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Girls Cricket at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School

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Originally a boys' school it became co-ed in 1973.

I cannot claim that this is a definitive work, little is known about girls' cricket in the borough prior to around 1999. I would be interested to hear from anyone that played girls or womens cricket at the school or for Old Sedcopians in the 1990s or before. Corrections or additions are most welcome.

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School has a long history of providing top quality cricket for male pupils over many years subsequently girls' cricket was introduced to the school in 1974.

The school were, for several seasons in the 1970s and 1980s and more latterly in the 2000s, one of the more active schools in the borough for girls' secondary schools' cricket and have achieved several successes.

The school were affiliated members of both the Kent Womens' Cricket Association (KWCA) and the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) at various times during the 1970s and 1980s.
(The WCA was the leading authority for Womens Cricket from 1927-1998).

There may have been some earlier listings but they may have been attributed to other schools in the area with similar names, to add credence to that statement girls were only part of the school from 1973 and girls cricket was not introduced until 1974 so it is unlikely that the earlier mentions referred to the school.

The first mention must go to Mr Brian Burgess (A physics teacher and Master in Charge of Girls Cricket at the School). He was a tireless worker for girls cricket and has provided much of the information gleaned during his time at the school, he has produced and published invaluable statistics, reports in the Kent Womens' Cricket Association Yearbooks, encouraged the county to play competitions at the school both indoor and outdoor, organised girls teams to win many competitions and provided the opportunity for several players to progress to County Representative honours. Additionally, he actually MADE some of the trophies for the County competitions.

Copies of Mr Burgess's reports in the KWCA yearbooks can be found at the end of this brochure.

Reading down the individual dates of progress and comparing them with the table of stats he provided do throw up a few anomalies (date wise) but I would more likely think that I had mis-understood some of the findings rather than it being any comment on Mr Burgess's inaccuracies. He wrote them from first-hand experience, I have only collated them some 40 years or so after the event.

A wider report of female cricket in Bexley borough can be seen at:-

FROM BEXLEY TO BRAZIL (OR NEARLY....)
(A MODERN HISTORY OF FEMALE CRICKET IN BEXLEY).

This passage and stats relating to the 1970s and 1980s were kindly supplied by Mr Wallbridge at the school from the school's archives. The original document was compiled by Brian Burgess - who else?

When the girls arrived at the school they immediately demanded to play cricket and Mr.B.P.Burgess agreed to give up running boys cricket so he could start girls cricket. It is a very good game for girls providing fine chances of county and even national recognition. The school played its first game in 1974 (which it lost) but then considerable success followed in the following years. Luckily many local schools played girls cricket so there was no shortage of opposition. Kent Girls Cricket was particularly efficiently organised in our area with three 6-a-Side competitions annually. The school won the Kent Girls 6-a-Side Senior Championships in 1980, 1982 and 1984 and were losing finalists in 1977. The school team also won the McDonald Cup on 6 occasions and were runners-up on three others and won the Indoor Championships twice and were losing finalists twice. Kent also ran a Double Wicket Championships which was won by Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown in 1981, and they were runners-up in 1983. On one occasion in the Summer of 1982 the school held all four championships at the same time - the first school to do so. Over the years a number of girls were selected to play for the Kent Junior XI (Under 19) - these included Janice Holt (the first Captain of Girls Cricket), Barbara Marsh, Clare Brown, Susan Kelly and Lorraine Brackpool - Clare went on to train with the England training squad. Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown were also selected to represent Kent at the National 6-a-Side Championships in 1980, 1981 and 1983 - the year in which Kent won this competition. Mr.Burgess had considerable help in running the girls cricket from Mr.R. (Robert) Carlysle and Miss H. (Hilary) Taggart. When the government introduced the minimum number of working hours for teachers the industrial action that followed decimated cricket in other schools and that unfortunately put paid to girls cricket in the area as it could not continue at Chis and Sid with no opposition to play, so the last games were played in 1984.

Brian Burgess
 July 2002

GIRLS CRICKET CLUB									
Founded 1974, Disbanded 1985									
RESULTS 1974 TO 1984					COMPETITION SUCCESSES				
Year	Captain	1st XI				Junior XI			
		P	W	L	D	P	W	L	D
1974	Janice Holt	1	0	1	0				
1975	Janice Holt	4	4	0	0				
1976	Janice Holt	8	4	4	0	3	2	1	0
1977	Janice Holt	7	4	3	0	2	1	1	0
1978	Fiona Johnstone	9	4	4	1				
1979	Deborah Purkiss	4	4	0	0	5	4	1	0
1980	Deborah Purkiss	3	2	1	0	3	3	0	0
1981	Barbara Marsh	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	0
1982	Barbara Marsh	4	3	1	0				
1983	Barbara Marsh	5	3	2	0				
1984	Clare Brown	3	2	1	0				
1985	Sarah Clifford	No games played - no opposition							
Totals		80	32	17	1	18	12	6	0

