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Well here we are more than halfway through this truncated season with just the four fixtures in September to play. To date we have been reasonably successful in the 7 matches played with only a rather desultory midweek defeat at Grantchester to blot the copybook. Otherwise the other 2 evening games ended in victory whilst the Sunday XI continues the undefeated run, which now comprises 42 matches, with 2 victories, a draw and an abandonment (a rare occurrence in our history). I have great pleasure in highlighting the exciting win against Incogniti in our 500th fixture. The game at the Perse School was played in glorious sunshine and in great spirit by both sides. All in all, an excellent encounter suitable for this landmark achievement.

Centuries have been recorded by Ed Pearson & Mel Ragnauth. I should also mention that generally availability of players has been excellent. The Match Reports of all matches played to date may be viewed on the website.

Since foundation every 5 years there has been a club photograph to mark the event and the previous six may be viewed in the Gallery section of the website. Of special interest, and probable amusement, you can watch the gradual but inexorable ageing of Burnett and Harvey throughout the years. This being our 35th year the club photograph will be taken at the fixture on Sunday 6th September versus Refreshers at Exning Park. However, because of the social distancing requirement a wide-angle lens will be necessary! So, may I encourage as many club members to come along as possible not only to watch the game in this idyllic setting but also to be recorded for posterity.

As you are all aware a decision has already been taken to cancel the forthcoming Barbecue owing to the pandemic restrictions. Next, we are of course faced with a decision concerning the Annual Dinner due to be held at the Fenners Pavilion on Saturday 28th November. I think that there is every likelihood that permission to hold the function at Fenners will be withdrawn. Therefore, may I invite the membership to propose any potentially viable alternative venues where the Dinner could be held without contravening restrictions which are likely to be in place? The current date is moveable should this assist in being able to hold the Dinner elsewhere.

The Golf Championship has recently been held with full details on the website. However, I would like to mention that this year's vintage champion golfer is the ever- youthful Geoff Miller who successfully saw off the field of young whipper snappers (and John Burnett). Next up in the off-field activities is the Real Tennis Tournament at Newmarket Real Tennis Club on Sunday 25th October. Our tennis supremo, the omnipresent John Burnett, is hopeful that by the due date restrictions will be lowered to the extent that the Tournament will take place and will shortly be inviting intending participants to contact him.

Now onwards with the final four games of the season. Let's hope for an improvement on the current late August spell of winter weather.

Phil

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The 500th match at the Perse before the crowds arrived