6-0-45-0), I.Krunic (10-1-50-1),

S.Bardon (6-2-61-1), T.Wakeford (21-1-99-1), N.D.Gill (16-0-111-1), B.Bell (19-1-130-1).

BATTING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

Matches Innings N.O. Runs H.S. Avge. C. ST.

H. Nadir	3	3	1	165	97*	82.50	1
S. Malik*	1	1	0	46	46	46.00	
K. Sachdeva*	2	2	0	75	66	37.50	
H. Gadsby	3	3	0	108	73	36.00	1
A. Pervaiz	5	4	1	24	22*	8.00	4
T. Bennett	5	4	0	17	14	4.25	2 2

BOWLING AVERAGES OF CANDIDATES

WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED MEMBERS

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Average
H. Nadir	14	1	80	6	13.33
T. Bennett	8	0	41	2	20.50
K. Sachdeva*	13	3	42	1	42.00
A. Pervaiz	9	0	69	1	69.00

* Elected on 'fast-track' basis at Committee's discretion.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

BATTING

S. Eyre	136	v Ibiza
N.D. Gill	100*	v Jesus College
H. Nadir	97	v Highgate
N. Malik	96	v Wiltshire Queries
T.R.G. Mason	91	v Hampshire Hogs
S. Eyre	91	v Beckenham
#W. Lake	91	v Farmers
A. Drew	87	v Malmesbury
#J. Lewis	81	v Ottery St. Mary
A. Drew	80	v Wiltshire Queries
S. Bowry	77*	v Highgate
N. Malik	76	v Trowbridge
A. Naeem	75	v Stoics
*H. Gadsby	73	v Ottery St. Mary
*K. Sachdeva	66	v Merstham
#M. Dixon	64	v Tiffin School
P.S. Arnould	62	v Ibiza
A. Drew	60	v Royal Household
#S. Sharma	57	v Royal Household
#I. Burrows	57	v Tiffin School
S. Bardon	55	v Farmers
I. Khan	53	v Merstham
S. Bowry	52*	v Chiswick
P. Lyes	52	v Merstham
N.D. Gill	50	v Hampshire Hogs

BOWLING

T. Pegler I. Khan	6 for 59 5 for 24	v Dulwich College v Ibiza
A.G. Wood	5 for 24	v Honiton
T. Pegler	5 for 35	v Oratory School
D. Boothroyd	5 for 54	v Jesus College
I. Khan	4 for 6	v Ibiza
N. Malik	4 for 14	v Old Leightonians
D. Boothroyd	4 for 27	v Hampshire Hogs
N. Malik	4 for 32	v Royal Navy
N. Saeed	4 for 35	v Maidenhead & Bray
M.G.O. Leighton	4 for 43	v Chiswick

INCOGNITI GOLF SOCIETY

As reported by John last year the Incogniti Golf Society fixture card is now reduced down to a team-up with the Grannies at the Quadrangular Match at Porthcawl in March and the Summer Meeting at New Zealand in July.

The Summer meeting saw the end John Trumper's many years in the position of Hon. Golf Secretary as was well attended (especially at Lunch) by a great number of Incog Golfers to wish him well and thank him for his great service to the Club. We were treated to a fine speech by Donald Steel celebrating John's time in charge - transcript below.

"If John and I were to pool our names, we would almost be the President of the United States but I hope you will agree, Donald Trumper sounds much more distinguished than the guy on Capitol Hill! It is remarkable, in fact, that two letters can make such a difference in terms of the character of two people. John doesn't cheat at golf and the last word to describe him is fake although he might like to guide Mr Trump to the salon of his hairdressing namesake Geo. F. Trumper in Duke of York Street for a decent short back and sides! To John also, Tweet and Twitter mean birdsong, his preferred method of communication being copious, old-fashioned hand-written letters rather than verbal tirades.