COMPETITION SUCCESSES							
Kent Girls Senior 6-a-Side Championships		McDonald Cup 6-a-Side Championships		Kent Girls Indoor 6-a-Side Championships		Kent Girls Double Wicket Championships	
Winners	Runners-Up	Winners	Runners-Up	Winners	Runners-Up	Winners	Runners-Up
1980	1977	1978	1977	1981	1980	1981	1983
1982		1979	1982	1983	1984	Barbara Marsh	Barbara Marsh
1984		1980				Clare Brown	Clare Brown
		1981					1984
		1983					Clare Brown
		1984					Lorraine
							Brackpool
(Shared with Bexley G.S.)							
The School held all four Championships in the Summer of 1982							

GIRLS WHO GAINED REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS			
Kent Girls Junior (Under 19) First XI		Kent Girls Under 19 Second XI	
1977	Janice Holt	1975	Janice Holt (Captain)
1981	Barbara Marsh		Diane Harwood
1982	Barbara Marsh		Carol Edison
1983	Barbara Marsh		Judith Beresford
1984	Clare Brown		Deborah Purkiss
1985	Clare Brown		Lorraine Brackpool
		1977	Penny Coltee
		1980	Barbara Marsh
			JoAnna Wilson
			Clare Brown
		Selected for England Training Squad	
		1984	Clare Brown
(This team won the National Championships)			

The match below was reported in the KWCA handbook and The History of Sidcup CC by Walter Bennett.

On 14th July 1976 there was a ladies' match played between Sidcup CC Ladies and Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar school, which attracted a good and enthusiastic crowd supporting both teams. The Sidcup XI was captained by Veronica Startup, wife of Nick, who captained the 1st XI for a number of years in the 70's and 80's. It was a 15 over game. The School scored 63-5. The Sidcup Ladies' reply was looking good with 12 needed from the last 4 overs. Binns was run out for 29 with the score on 61-5 with 2 balls left. The School thwarted attempts to score and won by 2 runs.

Mr Burgess regularly supplied annual articles for the KWCA handbook on activities at the school. In the 1977 edition he states that the school had 60 girls playing cricket. The under 14s team played 8, won 4 and lost 4 matches with the u13s playing 3, winning 2 and lost 1.

Coaching and indoor matches were planned during the winter 1976/7 season as the school now has a 2nd sports hall.

In 1977 the school ran a 1st XI and a 2nd XI, the first team won 4 of 7 matches but no record of the 2nd XI.

30th April 1977 - Runners up in the Kent 6-a-side competition. (in fact the school entered 4 teams into this competition). One of the school's teams reached the final winning all 4 of their group matches but the final could not be played due to rain. The school hosted the re-arranged final on 13th May and lost to Kent Nomads by 28-20 runs in a bizarre ending. The match went down to the last ball of the match and if the school had prevented the opposition batter from scoring she would "have lost her score" and C+S would have won. I have no idea what that means !! A 1984 edition of the Kent Women's Cricket Association refers to a "must score rule" but I still do not understand it !!

During 1977 Mr Burgess took on the role of Secretary to the Kent Junior Sub-Committee.

26th June 1977 - the school hosted the McDonald cup losing to Eltham Hill in the final.

25th Nov (I am unsure of the year) - The school hosted a "Beginners Open Day" for Kent where 26 girls attended.

In 1978 Kent ran 4 indoor training sessions at the school, with players from C+S, Bexley Grammar and Eltham Hill school attending.

Also in 1978 the school hosted the McDonald cup and a Kent junior 6-a-side competition.

25th Feb 1978 The school hosted a new Kent INDOOR 6-a-side competition which were used by Kent as part of the Kent selection process. The school were losing semi-finalists. It is worthy of note that Again Brian Burgess made the trophy.

6th May 1978 the Kent 6-a-side competition was rained off at Dartford College. The school had entered a team in both the senior and junior competitions.

Again, Mr Burgess was attributed to have made both trophies.

2nd July 1978 the school hosted the McDonald Cup. The school were runners up although the schools' chart above shows the school as winners.

Also on 2nd July a Kent Junior competition was held at the school with the school attaining runners up spot behind Bexley Grammar. The school won 2 out of their 3 matches.

April 1978 a 12-hour indoor cricket marathon sponsored competition took place. Nineteen players took part. 154 combined hours were completed. Five girls completed the full 12 hours, 2179 runs were scored for the loss of 120 wickets in 22 matches. A sum of £126.55p was raised which paid for twelve 1st team blouses and skirts.

Fiona Johnstone was captain and wicket keeper. The 1st XI (4th and 5th forms) played 9, won 4, lost 4 with one abandoned due to rain. The 2nd XI (2nd and 3rd forms) played 2 games but lost them both, captained by Natalie Martin.

In Mr Burgess's report for the Kent Womens Cricket handbook he made reference to the number of teams that cancelled matches which caused some frustration. Otherwise the school would have been far more active.

Fiona Wilson was awarded the Brian Burgess Trophy as the most improved girls cricketer at the school which was awarded at the annual Cricket Club Dinner.

