

1950

As the 1950's evolved more players owned cars so gradually Chesham Bois entertained teams from further a field, also Sunday sport was beginning to take place resulting in more fixtures being played.



CHESHAM BOIS C. C. 1950

Back L-R

G Marshall, R Fox, Ron King, R Jackman, J Mortimer, rev. J Priestner, J Newth, D Slade (Scorer).

Kneeling L-R

D Brewer, K Maund, I Gough, A Gurney, T Clitherow.



CHESHAM BOIS C. C. 1950

Back Row L-R

J Newth, R Baert, D Slade, K Maund, E Mayger, A Gurney.

Sitting L-R

I Gough, I Gomm, R Fox, (?) Brown.



CHESHAM BOIS C. C. 1950

Back Row L-R

R Jackman, J Newth, I Gough, F Willis, E Mayger, R Fox.

Kneeling L-R

(? J. Robbins ?), A Jones, F Strong, R Baert, A Gurney.

There was of course still no pavilion and this remained the case until 1956 when a small removable pavilion was erected on the North Road side of the common, after obtaining all necessary permission and local approval. Water was also connected. This provided shelter allowing teas to be served to players and spectators alike.

1950 Fixtures

SATURDAYS				SUNDAYS & BANK HOLIDAYS.			
Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
April 29	Practice Match	Home		April 30	Coleshill	Home	
May 6	The Lee	Away		May 7	Winchmore Hill	Home	
13	Chalfont Colony	Home		21	Ashley Green	Home	
20	Col. Whitfield's IX	Home		x 28	WINCHMORE HILL	"	
27	Bucks Nalco	Home		June 4	Holden	Home	
June 3	Old Challoners	Home		18	P White's IX	Home	
10	Ballinger	Away		July 9	Coleshill	Away	
17	Little Missenden	Home		23	Ashley Green	Home	
24	Chenies & Latimer	Home		Aug x 7	Hawridge		
July 1	Hedgerley	Away		& Cholesbury	Away		
8	Chalfont St. Giles	Home		20	Winchmore Hill	Home	
15	T. Gullett's IX	Home		27	Holden	Home	
22	Little Missenden	Away					
29	Ballinger	Home					
Aug 5	Old Challoners	Home					
12	Hedgerley	Home					
19	Chalfont St. Giles	Away					
26	Chenies & Latimer	Away					
Sept. 2	Bucks Nalco	Away					
9	Chalfont Colony	Away					
16	The Lee	Home					

x BANK HOLIDAY
Home matches played on Chesham Bois Common by permission of the Lord of the Manor W. G. Garrett-Pegg, Esq.

All home matches start at 2.45.p.m.

The early season practice match arranged for Saturday 29th April had to be cancelled through bad weather, rain, which was to affect the early matches of this season.

30 April Chesham Bois C.C. v Coleshill C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common
(No scores available)
Coleshill won the match

6 May The Lee C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C.

7 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Winchmore Hill C.C.

A wet weekend with both matches cancelled owing to rain.

13 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Chalfont Colony C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

(No scores available)

Chalfont Colony won the match

20 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Colonel Whitfield's XI played at Chesham Bois Common

(No scores available)

Colonel Whitfield's XI won the match

21 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Ashley Green C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

(No scores available)

Chesham Bois won the match

27 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Bucks N.A.L.G.O. C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

112 for 5 dec.

30

Chesham Bois won by 82 runs

28 May Chesham Bois C.C. v Winchmore Hill C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

73

51

(G. Wilkins 7 for 25)

Chesham Bois won by 22 runs

Chesham Bois 112 for 5, Bucks NALGO 30.—Chesham Bois were put in to bat first and made light work of the NALGO attack. D. Slade batted throughout the afternoon for 50, while the Rev. J. Priestner (26) and T. Bird (27 not out) had a merry knock. The declaration was made at 112, and from the start of the NALGO innings the Chesham Bois bowlers, K. Swain 4 for 3, I. Gough 3 for 4, and I. Gomm 2 for 0, dictated the course of the game.

Chesham Bois 73, Winchmore Hill 51.—Chesham Bois batted first and their first four batsmen paid the penalty of under-estimating the opposition's fielding, two being run out and the other two caught. With the score at 19 for 4, R. Fox (17) joined J. Hearn (22) and pushed the score along merrily until the latter was well caught in the deep. The remaining batsmen took the score along to what seemed the rather insufficient total of 73. L. Seers was the most successful bowler with 5 for 13. The Winchmore Hill batting withered in face of the hostile attack of I. Gough (3 for 18) and G. Wilkins (7 for 25), backed up by good fielding in which A. Franklin was outstanding. Only N. Meeks (18) reached double figures.

