

24 Aug 1934:

- J T Brookes re-elected as Chairman
- R N Loveridge welcomed as new member of committee
- there had been complaint about the manner of the voting at the AGM – it was agreed that under no circumstances could members vote by proxy and that the ballot box be closed at the time decided by the committee
- application by the Wagon Works Band to play again at matches was accepted
- the Supporters' Club again to publish programmes
- the committee having inspected the progress of the work on the New Stand, it was agreed (until the made up earth had settled down) that the last 4 rows be terraced in timber from the Old Stand & the concrete kerbing be used in front of the Gymnasium
- tender of Mr Jones for concrete posts and iron railings to fence the front of the New Stand at a cost of £43 was accepted
- Deans Walk end of the New Stand to be fitted with part glass& remainder expanded metal
- the Gloucester Supporters had applied to advertise on the front of the New Stand – it was agreed for the present not to allow same, but as the Hippodrome always advertised on the Old Stand to give them the first refusal should this be rescinded
- new entrances to be provided opposite the White Hart, and the old ones to remain for exit; Deans Walk to be considered later
- Mr Wadley's XV to play at Cinderford on Thursday 13 Sep, the Club to pay expenses
- Mr C L Dancey now in a position to dispose of the 20 shares of his late father [in the Ground Co], and it was agreed to purchase these through Mr Henry Berry
- the final trial of the English Schools Union to be played at Kingsholm on 9 Mar 1935, before the United v Cinderford match
- Possibility raised that the School Boys International Match England v Wales March 1937 being offered to Gloucester – it was resolved to offer the ground on a Saturday in March convenient to the Gloucester Club
- Dr Martin had provided good services to players last season – complimentary ticket to be sent to him

Loose papers inserted here, are:

- copy of the voting form at the 1934 AGM, with meeting notes in manuscript on the back
- copy of the rules and regulations of the GRFC agreement with local clubs, dated 1932
- copy of the Citizen Pink 'Un dated 28 Apr 1934, giving WB's review of the diamond jubilee year of GRFC and a team photograph

4 Sep 1934:

- again grant complimentary tickets to the Schools through the Schools Union Secretary
- grant of complimentary tickets to unemployed to continue if application is made
- W V Sheppard had written to say he would be playing for Leicester this season

18 Sep 1934:

- application received for complimentary tickets for unemployed
- letter received from Leicester re W V Sheppard
- use of Kingsholm granted for county match v North Midlands on 18 Oct
- agreed to permit J Merrett to join Stroud club
- agreed to adhere to current charges and not to allow 6d transfer to Grand Stand for 8/6 members

- agreed to provide seats for old players (A Cromwell, W H Taylor & C Williams) inside the rails in front of the Grand Stand; and that the present practice of seating inside the rails for the committee and officials be continued
- letter to be written to the Deputy Chief Constable for the police on duty at matches to keep the pitch clear of boys who were a nuisance
- copy of the amended rules to be exhibited for the players to observe

2 Oct 1934:

- letter received from Stroud Club re J Merrett
- Worcester College cancelled their fixture on 3 Nov
- sale of County Handbooks to be left in the hands of the Supporters' Club
- proposal to use Kingsholm for a fireworks display was unanimously rejected
- collection to be made at the Cardiff match on behalf of the Gresford Miners Fund by a party of miners from the Dean Forest, who would be entertained at a cost not exceeding £5

16 Oct 1934:

- fixture proposed for United v Berkshire Wanderers at Reading on 3 Nov
- the New Zealand match v Gloucestershire & Somerset on the 1935-6 tour would be played at Bristol – letter to be sent to County Executive expressing disappointment, and asking for an assurance that the next Colonial match would be played at Gloucester
- electric light for training to be attached to the Worcester St Stand
- accepted quote from Wm Jones for £67/5/- for 4 turnstiles and new exit gates at Deans Walk
- collection for the Gresford miners fund amounted to £143/15/6 – cheque to be sent to the Mayor of Gloucester for him to forward to the Mayor of Wrexham
- SW Insurance had agreed to pay the expenses of £57/12/- which J C Brooks had incurred at the Nursing Home; the balance of Mr Brooks expenses was £35 for Doctor's Fees, and it was agreed that the Club make a grant of £20
- reference was made to the splendid game with Cardiff Saturday last & it was agreed this expression be conveyed to the Cardiff Club
- the Schools were granted Kingsholm for 27 Dec

30 Oct 1934:

- United fixture v Berkshire Wanderers at Reading confirmed for next Saturday
- letters read re Gresford Miners Fund, Mayor to be asked for copy of letter from Mayor of Wrexham, and result of collection to be published in Saturday's programme
- grant of 5Gn to Remembrance Day collection
- Chairman reported on informal discussions with County Officials re New Zealand game in 1935-6; matter would be discussed at County meeting on Friday
- agreed to provide new kit bag for Schools outfit
- letter of congratulation to be sent to Graham Parker on being elected Captain of the Cambridge University Cricket Club for next season