Fiona Johnstone left the school at the end of this year and was the only player to have played in every one of the girls cricket matches from clubs inception in 1974, playing 31 matches, scoring 142 runs with 21 dismissals as wicket keeper.

25th November 1979 the school again hosted the Kent Indoor Coaching initiative.

1980 the 1st XI played 3 matches winning 2 and losing 1 with the 2nd XI winning all 3 of their matches. 17th March 1980 Runners up in the Kent 6-a-side indoor championship. Kent Nomads beat the school in the final at Eltham Hill School.

13th May 1980 - The Kent Junior Trials were held at the school.

9th Feb 1980 - Janice Holt and Joanna Wilson represented the school at the Kent Indoor Double Wicket Championship held at Langley Park School but were unplaced.

9th Feb 1980 - Runners up at the Kent INDOOR 6-a-side championships held at Eltham Hill School.

4th May 1980 -The school sent 2 teams to the Kent Senior 6-a-side trophy at Dartford College. One of which won the competition by winning 5 out of their 6 fixtures.

A Junior competition was run alongside the above senior event and the school won one game out of 4 and finished 4th overall.

8th June 1980 - The school hosted the McDonald cup and won the competition by winning 3 matches and gaining one walk-over.

The Parent's Association organised a 6-a-side Cricket Festival competition and the school entered a girls team and were the only female team in attendance. Sixteen teams took part in a knock-out competition. The girls team played well with the pick of their results being the win against the Staff "B" team captained by, ironically, Mr Burgess.

Kent experimented during the winter of 1980/1 when they put specific evenings aside for players from schools to attend indoor winter nets. The school were invited and sent 6 girls from to attend at Eltham.

14th Feb 1981 - Kent 6-a-side Indoor competition at Eltham Hill School. The school won their group winning all three games, thus qualifying for the final where they lost to Eltham Hill (although the schools chart indicates that they had won the competition).

17th March 1981 - The school hosted the Kent Indoor Double Wicket competition but were unplaced. Trophy was made by Mr Burgess.

28th June 1981 - The school hosted and won the McDonald cup winning all 3 matches in a round robin competition.

1981 - Most of the season was rained off and the school First XI played 2 matches, losing against a - The 2nd XI played 5 games, winning 2 and losing 3.

A school single wicket competition was held at the end of term which was won by Barbara Marsh who beat Clare Brown in the final.

Clare Brown received the Brian Burgess award for the most improved girl cricketer at the annual Cricket Club Dinner.

In 1982 the 1st XI won 3 of their 4 games. The 2nd XI played a few 6-a-side matches. Difficulties with the sewage system meant that one of the pitches was out of service for much of the season and further fixtures were difficult to arrange.

2nd May 1982 - Kent 6-a-side competition held at Dartford College. The school won the competition on run rate.

13th June 1982 - The school hosted and were runners up in the McDonald Cup.

1982 Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown won the Kent double wicket championship.

28th November 1983 The school accepted an invite for pupils from the school to attend a Kent Junior Indoor Cricket coaching session at Langley Park Girls' School.

12th Feb 1983 - Won the Kent INDOOR 6-a-side trophy at Eltham Hill school. The school went on to represent Kent at the National finals. Winning 2 of their 4 matches and only failing to reach the semi finals by one run.

5th March 1983 - The school hosted the Kent Indoor Double Wicket Competition; the school (Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown) were runners up pipped to the title by Cator Park School on run difference.

1st May 1983 - The Kent outdoor 6-a-side SENIOR and JUNIOR competitions due to be held at Dartford PE college were rained off, the school were deemed to have retained the SENIOR trophy won the previous year.

12th June 1983 - The school hosted and won the McDonald 6-a-side cup beating Willmington GS to the title on run difference.

In 1983 Susan Kelly won the Brian Burgess Trophy as the most improved girl cricketer at the school and Barbara Marsh became the first girl to speak at the annual Cricket Club dinner.

The cricket club pretty much folded in 1984 (see Mr Burgess' comments on page 2)

We pick up the story again in the 2000's when Bexley District Cricket, a coaching business run by Richard O'Sullivan (Sully) started to run girls only coaching sessions in the borough. Sully was pretty much the fulcrum for youth cricket (boys and girls) in the area. This was pretty much the "New Dawn" of female cricket around the borough.

In 2004 the school had success in becoming Kent u15 schools' girls cricket champions in an outdoor competition. Regretfully no stats are available.



2004 u15 Kent Champions Trophy

In 2004/5 Entered a team for an ECB indoor competition for u15 girls. Competing in a local qualifying competition against Bexley Grammar school, Bexley Development and one other school from outside the borough. No record of results are available but the competition was won by a Bexley Development District team and C+S did not progress to the next round of matches.

2006 The u15 gained the Kent Googly Plate r/u trophy (no details available) - trophy below.



Kate Stent, a pupil at the school, in her Kent Cricket shirt. She was one of the pioneers for girls' cricket in the borough at the time, playing in men's and boys' teams at clubs in the borough. She was captain of Kent County girls u13 National championship winning team in 2007.

9th July 2008 - Indoor Kwik-Cricket event at Blackfen School was cancelled.

