

12 Aug 1938:

- J T Brookes re-elected as Chairman
- Thu 15 Sep fixture offered to Stroud, and one match each season proposed
- Rugby Union offering Canadian match with Gloucestershire on 18/19 Sep 1940
- admission to United matches changed to Grandstand 6d, Ground Worcester St & Deans Walk 3d, car park open
- no problems with 2 boxing matches promoted by Prince-Cox, and £25 paid for each
- quote accepted from Wm Jones for £30/16/- to provide and fit tip-up seats without backs for the press and committee box
- quote not accepted for concrete and iron fencing in front of Worcester St stand
- police enquiry about training at Kingsholm – agreed that any special players could train with the Gloster team and others on Thursdays
- rugby players' sports meeting to be held on 8 Sep, club to guarantee amount required for prizes
- subcommittees appointed for selection, finance, ground, emergency – reps to N Glos Combination – masseur – players' insurance
- programmes to be supplied by Supporters Club and band by Wagon Works

13 Sep 1938:

- Stroud pleased with one match per season
- Prince-Cox had paid £10 for boxing display in marquee in car park
- complimentary tickets granted to Cripples and Poor Law Inmates, awaiting application for unemployed
- Mr Garrett (cripple) to be allowed to bring car into ground and given seat inside rails

20 Sep 1938:

- C J Dibden thought he was not good enough to play for Gloster, and given permission to transfer to Lydney
- agreed that R G Vincent could play midweek for Chepstow whilst continuing with Gloster
- 2Gns grant to Berry Hill because of their precarious financial position
- patrons to be asked if they wanted reserved seats
- H Boughton had been injured playing against Moseley, but had been released from the Infirmary on Monday

11 Oct 1938:

- complaint from Cardiff about Mr Sanderson, referee from London who had not given satisfaction to their players on last 3 visits to Kingsholm, and proposed both clubs should agree appointments – agreed
- new stand to be let for a mass Conservative meeting for £5
- 6Gns paid towards prizes at rugby sports day – residual 3gns to be paid by Supporters club
- request for annual subscription to King George Jubilee Trust
- agreed to grant £5 to Mayor's Poppy Day Appeal, and £5 to Mr Balchin's special appeal
- Widden Old Boys had acquired new hut for £39/-/-

26 Oct 1938:

- Conservatives decided an open air meeting was not a good idea at this time of year
- letter from Cheltenham re J S Moore
- use of Kingsholm granted for schools match on 26 Nov

8 Nov 1938:

- only 2 of 20 replies from patrons asked for specially reserved seats
- committee seats had been installed – to be marked “for officials only”
- the names of the 17 players making the most appearances to be shown on the Record Board
- agreed that R A Carter could join Cheltenham
- President invited players and officials to supper and evening on 12 Dec
- players wished to give a parting gift to the Rev Phillips who would be playing his last game on 19 Nov – permission of County Union to be obtained
- Rugby Union had stated that there was to be a maximum of 3 committee men at away matches in addition to players and reserves – Mr Voyce to enquire whether this included baggage man

22 Nov 1938:

- the County Union were making arrangements to show a rugby film “Modern Rugby” in Gloucester
- Rugby Union said 3 officials allowed at away matches at club’s expense would include baggage man and paid Secretary
- police granted use of Kingsholm for match v Monmouth Police on 15 Dec
- granted use of Kingsholm for Gloucestershire Boys v Somerset Boys on 21 Jan before Cinderford match
- claim received from Messrs Smith & Morris for breakage of glasses on 19 Nov, and complaint of throwing at tea table
- Roy Morris, F G Edwards, J G A’Bear, T Price & R E Hook had been selected as players or reserves for the International Trial match on 3 Dec

13 Dec 1938:

- T Price selected to play in next trial game
- replay of County match with Somerset to be at Kingsholm on 21 Dec – try to rearrange United match with N Glos Combination to 28 Dec
- grant of £10 to Mayor’s Xmas Unemployed Fund
- Railways Men’s Orphanage to be charged £5 for use of Kingsholm for a garden party in August
- £10 granted for expenses of Gloster Public School Boys
- annual fixture against Birkenhead Park agreed from Mar 1941

3 Jan 1939:

- N Glos Combination were so short of funds that an official had loaned them a sum to carry on with - £5 granted
- Barnwood club being disbanded, and players suspended through a claim not being paid owing to nonfulfilment of a fixture
- one fixture per season with Swansea arranged from 1940/1
- smoke a problem in committee room
- Mr Arthur Cromwell, an old player, had died

Pasted into the minute book are cuttings from the Citizen covering the funeral of Mr J T Brookes, and WB’s tribute to him

17 Jan 1939:

- sudden death of the Chairman, Mr J T Brookes
- Mr Voyce voted to Chair

- decided it would have been Chairman's wish that matches on Saturday be played – two minutes silence and black armbands to be worn

24 Jan 1939:

- A T Voyce elected as Chairman in place of the late J T Brookes
- club cheques to be signed by Chairman & Secretary
- Mr Voyce had straightened out the affairs of the Barnwood club – the County Union had been paid and the suspension of players withdrawn. Landlord to be interviewed with a view to ground not being lost to rugby
- club to pay for teas at N Glos Combination v Bristol Combination match at Wagon Works ground
- Mr Balchin explained why he had not gone with the United to Chepstow (it seems the whole team failed to travel in his absence)
- Public Schools owed money after cancellation of match at Cheltenham
- 2 minutes silence observed before Bedford match
- Mr Lyttle of Bedford was permitted to train at Kingsholm when in the area
- UAU wanted an increase in the £25 guarantee for next season
- Bath had financial problems because of bad weather, and asked for an extra fixture at Kingsholm if ERU extended season