13 Nov 1934:

- use of Kingsholm on 3 Jan granted for County Trial Match between Gloucester & Bristol Schoolboys
- thanks from J C Brooks for grant made for his medical expenses
- a reply had been received from the County Secretary: "Your letter of October 30<sup>th</sup> re New Zealand match 1935 was read to my committee and considered at great length and I am requested to inform you that the present Executive regret they cannot bind the hands of the

Committee 4 years hence, but assure you that as far as possible they will favourably consider an application from Gloucester at the time of the next visit of a Touring Side to this Country”

– considerable discussion followed

- congratulations to be conveyed to Mr Albert Welshman on his recent marriage
- agreed payment of account of W Jones re Stand
- thanked Mr H Berry for his generous invitation to players and officials to Services Club Dinner
- secretary to decide dates for North Glos Combination Finals

27 Nov 1934:

- letter of appreciation received from Mayor of Wrexham for collection for Miners Fund, and Citizen to be asked to publish it
- vote of thanks to Mr Berry for Services Club Dinner
- charges for Wycliffe College match on 13 Dec to be Grand Stand 1/-, Worcester St & Deans Walk 3d, and proceeds to be given to Royal Infirmary

18 Dec 1934:

- 10Gn granted to Mayor's Xmas Fund
- 2Gn granted to the fund for relatives of late H Marshall who died as a result of injury received in Association Match in the Forest of Dean
- for the OMT's match [on Boxing Day], special tea to be provided for visitors in Officers' Room and for Gloucester players at the White Hart
- complaint from Mr C Clutterbuck re seats being reserved to Schools in Grand Stand Wings – secretary to explain position
- Mr Voyce raised question of electric lights in Grand Stand
- question of desirability of closing in the back of the Open Stand adjacent to the Grand Stand on the Worcester St side
- Mr Hiam mentioned the accident to a Cheltenham player with a broken leg, and it was agreed the Club purchase a stretcher at once
- a member had lost the lamp from his cycle during a match at Kingsholm – agreed that the Club held no responsibility but to mention same to the police on duty

8 Jan 1935:

- great pleasure expressed, and congratulations sent, on the selection of Harold Boughton for England v Wales on 19 Jan
- invitation for Gloucester to again participate in the Middlesex 7-a-side tournament was accepted
- Royal Infirmary expressed thanks on receipt of £17/7/9, the takings from the Wycliffe College game on 13 Dec
- on proposal of Mr Voyce, secretary to see Mr Bailey of the Citizen for a special write up for the United game with Newport United next Saturday & future matches
- thanks via Mr Abbey from North Glos Combination for hospitality of GFC
- as organisation of the Unemployed Association had been divided, it was agreed 20 tickets be sent to the new headquarters on Kings Sq and to the Rev Dunkerley at South Gate Hall
- fixtures for 1936/7 approved
- Berry Hill grateful that the 2 games this season were played at Berry Hill
- special meeting called for 15 Jan to discuss future ground improvements

15 Jan 1935:

- the Chairman explained that the meeting was arranged solely to discuss the question of the next ground improvements and the relative merits of:

1. providing accommodation of Office, players changing accommodation, etc under the New Grand Stand
2. providing Covered Stand for 6d end

A very lengthy discussion took place and it was proposed by Mr Ayliffe that priority be given to provide the accommodation under the New Stand, and this was carried; also that the Ground Committee with the addition of Messrs Balchin & Millington go into the matter of plan & specification and report to the General Committee

29 Jan 1935:

- Middlesex pleased to hear that Gloucester would be taking part in the 7-a-sides again, and agreed to allocate 5% (against 2 ½ % last year) to visiting clubs' hospitals
- special sub-committee on ground improvements to meet Tuesday next 8 Feb
- T Pugsley would be unable to play for some time owing to his having joined the Gloucestershire Police
- agreed to postpone the United fixture v Chepstow on 2 Feb, because most of the Chepstow players were desirous of going to witness the Scotland v Wales game at Cardiff
- secretary to interview H Morgan of United, because Cheltenham had asked for permission for him to play for them
- Dr Alcock desirous of giving a supper to the players and officials – date provisionally set for 11 Feb at White Hart
- declined proposal by the Nursing Society that the proceeds of the RAF game be given to their Jubilee Appeal, but matter to be considered at end of season
- boys on the playing pitch had been a problem at the United match v Cardiff
- question of car park being opened for United matches, but decided present arrangements remain for rest of season

8 Feb 1935:

Meeting of the Special Ground Improvements Committee – the secretary reported the interview with Mr Jones & the latter had given the approximate cost of the complete scheme under the Grand Stand as £1300. It was resolved that a complete specification be prepared by the architect in conjunction with the secretary with modifications to present plan. Also price be obtained for complete work & alternatively in 2 sections