16th July 2008 - Indoor Kwik Cricket 3-team event at Blackfen School. The school sent two teams and Blackfen entered one team. The "A" team won two games, the "B" team lost both games and the hosts won one and lost one. (no stats)

June 2009 - The school (229-10) lost to Bexley District u13 (258-7) indoor softball friendly at Townley GS.

June 2009 - The school could not raise a team for a friendly against the District at Townley .GS

Feb 2010 - Entered a Kent schoolgirls indoor cricket competition when they sent 2 u13 teams to the County Ground in Canterbury. Both "A" and "B" teams attained a very creditable runners-up spot in their respective groups. The "A" team beat Pent Valley (44-14) in their first match, then lost to Sutton Valence (21-19), finishing with a comfortable 22 run win over King Ethelbert (37-15). The "B" team won their first two matches against New Line (31-22) and Aylesford (35-21). In their last match they met with a 26 run defeat by Weald of Kent (41-15).

13th Feb 2010 - The School (332-5) lost to Bexley District (345-1) at Townley GS.

28th April 2010 - The Schools Partnership set up what was supposed to be an indoor competition. However, when 30 secondary school girls descended on Blackfen Girls school (10 from Blackfen and 20 visitors from C+S) it was decided to move the event outdoors as the weather was so good. Four teams were selected by mixing all players together (i.e. there was not a Blackfen team or a C+S team as such) and a pairs kwik cricket style event took place.

4th May 2010 - Townley GS v C+S was cancelled.

15th Jan 2011 - The school (348-4) beat Bexley District (273-13) Played at Townley. This was a particularly good period for the school, it is unusual that a school team is made up completely of players that have club experience.

Representing the School were Sakshi Sharda (capt) (Sidcup CC), Amy Duffus (Sidcup CC), Florence Hyde (Bexley CC), Emelye Moulton (Sidcup CC), Fern Thomas (Bexley CC), Emily Thompson (Bexley CC).

Feb 2011 - The u15 team entered the North Kent region of the Lady Taverners competition and met with an unlikely fate. Only two teams entered but a suitable date for either school could not be arranged. The ECB had the unenviable task of tossing a coin to determine which team went through to the county finals and the school were eliminated.

2nd March 2011 - Kent Lady Taverners u13s North Kent Region at Hayes School, (indoor softball)

C+S 51-2 beat Townley 17-4

C+S 48-0 beat Gravesend 35-2

C+S 41-3 beat Hayes 35-3

C+S won the day and progressed to County Finals

8th March 2011 Kent Lady Taverners u13 - **COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

C+S 43-2 (8 overs) beat Maidstone GS 31-6 (8 overs)

C+S 66-3 (8 overs) beat Mascalls 30-5 (8 overs)

C+S 66-1 (8 overs) beat Sir Roger Manwood's (15 ao 6.3 overs)

Final C+S 47-4 (8 overs) beat Highworth 19 all out (6.4 overs)

C+S became County Champions

29th March 2011 - Lady Taverners u13 Indoor Regional Finals at Hatfield

C+S 25-3 (6 overs) lost to Oakham (Sussex) 29-4 (6 overs)

C+S 60-3 (6 overs) beat North Walsham (Norfolk) 12-6

C+S 52-2 (6 overs) beat Salesia (Surrey) 33 all out (5.3 overs).

The school missed out on a semi-final place on run rate under very unfortunate circumstances. Three courts were used and there were different rules concerning run scoring depending on which court you played in, C+S had to play all their 3 matches in the less run friendly court and this cost them a place in the semi-final, however their loss in the first match was the real disappointment, they batted poorly and a good result in that match would have seen them through by right.

9th June 2011 - u15 West Kent Cluster at Lordswood CC

C+S (38-3) beat Mascalls (7 all out)

C+S (27-4) lost to Maidstone Grammar (33-0)

C+S (52-0) beat Anglely (18-4)

C+S (43-2) beat Hillview (25-4)

The school ended up as runners up on the day and progressed to the county finals.



Above u15s West Kent runners up trophy 2011

4th July 2011 - The School entertained The Netherlands u13 team and it is thought that it was the first ever International female visiting team to have ever played in the borough.

C+S u13 (173-7 in 30 overs) beat The Netherlands u13 (161-4 in 30 overs). Hardball Friendly. The school actually reached the winning total in 28 overs but batted on to give both teams some extra match practice. The visiting team were on a 3 match tour of Kent and the remainder of their itinerary was against Bells Yew Green and St.Lawrence + Highland Court.



The Netherlands team line up with C+S GS
(photo by Kevin Moulton)

7th July 2011 - Took part in the County u15 championships at Polo Farm, Canterbury.

C+S 21-6 lost to Tunbridge Wells GS 37-1

C+S 27-5 lost to Maidstone GS 28-1

C+S 26-4 lost to Folkestone Academy 31-3

C+S 21-3 lost to Sandwich 29-5

5th Nov 2011 - C+S u15 (287-14) lost to Bexley District u15 (290-6). Indoor softball friendly match at Townley GS.