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3 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Old Challoners C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

119

75

Chesham Bois won by 44 runs

4 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Holden C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

171 for 8 dec.

48

Chesham Bois won by 123 runs

Chesham Bois 119, Old Challoners 75.—Chesham Bois were put in to bat and against some accurate bowling by G. Stafford (4 for 18) had to fight for every run. D. Slade (18) saw the edge off the bowling, and when joined by J. Hearn runs started to come at a quicker rate. Hearn gave a lesson in picking the ball to hit, his fifty coming with a beautiful four on the last ball before tea. He was out soon after for a good 51, and together with R. Fox (19) helped to make the score a winning one. Set to get 120 to win in two hours Old Challoners went for the runs and scored quickly until at 26 a very good one from I. Gomm, who showed greatly improved form to return the figures of 5 for 18, got past P. Brennan (18), who proved to be the only batsman to reach double figures. At 5 for 50 the shutters were put up, but Chesham Bois kept attacking and secured the last wicket with five minutes to spare.

Chesham Bois 171 for 8, Holden, 48.—Chesham Bois won the toss and decided to bat first. After losing an early wicket, A. Franklin (35) and G. Sills (25) retrieved the position and began to set about the bowling. Worse was to come for the Holden fielders, who stuck manfully to their task throughout a very hot afternoon, for J. Hearn hit his second 50 in two days, and his third in four innings, and R. Baert stayed until the tea break for 33 not out. Holden decided to play for a draw, but only Whybrow, who played a very stubborn innings of 18, had any success due to fine bowling by K. Swain, 4 for 5, and G. Sills, 3 for 7.

Bucks Examiner Friday 9th June 1950

10 June Ballinger C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Ballinger

88

57

Ballinger won by 31 runs

Ballinger 88, Chesham Bois 57.—A grand game of real cricket played in real cricket weather, with much excitement for all supporters. Chesham Bois won the toss and decided to bat. Their first wicket fell through K. Hance with his great throw-in which shattered the wicket and caused D. Slade to be run out. J. Priestner (8) played a great game, and caused considerable trouble to the bowlers. T. Bird (9) was clean bowled by P. Dwight and A. Gurney (14 not out) played a sound part to bring their total to 57.

Ballinger began their innings just before tea, the first wicket falling suddenly. Then, with P. Dwight (19) batting like a hero, and P. Carr (7)

keeping one end fast, they made the game more promising. But several wickets fell quickly, until a fine stand between A. Harding (10) and P. Lapham (9). After a great struggle they passed Chesham Bois' score. A. Harding was bowled by I. Gomm. Then in came L. Haddock, and not being a bat, instead of opening bottles, he opened his eyes, and much to everybody's surprise made a score of fifteen runs. The final total was 88. T. Bird (Chesham Bois wicket keeper) played a wonderful game, a credit to himself. M. Squires showed his older comrades a lesson in fielding. Bowling analysis: L. Haddock 3 for 9; P. Dwight 2 for 7; and C. Dixey 3 for 14.

Bucks Examiner 16th June 1950

17 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Little Missenden C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

(No scores available)

Little Missenden won the match

18 June Chesham Bois C.C. v P. Whites XI played at Chesham Bois Common

(No details available)

24 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Chenies & Latimer C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

44

55

Chenies & Latimer won by 11 runs

25 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Bellingdon C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

116 for 9 dec.

77

(J. Hearn 77 n.o.)

Chesham Bois won by 39 runs

Chenies & Latimer 55, Chesham Bois 44.—With a number of the old familiar faces missing from the Chenies side the visit to Chesham Bois resulted in a very low scoring game. Andy Life lost the toss, and Chesham Bois decided to bat. Runs were very difficult to come by as the outfield was not apparently part of the cricket field, but more of a children's playground, and it was not surprising that few batsmen reached double figures. Bentley (12) hit J. Ryder for a glorious six, but the next ball Ryder had his revenge. Clayton, who seldom bowls, showed his skipper that he is still able to trundle down a few good ones and took 4 for 11 in a total of 44, and as already mentioned, J. Ryder took 4 for 21. Chenies seemed to open well but Chesham Bois fielding was good and nothing was going to be missed. Ryder (A.) (11) and Matlin (J.) (10) gave good entertainment while it lasted, and Ryder (J.) (8) made the winning hit with six wickets down. Gough, for Chesham Bois, did the hat trick in his 4 for 8, and Swain, Gaylor and Fox each got a couple of wickets in Chenies total of 55.