Oscar Wilde maintained that everything is in a name. The Victorian playwright had a theory that in order to ride high and live long in the minds of the people, you needed to be known by a single name of just five letters "like Jesus or Plato or Oscar or Wilde". Had he been a cricketer, he could have named Compo but, luckily, no mention of Boris. In fact, he went further by saying his friends called him Oscar while his enemies called him Wilde but he added, when you are universally known simply by your first name, it means "affection is in the air".

I am sure you will all approve a tiny amendment today by stretching five letters to six because we are here to honour Trumps and "affection is very definitely in the air". It must be stressed Trumps has occasionally been called Victor- if not, I hasten to add, with his batting in mind. Indeed, Mark Trumper found the name opened many doors when he went to Australia claiming to be a descendant of Victor Trumper! That may have possessed a touch of the fake but Mark understandably dines out on it.

With so many Classical scholars amongst you, you need no reminding that the definition of incognito is when one's name or character is kept secret. Whether or not Incogniti suggests incognito in the plural, I am not certain but I have learned our motto *Incogniti Incognitis* means "unknown only to the unknown".

Trumps may be unknown to the unknown – who isn't? - but he is happily well known to all of us - hence our celebration this lunchtime. 2007 was the first time for fifty years that the Incogs didn't have the benefit of Trumps as player, fixture Secretary, Honorary Secretary or President but we are here to show our gratitude for his role in organizing this golf day for almost as long as any of us can remember and I think the size of the attendance speaks volumes. Trumps is a born organizer with an attention to detail second to none. He may now have succumbed to e-mail instead of his quill pen but that is credit to Sorrel for showing it is possible to teach old dogs new tricks. However, in charging our glasses to drink Trumps' health, it truly is his health we have in mind.

When he should have been working on lengthening his golf swing, he has been confined to barracks for too long in a manner that has been as painful to watch as it has been for him to bear. Nevertheless, I have a suggestion that has no medical explanation for I believe, if Trumps could somehow trust himself to deliver two overs of leg breaks, the offending nerve might click back into place and we can then expect to see him here next year winning with 40 points. One final thought. You may have read about last week's memorial service for 96-year old Baroness Lady Trumpington, a quite remarkable person whose memoirs are entitled Coming Up Trumps. In the words of William Makepeace Thackeray, "Them's my sentiments" and if they are yours, too, please join me in a bumper toast to our old friend, Trumps and ask him to accept a small gift from the President as a mark of our considerable esteem".



Trumps with the victorious Wes Lewis MATCH RESULTS 2019

QUADRANGULAR MATCH AT ROYAL PORTHCAWL

In weather reminiscent of the cricket season rather than late March in South Wales, the 'Grancogs' put in a rather fitful performance against the Free Foresters in the semi-final and then the XL club in the $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ play-off.

Boasting a team of 8 with every player claiming a handicap of 10 or less there was great hope that the Grancogs could reclaim the title won for the first time in 2017. However, with a few players emerging from hibernation and struggling with their games, we went down to the Foresters 3-1 on the Thursday afternoon. The only consolation was that the "1" represented the defeat of Creffield, who was masquerading as a Forester on this occasion, by Philpott and Lock.

Following an extremely long Thursday evening, including an impromptu assimilation of most of the team into a South Wales male voice choir who were in the team hotel when we returned from dinner, Friday again dawned fair, with little wind but thumping headaches.

Notwithstanding this "warm up" the Grancogs raced to a 2-0 lead with the top 2 matches of Philpott and Sanderson and Yeates and Dyson winning some way out in the country. However the remaining two groups were held and then eventually defeated by the XL lower order to leave the match tied 2-2.

As ever it was great fun but the captain reflects on what might have been and is considering whether some warm weather training in Lanzarote might be in order to shake out the winter stiffness before the serious stuff begins.

James Philpott (Captain - Grannies)

SUMMER MEETING AT NEW ZEALAND G.C.