19th March 2012 - U15 won North Kent cluster of the Lady Taverners Indoor Competition at Bishop Justus School (Bromley).

C+S (60-1 in 8 overs) beat Bromley High (53-3 in 8 overs)

C+S (79-0 in 8 overs) beat Bishop Justus (28-6 in 8 overs)

C+S (58-2 in 8 overs) beat Hayes School (41-3 in 8 overs)

C+S qualified for the county finals

20th March 2012 - U13 North Kent cluster of the Lady Taverners Indoor Competition at Bishop Justus School (Bromley)

C+S (19-3 in 8 overs) lost to Bromley High (53-1 in 8 overs)

C+S (40-3 in 8 overs) lost to Bishop Justus (41-3 in 8 overs)

C+S (35-3 in 8 overs) lost to Hayes School (63-2 in 8 overs)

26th March 2012 - U15 in Lady Taverners County Indoor finals at Sittingbourne Community College.

C+S (58-3 in 8 overs) beat Maidstone (36-5 in 8 overs)

C+S (26-4 in 8 overs) lost to Sandwich (41-5 in 8 overs)

C+S (36-2 in 8 overs) lost to Tonbridge (48-2 in 8 overs)

The school were awarded runners up spot due to count back of aggregate runs scored on the day.

19th Dec 2012 - A Bexley Girls Secondary Schools u14 championship was played at Bexley Grammar School, with Suzie Rowe of England officiating.

C+S Results

C+S beat Bexley Grammar "A" (scores not available)

C+S beat Bexley Grammar "B" (scores not available)

Townley GS won the trophy and C+S were runners up by virtue of aggregate runs on the day countback.

Florence Hyde of C+S was awarded player of the tournament by Suzie Rowe and received an England training top autographed by the England Womens squad.

31st Jan 2013 - Lady Taverners u13 North Kent Cluster competition at Bromley High.

C+S came third on the day but only one result was recorded.

C+S (65-2) lost to Townley (81-2).

11th Jan 2013 - Lady Taverners Indoor u15 North Kent Cluster 15s at Hayes School

C+S (62-3) beat Hayes School (42 all out in 6.1 overs)

C+S (85-1) beat Townley (36-4)

C+S (65-3) beat Bromley High (56-5)

C+S (57-2) beat Leigh Tech (53-6)

The school won the group + progressed to the County Finals

1st March 2013 - Lady Taverners u15 County Finals at County Ground, Canterbury

C+S (41-5 in 7 overs) beat Sir Roger Marwood (26 ao)

C+S (35-4) beat Maidstone GS (35-5) by losing less wickets

C+S (60-1) lost to Highworth (77-3)

C+S (62-3) lost to Bromley High (70-5)

C+S (72-4) beat Sandwich Tech (49 all out)

The school attained 4th place overall.

11th June 2013 - u13 Chance to Compete at Bexley CC

The school came 5th out of 8 teams, stats not available.

14th Nov 2013 - C+S (242-1) won away at Townley Grammar u13 (225-3). Experimental 6 x 6 ball overs, 6-a-side short version fixture for teams that have time constraints and cannot commit to a full match. This match lasted approx. 35 mins.

30th Jan 2014 - C+S u15 (24-4 in 6 overs) won at Townley GS (20-4 in 6 overs).

15th Feb 2014 - Emily Thompson received a "Bexley Young People's Award" for her volunteer work around the borough supporting cricket for girls.

12th March 2014 - Took part in the Lady Taverners u13 indoor competition at North West Kent College. They came 2nd in their group and played in the 3/4th play-off match where the school (75-5) beat Bromley High (67 all out) to attain 3rd place over all on the day.

24th March 2014 - Lady Taverners Indoor u15 Met/West Kent Cluster at North West Kent College. The school came 5th in their group but no match details are available apart from the match against Townley. Townley (84-2) beat C+S (70-5).

16th May 2014 - u13 at Colfes Cricket Festival held at Old Colfeians CC.

The school won their first two matches by just one run against Ashford and Colfes Navy to top the group. Then in the play-offs they lost narrowly to Hayes School and Bromley High to attain 3rd place on the day.

19th May 2014 - Took part in the u13 outdoor Met/West Kent cluster of the "Chance to Compete" competition held at Old Elthamians CC
C+S (41-4) lost to Tonbridge Grammar (77-3)
C+S (53-2) lost to Hayes School (58-2)
C+S v Longfield (Longfield withdrew)
C+S (84-1) beat Charles Darwin (64-3)
C+S (51-4) lost to Townley (66-0)
The school came 4th on the day.

16th June 2014 - the u13s and u15s teams visited Bromley High School for 2 friendly matches.
C+S u13 (51-8) lost to Bromley High (59-6)
C+S u15 (45-3) lost to Bromley High (79-6)

9th June 2014 - The School hosted an u13 Bexley Schools competition.
C+S "A" (260-2) beat C+S "B" (200-3)
Townley (252-0) beat Bexleyheath (213-3)
C+S "A" beat Bexleyheath (no stats)
Townley (253-1) beat C+S "B" (216-1)
Bexleyheath beat C+S "B" by 2 runs (no exact stats)
C+S "A" (254-1) beat Townley (241-1).