Chesham Bois 116 for 9, Bellingdon 77.—Chesham Bois batted first and the opening pair batted steadily until at 11 a ball popped, snicked D. Slade's gloves, and was taken behind the wicket. Almost immediately another wicket fell, and the home team were thrown on to the defensive. Some patient batting by T. Bird (20) and J. Hearn (77 not out) retrieved the position, and with the score standing at 116 for 9 the declaration was made. It seemed that the Bellingdon batsmen couldn't help hitting the ball into the ever open hands of Fred Willis, for whether at mid wicket, square leg or gully the ball always came his way and he had four of the first six batsmen with magnificent grasps. H. Dwight (33) played a good innings, which included a glorious six, and was last out with the score at 77.

Bucks Examiner Friday 30th June 1950

1 July Chesham Bois C.C. v J S S C Latimer College played at Chesham Bois Common

141

50

Chesham Bois won by 91 runs

8 July Chesham Bois C.C. v Chalfont St. Giles 2nd XI played at Chesham Bois Common

62

42

Chesham Bois won by 20 runs

The Chesham Bois team was:

D. Slade, T. Bird, I. Gomm, G. Dickinson, E. Bentley, F. Strong, G. Wilkins,
T. Clitherow, K. Swain, H. Smith and M. Squires.

9 July Coleshill C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Coleshill

126

38

Coleshill won by 88 runs

The Chesham Bois team was:

T. Bird, F. Strong, I. Gomm, J. Hearn, E. Bentley, K. Swain, G. Wilkins, F. Willis,
R. Baert, T. Clitherow and G. Ratcliffe.

15 July Chesham Bois C.C. v T. Gullett's XI played at Chesham Bois Common

24 & 72 for 4

46* & 45 for 4 dec

*(T. Bird 6 for 9)

Chesham Bois won by 6 wkts.

The Chesham Bois team was:

Rev. J. Priestner, T. Bird, A. Gurney, J. Hearn, R. King, I. Gough, F. Strong, G.
Wilkins, T. Clitherow, E. Bentley and K. Swain.

16 July Chesham Bois C.C. v Ashley Green C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

153 for 6

83

(K. Swain 6 for 28)

Chesham Bois won by 7 wkts. and batted on.

Chesham Bois 153 for 6, Ashley Green 83.—Played at Chesham Bois on Sunday. Ashley Green won the toss and went in to bat on a wicket which the rain had turned into a feather bed. In spite of this T. Bird, bowling extremely fast, managed to get one under the bat to claim the first wicket for only six runs. Salethorne (54) did his best to retrieve the position, but no one could stay with him, and after he was unfortunately run out the innings collapsed. K. Swain was the most successful bowler, taking 6 for 28. After a good start by T. Bird (19), and G. Sills (26), D. Slade and J. Hearn had no difficulty with the bowling, the score being passed for the loss of three wickets.

Bucks Examiner Friday 21st July 1950

The Chesham Bois team was:

T. Bird, G. Sills, D. Slade, J. Hearn, R. Fox, R. Baert, I. Gough, G. Wilkins, K. Swain,
A. Green and B. Parberry.

22 July Little Missenden C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Little Missenden

41

93 for 8 dec.

Chesham Bois won by 52 runs

23 July Chesham Bois C.C. v Ashley Green C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

(No details available)

29 July Chesham Bois C.C. v Ballinger C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common

42

54

Ballinger won by 12 runs

30 July Chesham Bois C.C. v St. John's Ambulance XI at Chesham Bois Common

112

29 (A. Gayler 6 for 20)

Chesham Bois won by 83 runs

Chesham Bois 42, Ballinger 54.—Chesham Bois won the toss, and went in to bat on a good wicket. With the score at 8, T. Bird was caught at mid-off from the bowling of Len Haddock, who took 5 for 12. With his next ball he yorked J. Priestner, and Chesham Bois were struggling. P. Dwight bowled very well from the other end, and got D. Slade (11) lbw, when he was effectively keeping one end sealed. After these setbacks E. Bentley's usual 6 came like a light out of the darkness and gave the Chesham Bois fielders that little impetus that saves a bad situation. They attacked from the start and were rewarded with seeing nine wickets down for only 31. At this point K. Hance overcame the bowling and played a match winning innings of 15 not out. A. Gayler bowled very well to return 4 for 22.