7 Feb 1939:

- praise for the teas provided for N Glos Combination
- grant to Public Schools not to exceed £13/-/-
- proceeds from match v Oxford Greyhounds to be given to Royal Infirmary
- use of Kingsholm granted for schools match on 1 Apr
- use of Kingsholm granted for Gloster Juniors v Bristol Juniors
- club reps invited to presentation of colours to Cotswold Sea Cadets at Cathedral
- Mr James recommended some form of systematic training be introduced – subcommittee for training to be formed, consisting of Messrs James, Smart & Loveridge, Captain and Vice-Captain, and United Captain – power to invite if desirable outside assistance
- gates down by c£500 and members subs by c£140 on last season – due principally to loss of OMT game and bad weather since – but question as to whether gateman were satisfactory, so all committee to observe at entrances for the Llanelly game on 25 Feb

21 Feb 1939:

- complete set of Barnwood debts to be submitted to Secretary
- £3/9/6 to be paid to wagon Works for teas for N Glos Combination
- £26/10/- paid to Royal Infirmary from Oxford Greyhounds match
- local clubs to be encouraged to train at Kingsholm
- hiring to Capt Prince-Cox for 6 occasions in summer approved for charge of £22/10/- on each occasion, and provided he sign indemnity
- Cricket Club suggested an extra game to supplement their funds, but doubts as to whether this could be done at a profit
- Newport Supporters' Club wanted to reserve seats for the match on 18 Mar – they expected many to travel to Gloucester because it was the centenary of matches between the clubs
- set of jerseys to be presented to HMS Gloucester, the new cruiser
- agreed in principle that some form of memorial to the late Chairman, J T Brookes, be hung in the tea room
- Gloucester police match could not be accommodated at Kingsholm unless season was extended

- organised training had taken place

14 Mar 1939:

- Mr Voyce was undergoing special eye treatment in the Middlesex Hospital, so Mr James took the Chair
- bills for unpaid ground rent at Barnwood had been received
- agreed that the memorial to J T Brookes should be a large framed photograph with engraved plate to be hung in tea room
- Bristol Sports promotion enquiry about hiring Kingsholm for boxing tournament
- letter read from Newport Club asking if Gloucester would agree to observe the Gentlemen's agreement in the match at Kingsholm on Saturday next. This means that no player shall advance (in a set scrimmage) beyond the front row of his forwards until the Ball is healed. After discussion it was decided to play strictly to "The Rules"
- agreed loudspeaker announcement before next match to advertise National Service Campaign meeting at Shire Hall
- N Glos Combination Cup Finals at Kingsholm on 6 & 11 Apr
- Wagon Works, Old Centralians, All Blues, Gloster Aircraft, Gordon League & Gloster Old Boys in favour of United playing local clubs, but Atlas Works not, and Widden Old Boys doubtful

4 Apr 1939:

- strong complaint from Old Cryptians about their difficulty in fulfilling their engagements because of increasing calls on their players [by Gloucester]
- successful tour to Devon
- Corporation to culvert the Twyver, which should prevent flooding at Deans Walk end, which had threatened to become serious last winter

9 May 1939:

- Cyril Harris was still visiting the Royal Infirmary since his accident, and being paid his insurance weekly
- Nondescripts CC to practice at Kingsholm for £5 for summer
- grant of £13 to Public Schools left them £5 in debt – County Union being asked to pay, but failing that, Gloucester would
- would try to move 1939/40 match at Newport to midweek to avoid clash with Wales v Australia game
- Stroud to be offered a Thursday evening game at Kingsholm in 1939/40
- Sale FC agreed to pay guarantee of £20 for match at Sale on 3 Mar 1941, and Gloucester agreed to pay guarantee of £40 for return match at Kingsholm on Easter Monday
- agreed band practice by British Legion in car park during summer
- use of Kingsholm granted for Aircraft Co Annual Sports on 15 July for £10
- AR Gough & J Brown gave thanks for complimentary tickets for past season
- Messrs Balchin, Millington & Thomas again nominated as Gloucester reps on County Union
- grants to charities:
Royal Infirmary £60
Children's Hospital £20
Local Blind 5Gns
Cripples' 5Gns
District Nursing Society 5Gns
St John Ambulance 3Gns

- grants to local clubs:
- Gordon League £7/10/-
- All Blues 5Gns
- Widden OB 5Gns
- Wagon Works 5Gns
- Old Boys 5Gns
- Old Cryptians 5Gns
- Old Centralians 5Gns
- AGM to be at St Johns Hall on 30 Jun
- nominations as officers:
- President – Dr Alcock
- Vice Presidents – AT Voyce & AF Fielding
- General Secretary – A Hudson

26 Jun 1939:

- players elected:
- Captain 1st XV – AD Carpenter
- Capt United XV – Tom Stephens
- Players' Rep – R Morris
- Cyril Harris had resumed work after 19 ½ weeks absence – the SW Group had agreed to pay insurance on 17 weeks, and it was resolved to meet the difference £5
- County Union had granted £5 to Public Schools
- profit on last season was £215/13/10, regarded as very satisfactory
- Dr Alcock to represent club at County AGM
- £30 to be charged for the ground for a rodeo
- donation of £2 to late Gwyn Nicholls Memorial Fund
- charge of £5 for use of Kingsholm for National Service Demonstration on 20 Jul
- Rugby Sports to be supported again

Pasted into the minute book are Citizen cuttings – WB's review of the season and report on the AGM