Final positions

1. C+S "A"
2. Townley
3. Bexleyheath
4. C+S "B"

In 2014 Phoebe Franklin and Emily Thompson were the first girls to be selected for the school's boys first team squad and played for the school in the annual MCC match. This was reported in Wisden's Cricket Almanac. Both girls represented Kent at junior and senior levels and both girls were invited to attend England training camps at colts levels.

Phoebe (Greenwich) and Emily (Bexley) gained cricket medals for their respective boroughs at the London Youth Games at Lord's



Phoebe (left) and Emily at the School v The MCC match

30th Jan 2015 - Took part in the Lady Taverners u13 competition at Sidcup Leisure Centre.

C+S results

C+S (51-2 in 7 overs) lost to Colfes (61-4 in 7 overs)

C+S (24-4 in 7 overs) lost to Townley (63-1 in 7 overs)

C+S (43-4 in 7 overs) lost to Hayes (68-1 in 7 overs)

The School came 4th on the day.

13th March 2015 - U15 take part in the Kent u15 Lady Taverners competition at Sidcup Leisure Centre.

Chislehurst + Sidcup results (group 1)

C+S (44-4 in 8 overs) lost to Hayes (94-5 in 8 overs)

C+S (33 all out) lost to Cranbrook (35-0).

Did not progress to the county finals.

2015 - The School v Head Teachers XI. This photo has lots of meaning, firstly two girls played for the pupils (hitherto a boys' team), Phoebe Franklin (back row far right) and Emily Thompson (front row 2nd from left). Richard O'Sullivan, who has done so much to get girls cricket off the ground in Bexley since 1999 (back row far left), Richard Wallbridge, head of sport (back row 2nd from left), Ollie Robinson, pupil at the time who became a professional cricketer for Kent, (front row 3rd from left), Jack Clay, (back row 5th from right) Jack is Andy Clay's son (Andy has done so much to help me document much of the girls cricket over the years). A trophy in the front row is believed to be The Brian Burgess Trophy. The scores were tied but the school were deemed to be winners due to losing less wickets.



3rd July 2019 - Took part in the Bexley Borough u13 softball competition at Townley Grammar.

Bexley GS (252-0) beat Chislehurst + Sidcup (210-4)

Chislehurst + Sidcup (250-1) beat Townley (231-1)

Townley beat Bexley GS (scores not recorded)

Each team won and lost one game and the result was declared as a 3-way tie.

The Corona Virus Pandemic pretty much closed-down cricket in 2020 and no activity has taken place since.

Mr Burgess submitted progress reports for inclusion in the Womens Cricket Association's yearbook detailing some of the activities at the school. Regretfully I can only obtain the issues between 1977 and 1984. I am unsure if others were published. If anyone has any others, please let me know.

Brian Burgess report in the 1977 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook.

Cricket has gone from strength to strength; now about 60 girls playing. Under-14 team played 8 matches, winning 4 and losing 4, all against older opposition. The girls played a Sidcup Ladies XI (a team of wives and friends of Sidcup C.C. members) and won by 2 runs. The under-13 squad, including several beginners, played 3 matches, winning 2 and losing 1. There will be a chance for coaching and indoor matches during the winter as the school now has a second gymnasium.

Brian Burgess report in the 1978 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

'Girls' cricket continues to flourish with over 50 members. 2 teams fielded this season (1st XI and Junior XI). 1st XI won 4 of 7 games and Janice Holt became first girl in the school to score a half century. Diane Harwood was the most successful bowler. 6-a-side team were runners up in both Kent competitions. Lack of help means cricket cannot be provided for first year girls.

Brian Burgess report in the 1979 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

CHISLEHURST & SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL GIRLS' CRICKET CLUB The season started early for the senior girls, because in April a twelve hour sponsored indoor cricket tournament was organised to raise money for the club. Nineteen girls took part, and completed 154 hours of cricket. 2179 runs were scored for the loss of 120 wickets in the 22 games played. Five girls completed the full twelve hours. The sum raised by this event was £126.55, which greatly exceeded our expectations. This was used to purchase a set of twelve blouses and white skirts for the senior team. The School ran two teams this season, a 1st XI (4th and 5th form girls) and a junior XI (2nd and 3rd year girls). There were 22 girls in the senior squad and 40 in the junior.

The 1st XI, captained by Fiona Johnstone, had a good season, despite the disruption of 'O' Levels, the bad weather, and the increasingly infuriating habit of some schools in cancelling at the last minute. Nine games were played, of which four were won, four lost and one abandoned because of rain. Throughout the season the team fielded very well, and the captain kept wicket superbly. The bowling was usually accurate, and in particular Jill Yon, Judith Beresford, Janice Holt, Diane Harwood and Joanna Wilson had very good performances. Unfortunately, on several occasions the batting did not come up to the same high standard, though there were some good individual performances from a number of players, including Janice Holt, who finished the season with an average of 23.2 and a highest score of 64, Joanna Wilson, Debbie Purkiss, Carol Edison and Fiona Johnstone.