Chesham Bois 112, St. John's Ambulance 29.—The hometeam won the toss for the second time over the week-end, and went in to bat. This advantage was soon nullified when the opening batsmen were bowled by balls "out of the bag." Faced with this situation, J. Hearn played a sterling innings of 51, helped first by G. Wilkins and then by A. Gayler. F. Willis (11 not out) and A. Jones (16) had a useful partnership and put some sting into the tail. W. Martin bowled 19 overs and finished with 6 for 53. St. John's were handicapped by a greasy wicket, and could muster only 29 against inspired bowling by A. Gayler 6 for 20, and A. Franklin 3 for 12.

Bucks Examiner Friday 4th August 1950

26 Aug. Chenies & Latimer C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Chenies & Latimer

88 97 for 7

Chesham Bois won by 3 wkts. and batted on.

Chenies and Latimer 88, Chesham Bois 97.—A heavy shower delayed the start of the game at Chenies, and although Chesham Bois won the toss, they decided, midst very threatening skies, to put Chenies in, and accept two Chenies substitutes in the field. The Chenies side was indeed most unusual in appearance owing to holidays and other calls on members time. E. A. Life (37) and Clayton (4) opened well, and with Schofield (12) things looked to be going well, but the middle batsmen, except Sampson (17), failed badly and the side was all out for the modest total of 88 just after tea. Gayler 5 for 27, and Fox 4 for 36, took good toll of the Chenies bats. Chesham Bois opened with Hearn (49) and Wilkins (2) and when the first wicket fell at 47 Hearn claimed 45 of the runs. Gayler (10) and Gurnoy (14) did their bit, and when stumps were drawn Chesham Bois had 97 for 7 on the board. E. A. Life got 3 wickets for 14 runs, Clayton 2 for 17, and Sampson 2 for 24. M. Thomas showed great promise for Chenies, his fielding being outstanding.

Bucks Examiner Friday 1st September 1950

3 Sept. Chesham Bois C.C. v G. Williams (Chesham) played at Chesham Bois Common

(Sun) 132 39

Chesham Bois won by 93 runs

17 Sept. Chesham Bois C.C. v D. Slade's XI played at Chesham Bois Common

(Sun) 62 53

Chesham Bois won by 9 runs

There are no scorebooks or averages available for this season.

1951 Played 36 Won 19 Drawn 4 Lost 12 Tied 1

There are very few match reports in the "Examiner" this year but we do have a copy of the end of season averages which state that the club played 36 matches, winning 19, drawing 4, losing 12, with one tied.

The reports found are:

5 May Bucks N.A.L.G.O. C.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Bucks Nalgo's Ground.

59 for 6 99 for 5 dec.

Match Drawn

6 May Newland Park T.C. v Chesham Bois C.C. played at Newland Park's Ground
31 32 for 4

Chesham Bois won by 6 wkts.

Bucks N.A.L.G.O. 59 for 6, Chesham Bois 99 for 5.—Chesham Bois won the toss and opened their innings with J. Priestner (25) and G. Wilkins (8). D. Slade joined the former, and together they slowly took the score to 48 before J. Priestner was bowled by C. George. With time growing short D. Slade (31 not out), ably assisted by R. Fox (11), F. Willis (7) and A. Gurney (12 not out) scored 40 runs in 20 minutes, to enable Chesham Bois to declare the innings closed. Nalco started by going for the runs, G. Pinn (30) and C. Honour (17) heavily punishing the bowling. However, once these had left, the Chesham Bois bowling gained the upper hand and were only thwarted from gaining a victory by stubborn batting by D. Small and P. Mayne.

Newland Park T.C. 31, Chesham Bois 32 for 4.—Newland Park won the toss and decided to bat first. The Chesham Bois bowlers, A. Franklin (1 for 9) and R. Fox, who returned the excellent figures of 5 for 18, were on top throughout the innings, except for a short spell against F. Exist (11) who with some unorthodox but effective batting temporarily upset them. Against some very accurate spin bowling by E. Smith (3 for 7) Chesham Bois had to fight for the runs and of the earlier batsmen only G. Sills appeared confident. However, the score was slowly approached and F. Willis (8 not out) and J. Hearn (10 not out) had the satisfaction of being the instruments to gain the first victory of the season for Chesham Bois.