19 Feb 1935:

- Dr Alcock thanked for his hospitality on 17 Feb
- letter of sympathy and wreath sent on death of Rev Tanner, and letter of appreciation received from C C Tanner
- letter from Cardiff Club congratulating the Gloucester team on their victory & wonderful sporting spirit shewn in the game
- Mayor of Gloucester requested Kingsholm be available for the King's Silver Jubilee for the week commencing May 6 – further details to be sought
- use of Kingsholm granted for North Glos Combination v Bristol Combination on 13 Apr
- T Voyce to again be nominated as County representative on Rugby Union
- R Morris left out of United side – Chairman explained circumstances
- letter from Rugby Union re number of officials at matches

12 Mar 1935:

- thanks to Llanelly for the special arrangements allowing Gloucester to catch the 5:30 home
- T Graves Smith, Life Member, had died
- Boy International Trial had been held at Kingsholm on 9 March
- Graham Parker ill – letter of sympathy to parents
- Five Acres School team to be given complimentary ticket to Leicester match
- sample of dozen chairs to be bought for Reporters Box

17 Mar 1935:

Meeting of Special Ground Committee received plan prepared by Mr Millington, and agreed to get specification and cost from Mr Jones

26 Mar 1935:

- Cheltenham club requested a grant for W Griffiths who broke leg at Kingsholm playing for Cheltenham United v Gloucester United – regrets that Rugby Union rules prevented this being done
- invitation received for 2 officials and their ladies to attend the Kings Jubilee Service at the Cathedral on 8 June – Chairman and Captain to attend
- Bristol club receipts down by £600, so asked for special match v Gloucester on 17 Apr – declined because too many matches in 10 day period

2 Apr 1935:

Meeting of Special Ground Committee – cost of £150 quoted for proposed scheme of accommodation under Grand Stand – this plus cost of upkeep caused recommendation to defer to next season

9 Apr 1935:

- Easter Tuesday 1937 offered to Universities Athletic Union for match at Kingsholm and guarantee of £20
- Secretary to obtain quotations for providing partitions in changing rooms
- RFU extended season to 11 May for matches on behalf of the Prince's Fund
- Mayor granted use of Kingsholm for Jubilee School Sports on 7 May
- it was explained why L Franklin had not been selected for either team

21 May 1935:

- accepted tender of Mr Davies for £49-10-0 for partitions for Dressing Rooms; also to be asked for price for partitioning Tea Room and Baggage Room
- Mr Voyce nominated to represent club on newly formed Gloucester School Sports Association
- Kingsholm to be venue for boxing show to raise money for Toc H Kiddies Camp Fund
- Grants made to:
  - St John Ambulance £3-3-0 (to go to Gloucester Centre)
  - Blind £8-8-0
  - Children's Hospital £20-0-0
  - Nursing Society £5-5-0
  - Nursing Special Jubilee Fund £5-5-0
  - Cripples' Fund £5-5-0
- Royal Infirmary to receive whole club's share of Middlesex 7-a-side
- Grants to local clubs:
  - Gordon League £10-0-0

Widden Old Boys £5-5-0

Barnwood £5-5-0

Tredworth £5-5-0

All Blues £5-5-0

Gloster Old Boys £5-5-0

Old Cryptians £5-5-0

- Secretary's salary £150

- Messrs Eggleton & Co appointed as auditors

- Roy James had decided to retire from first class football

- Mr Hiam to represent club at annual meeting of Gloucestershire RFU on 21 June

- J T Brookes to be proposed as Vice President of county union, and Messrs H J Balchin, T

Millington & W A Thomas to represent Gloucester on Executive Committee

- Dr Alcock to represent club at RFU annual meeting on 25 June

- AGM to be on 5 July at the Old Corn Exchange at 7:30pm, voting 5-7:30pm

- agreed to nominate present officers:

President – Dr Alcock

Vice Presidents – J T Brookes & A F Fielding

General Secretary – A Hudson

25 Jun 1935:

- players meeting unanimously selected:

1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain – J C Brookes

Vice Captain – Don Meadows

United XV – T Hiam

Players Rep – Ivor Williams

- accepted quotation for £64 from Mr Davies to provide Baggage Room & Tea Room within the large room

- nominations for committee (votes at AGM):

F A Abbey (122)

F W Ayliffe (140)

H J Balchin (152)

H H Berry (121)

G F Clutterbuck (107) – not elected

E T James (138)

R L Loveridge (109)

T Millington (117)

J F Scoon (127)

S Smart (112)

AT Voyce (108)

S T Davies (111)

W Reed (61) – not elected

Nomination of Fred Reed not accepted because he was not a member of the club

- agreed to accept match at Kingsholm on Wed evening 2 Oct 1935, Gloucester United v Gloster Regiment, Catterick Camp

Newspaper cuttings pasted into minute book:

- WB's review of the 1934-5 season

- report of AGM
- Gloucester United record for season
- editorial comment on value of the club to Gloucester