The junior XI, captained by Natalie Martin, suffered very badly from cancellations by opposing teams, and ended up the season playing only two games, both of which they unfortunately lost. However, the team contained several talented players who should do well in the future, including Nancy French, Joanne Gibbons, Natalie Martin, Angie Rayner, Sheri Lucas and especially Barbara Marsh, who played several games for the 1st XI and performed extremely well with both bat and ball.

Teams were entered for all the 6-a-side competitions, and did reasonably well, being runners up in the Macdonald Cup and the Junior Trophy competitions, and losing semi-finalists in the Indoor competition.

Joanna Wilson was awarded the Brian Burgess Trophy for the most improved girl cricketer at the School's Annual Cricket Club Dinner.

Susan Crook won the Single Wicket competition, beating Fiona Stapleton in the final.

Fiona Johnstone unfortunately left school at the end of term. She was the only girl to have played in every game since the foundation of the Club in 1974. During her career she played 31 games, scored 142 runs and had 21 victims as a wicketkeeper.

Brian Burgess did not seem to have a report in the 1980 handbook

Brian Burgess report in the 1981 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School. Despite the poor weather, causing the cancellation of several matches, the club had a very successful season, winning five of the six matches played, and two Six-a-side tournaments.

The 1st XI played three matches, winning two of them:-

Kent Under 19 Squad: WON BY 7 WICKETS (15 over match)
Kent 48 for 4 (Barbara Marsh 3 for 2)
School 49 for 3

Kent Nomads Junior XI: LOST BY 3 WICKETS (20 over match)
School 59 (Carol Edison 31)
Kent Nomads 60 for 7 (Janice Holt 3 for 9)

B.P. Burgess All Stars XI: WON BY 6 WICKETS
All Stars 78 (Barbara Marsh 3 for 14, Judith Beresford 3 for 16)
School 83 for 4 (Janice Holt 34, Sue Crook 19)

The team was well captained by Debbie Purkiss, the fielding was excellent and there were many fine performances with bat and ball. Apart from those mentioned above, Joanna Wilson performed well as an all-rounder and Penny Cottee batted and fielded well.

The Junior XI won all three of their matches:

Wrotham School: WON BY 2 WICKETS (20 over match)
Wrotham 44 for 7 (Susan Kelly 4 for 4)
School 45 for 8

Wrotham School: WON BY 59 RUNS (20 over match)
School 96 for 6 (Barbara Marsh 44, Clare Brown 18 n.o.)
Wrotham 37 (Susan Kelly 5 for 0)

Kent Nomads Juniors: WON BY 19 RUNS (10 over, 7-a-side match)
School 42 for 4
Kent Nomads 23 for 5

The team was excellently captained by Barbara Marsh, a fine all-rounder, with Dawn Bishop as vice-captain. Superb performances were put in by Susan Kelly, Clare Brown and the captain. The bowling was generally better than the batting, and the fielding was always reliable.

In the Six-a-side competitions, the senior team were particularly successful, winning both the major tournaments, the Senior Trophy at the Kent Girls Six-a-side tournament, where they won five of their six games, and the Macdonald Cup, where they were undefeated in their four games. They were also runners up to Kent Nomads in the Indoor championships. It was fitting that they should win these competitions this year, as for most of the team it was their last year at school. The junior team, most of them beginners, also played quite well in the Junior Trophy competition.

At the end of the season a single wicket competition was run for the junior team; this was won by Barbara Marsh, with Jacqui Aldridge as runner-up. Barbara Marsh was awarded the Brian Burgess Trophy for the Most Improved Girl Cricketer. Colours were re-awarded to Janice Holt, Joanna Wilson, Barbara Marsh, Sue Crook, Debbie Purkiss, Carol Edison, Diane Harwood, Jill Yon, Judith Beresford and Penny Cottee.

An innovation at the school this year was a Cricket Festival run by the Parents' Association. This was a Six-a-side knock-out competition for sixteen teams. The Girls'C.C. entered a senior team, and they were the only female team in the competition. They played very well against experienced men players, and had the most popular win of the day when they defeated the Staff 'B' team, captained by 'yours truly'.

Brian Burgess report in the 1982 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

CHISLEHURST & SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL The Captain of Girls' cricket was Barbara Marsh, with Dawn Bishop as Vice Captain. During the winter the school entered teams for the Indoor Six-a-side Championships, where they were runners-up to Eltham Hill, and the Indoor Double Wicket Championships, where the pair played well, but lost too many wickets. Regular coaching courses were run at the school, mostly for beginners, and several attended the Kent winter nets.

The school fielded two teams during the summer, a 1st XI and a Junior XI. Unfortunately, the bad weather in the early part of the season (when most of the fixtures had been arranged) caused the cancellation of the bulk of the best fixtures, and adversely affected coaching. The 1st XI lost all their games but two, one against a mixed staff XI, which they lost in the last over, and one against the Old Sedcopians Girls' XI, which they won quite easily. The Junior XI played five games, winning two and losing three. Many first and second year girls played in these games, and showed considerable skill and great promise for the future.