Bucks Examiner Friday 11th May 1951

2 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Chalfont St. Giles 2nd XI played at Chesham Bois Common

90

43

Chesham Bois won by 47 runs

3 June Chesham Bois C.C. v Holden C.C. played at Chesham Bois Common
137 for 8 dec. 54 (A. Franklin 6 for 18)

Chesham Bois won by 83 runs

Chesham Bois 90, Chalfont St. Giles 2nd XI 43.—D. Slade (24) and the Rev. J. Priestner (51) were the only batsmen to show any aggression against the Chalfont bowling, in which W. Rutherford was outstanding to take 7 wickets for 15 runs. During the Chalfont innings the home team bowlers were well on top, the only bright spark coming from Chorley, who scored 13, including a straight drive for six. R. Fox (3 for 13), R. Baert (3 for 16) and I. Gough (4 for 6) were the successful bowlers.

Chesham Bois, 137 for 8, Holden 54.—Chesham Bois were put in to bat and a good opening stand between G. Sills and D. Slade had 50 on the board before the former left for 25. J. Hearn (26) joined D. Slade and the score reached 93 before Holden had their second success. A. Franklin (16) helped to further raise the score and left just before D. Slade reached the coveted half century with an on drive for six. The declaration was made at tea and Holden were soon in trouble. Reeves (17) batted very well and partially retrieved the position, but with A. Franklin (6 for 18) coming back for a second spell the back of the batting was broken and Holden failed to force a draw by 10 minutes.

Bucks Examiner Friday 8th June 1951

Judging from the averages for this season it appears that the membership remained much the same as in previous years.

One outstanding feat emerges from the list is that Ron Fox became the first bowler to take over 100 wickets for the club in one season, actually 102.

Averages for 1951

NAME	B A T T I N G					B O W L I N G					F I E L D I N G	
	N ^o . INNINGS	NOT OUT	RUNS	HIGHEST SCORE	AVERAGE	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WKTS.	AVERAGE	CATCHES	STUMPS
J. HEARN	13	2	256	57*	23.2	16.5	2	44	7	6.28	12	
REV. J. PRIESTNER	6	-	110	51	18.3							
D. CHANNER	5	1	67	25	16.8	24.5	2	70	12	5.84		
D. SLADE	26	2	388	54	16.2	20.2	4	76	6	12.67	9	
G. SILLS	9	1	99	27	12.4	21.2	6	45	9	5.00		
A. FRANKLIN	9	3	67	20	11.2	56.2	17	90	20	4.50		
G. WILKINS	29	-	302	34*	10.4	18	5	56	6	9.33	12	
A. GURNEY	11	1	90	37	9.0							
P. PLATT	22	1	157	36	7.5						9	
L. HAMMOND	6	-	42	12	7.0							
ROGER BAERT	13	-	81	21	6.2	89.4	20	239	47	5.08		
REG. KING	10	-	55	14	5.5	27	1	87	7	12.43	7	
R. FOX	32	3	146	19	5.0	330.3	72	706	102	6.92	14	
C. FOX	21	7	59	10*	4.2							
F. STRONG	13	1	50	15	4.2	76.1	15	201	21	9.56		
F. WILLIS	27	3	91	17	3.8	7.3	3	24	2	12.00	6	
I. GOUGH	18	1	54	8*	3.2	150.5	32	336	38	5.80	5	
A. JONES	13	-	42	18	3.2							
RALPH BAERT	7	2	1	1	0.2							
K. MAUND	4	2	26	16*	13.0							
C. PAGE	4	1	6	3*	2.0							
D. RHODES	4	1	5	2*	1.7	10	3	18	1	18.00		
J. ROBBINS	3	-	20	20	6.7							
S. ANSELL	3	-	20	16	6.7							
L. CAMPBELL	3	-	15	10	5.0							
T. CLITHEROW	3	1	10	9	5.0							
J. NEWTH	3	-	3	1	1.0							
J. SMITH	2	-	36	26	18.0							
W. MARTIN	2	-	34	34	17.0	21	4	51	5	10.2		
C. SMITH	2	-	15	12	7.5							
G. GAYLER	2	-	6	5	3.0							
M. PHILLIPS	2	-	4	2	2.0							
I. DETCHMAN						12	5	10	4	2.50		

Details copied from original on file (R.W. Feb. 2011)

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS.

It has been discovered that from the onset of cricket on the present ground (1891) until the early 1950's, exact year not known, matches were played with the pitches running from North Road to South Road, unlike the present day with pitches running from Amersham Road towards the Rectory.

This was no doubt due to the coming of Sunday cricket when more pitches were needed and the cricket square was extended to accommodate the increased number of matches played.