Singles	-	Incogs	1st Wes Lewis	39 Points
			2 nd Chris Walker	38 Points
			3rd Geoff Bond	37 Points

Please note the date of the 2020 Summer meeting - Wednesday 1st July

Peter Crowcroft Hon. Secretary, Golf

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Incogniti Cricket Club (The Club) is committed to ensuring all Children (i.e all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience. We will do this by:

- Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.
- Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children.
- Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "Safe Hands Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of this.
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer and ensuring they attend all current and future training modules required by the ECB.
- Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) have a responsibility for safeguarding children, and understand how the "Safe Hands Policy" applies to them.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and the club.
- Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available:
- As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club.
- As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members.
- As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team.
- As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding.
- Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.
- Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer. Details of the County Welfare Officer will be made available, in case the Club Welfare officer is unavailable, or the concern relates to the Club Welfare officer.
- Ensuring all suspicions concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

Code Of Conduct For Cricket Club Members, Candidates and Guests

All Members, Candidates and Guests of Incogniti Cricket club, including all members and officers, as well as individuals who watch/attend/participate/officiate in matches, will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic
 origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background,
 sexual preference or political belief.
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.
- Display high standards of behaviour.
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example fair play.
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials.
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
- Recognise good performance not just match results.
- Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance.
- Ensure activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in cricket.
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while working with children in the club.
- Not provide children with alcohol when they are under the care of the club.
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.
- Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB.
- In addition, all club officials and appointed volunteers will:
- Have been appropriately vetted, if required.
- Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance.
- Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private, or unobserved, situations and encourage an open environment) NB This includes the online world club officers and volunteers are actively discouraged from online or other electronic communication with children any such communication should be via parents.
- Know and understand the ECB's "Safe Hands Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children".
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Ensure physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval.
- Not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player.
- Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially with respect to the safeguarding of children.

Privacy Policy Statement

Incogniti Cricket Club (the Club) is a nomadic cricket club and golfing society. We primarily operate within the UK and are bound by the principles of privacy contained in the Data Protection Act 1998, and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) EU Laws.

The Club holds personal information on existing members, freely supplied by them when they applied to join the Club. The data which is stored is used to support the primary purpose of the Club which is to arrange, organize and deliver cricket or golf events, including the club's Annual General Meeting. This personal information may include the following:

- Full Name, Contact details such as email address, postal address and telephone numbers.
- Gender
- Date of Birth (only where necessary for our welfare obligations)
- Cricketing or Golfing ability (such as performance statistics)

This personal information is recorded and kept for all members on our Membership database, which is currently provided and hosted by Hitssports Ltd on secure servers within the European Union. The database is administered by authorised club members. Members' names and performance statistics are published on the website and visible to non-members, however all other personal information such as contact details are only accessible by other subscribed members of the club, via the club's annual Scores and Averages booklet, or via a login and password to the Club's website.

In order for the Club to operate effectively, the personal information of its Officers, Executive Committee members and key postholders including match managers, umpires and scorers is made available to the membership and third parties via the Club website and the Club's Annual Fixture List.

In certain cases Members' personal information may be supplied to third-parties where it is essential in order to fulfil the Club's primary function as a nomadic cricket club – for example where the names and details of players are required to be supplied to oppositions for security reasons.

The Club protects the personal information it holds from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure by various means including password access and secure servers.

The Club endeavours to ensure that the personal information it holds is accurate, complete and up-todate.

Members can access and update their own personal data via logging in to the Club's website, or by application to or contact with the Membership Secretary.

Incogniti CC will presume that any individual who is a fully subscribed member is willing for his or her personal information to be kept on the Club database, and shared internally or externally via the club's website, fixture list and annual scores and averages booklet, unless the Club hears from them to the contrary.

Members may 'opt out' from this presumed consent by contacting the Honorary Secretary and requesting that their personal information not be published in the aforementioned media, or indeed deleted entirely.

Should any Club member have any enquiries or wish to provide feedback about this policy, please contact the club's Honorary Secretary.