The outstanding player was undoubtedly Barbara Marsh, who scored 51 against Eltham Hill, and took 3 for 6 in the same match, and she also took 4 for 9 against Cator Park. Barbara played for the Kent Under 19 XI, and for the Kent Junior Six-a-side team in the National Championships. Clare Brown also played for the Under 19 XI and Dawn Bishop was a reserve.

The school entered a senior and a junior team in the Kent Girls' Six-a-side tournament, where they performed quite well. The senior team went on to win the Macdonald Cup for the second year running, which was a fine performance for such a young, and relatively inexperienced, team.

A single wicket competition was held at the end of term, and this was, not surprisingly, won by Barbara Marsh, who defeated Clare Brown in the final. The latter was awarded the Brian Burgess Trophy for the most improved girl cricketer at the school's cricket club dinner, held at the end of term.

Colours were re-awarded to Barbara Marsh, and awarded to Angie Rayner, Sheri Lucas, Joanne Gibbons and Catherine Vaughan.

Brian Burgess report in the 1983 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

CHISLEHURST & SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL The school again ran two teams, a 1st XI for the more experienced players and a Junior XI for the beginners. We were greatly hampered this year by the loss of one of the school pitches due to sewage work, so both teams had a reduced number of games. The 1st XI won three of their four games under the fine captaincy of Barbara Marsh who, together with Clare Brown, lead both the bowling and batting attack in most of the games. There was some fine support from a number of other players, including several beginners. The Junior team only managed to play a few six-a-side games against more experienced sides, but there were some encouraging performances despite a lack of victories.

The School performed well in all the Kent Girls' competitions, winning three out of the four senior tournaments, two of them for the first time, and at one time held all four titles. A team of very mixed ages won the Indoor Six-a-side championships and went on to represent Kent at the National tournament, where they performed very creditably, winning half of their games. Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown then went on to win the Kent Indoor Double Wicket championships. At the Outdoor Six-a-side tournament the Junior team had their first experience of competition cricket and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, gaining much experience despite losing most of their games. The Senior side played extremely well to win their competition. As a result of the trials held at the same time, Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown were selected for the County Junior XI. The same team narrowly lost the Macdonald Cup to Cator Park. Unfortunately Barbara Marsh had a long spell of illness during the season, which adversely affected her performances both at school and county level, and caused her to miss the National Six-a-side championships and the chance of an England trial.

I would like to thank all those girls who played, staff who helped with the coaching and umpiring, and parents who did all the transporting.

B.P. BURGESS
Master in Charge Girls' Cricket

Brian Burgess report in the 1984 Kent Womens Cricket Association Yearbook

CHISLEHURST & SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL There was regular coaching during the winter in the school gymnasium, particularly for the beginners and other young players. This showed its worth in the two Indoor competitions, where the school teams performed very well. The school won the Kent Indoor 6-a-side championships for the second year running, and went forward to represent the county at the National championship at Watford, where they performed very well, winning two of their four games, and in fact only missed achieving a semi-final place by one run. Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown failed to retain the Indoor Double Wicket championship, where they were runners up to Cator Park School.

A major change was made for the 1983 outdoor season, when it was decided to run one squad of all ages rather than a senior and junior team, as in the past. This decision was made because of the varied ages of opposing teams, and meant that an appropriate team could be selected for each game. The full squad numbered about forty keen cricketers.

The dreadful weather during the first half of the term, when most matches are normally played, meant that the school lost the bulk of its fixtures. However, during the second half a number of games were played, and despite the loss of a number of experienced cricketers taking public examinations, the team produced some very encouraging performances. They just lost a very close 8-a-side game against Kent Nomads, where newcomer Lorraine Brackpool took 3 for 11 and Barbara Marsh scored 23 not out. The team then had a fairly comfortable win against a very inexperienced Cator Park team (Sarah Bingham 26, Clare Brown 2 for 2). There were two very close 6-a-side games against Wilmington G.S., one won and one lost. The season ended with a resounding win against the Old Sedcopians (Clare Brown 36 and 2 for 2). There were a number of very encouraging performances from some of the younger girls, making the future of the team look secure.

The school put up a very good performance to regain the Macdonald Cup, last won in 1981.

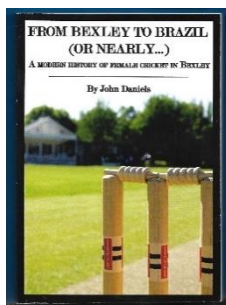
Barbara Marsh and Clare Brown represented the county at under 19 level, Susan Kelly was awarded the Brian Burgess Trophy for the most improved girl cricketer, and she, together with Barbara Marsh, Clare Brown, Jacqui Aldridge, Judith Burcham, Sarah Bingham and Melanie Wright were awarded Colours. Barbara Marsh became the first girl to speak at the school's Annual Cricket Club Dinner.

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I am always interested to hear from any other people with information on female cricket at the school

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