

1 Aug 1939:

- AT Voyce elected as Chairman
- Mr Wadley welcomed as a new member
- decided not to have a Vice-Chairman, but to continue to appoint an acting Chairman as necessary
- Capt Prince-Cox had been forced to file his petition, so would not be promoting any further boxing tournaments
- agreed to invite Dr Alcock to become a Director of the Ground Co in place of the late Mr JT Brookes, and failing him Mr Voyce
- subcommittees appointed for selection, finance, ground & emergency; N Glos Combination reps; masseur; & insurer
- agreed that Gloucester City Band be allowed to bid to play at matches
- additional Income Tax demands had been made for 1937/8 & 38/9 – they referred to the £1300 mortgage on the ground taken over by the Club – agreed Club pay for 1937/8 and the Ground Co for 38/9
- Wilts and Dorset were joining SW Group in 1940/1, and wanted Saturday fixtures – this would interfere with Club's fixture list, so County to be asked to arrange them midweek
- Drybrook in financial trouble, so requested old Gloucester jerseys
- use of Kingsholm granted for Rugby Sports

5 Sep 1939:

- Dr Alcock to become Ground Co Director
- "The position of carrying on the Club owing to the declaration of War with Germany was fully discussed. It was agreed that the activities of playing be suspended for the time being and that all expenses be curtailed. The Secretary said no doubt the buildings would be taken over by the ARP but so far he had not been able to obtain any official information. The Chairman and Secretary promised to get in touch immediately with the local authorities and the meeting was adjourned."

3 Oct 1939: Committee meetings held at New Inn Hotel from now onwards – previously at club office

- report on meeting with Corporation officials re arranging a modified programme of matches at Kingsholm. Agreed that the Rateable Value be 10% of gross income of the ground during the playing season. One bath and committee room for changing to be used at matches
- accepted fixtures with 5th Gloster Regt & Stroud; in touch with Newport, Bath & Weston; transport could be provided
- admission charges to be Grandstand centre 1/6, wings 1/-; Worcester St 6d, juniors 3d
- insurance to be investigated
- teas would have to be discontinued, and all expenses minimised
- Albert Brown had died, an old committeeman
- J Harris would be required part-time [groundsman?]
- police and Citizen to be informed of matches
- thanks to Mr Berry for use of room for meetings, hospitality & offering to put up any players who could not get home after matches

24 Oct 1939:

- £10 guarantee paid to 5th Gloster Regt
- insurance with SW Group to be for each match – 15/- premium, £2 weekly benefit, fatality insurance suspended

- police wanted kick-offs to be as early as possible
- fixtures arranged with Oxford University – Mr Balchin could supply 20-seater coach for trip to Oxford
- grant of 50/- to Citizen Cigarette Fund for Forces; further donation from players & officials
- J Harris required at ground all day Saturday, and some other times – 15/- per week to be paid to Mr Hudson who now employed him
- no baths allowed at training, but players welcome to join in with Gordon League
- N Glos Combination to continue

21 Nov 1939:

- away at Bath next Saturday – tea at Red House
- use of Kingsholm granted next Saturday for Gloster Old Boys v Old Patesians – charges 3d & 6d stand – proceeds to Citizen Cigarette Fund
- Rugby Union ruled that gate receipts from club games to go to club funds; matches arranged by individuals to go to charities or Red Cross
- Ground Co to conserve resources and not pay a dividend in Dec as usual
- grant of 2Gns to Poppy Day Fund

19 Dec 1939:

- Bath match cancelled because of flooding - £10 offered to Bath to cover expenses to Gloucester
- grant of 3Gns to Mayor's Xmas Fund
- Somerset Police wanted guarantee of £20 to play at Kingsholm – offered £15
- All Blues v Widden OB to play at Kingsholm on 23 Dec
- gates to date totalled £366 for 8 home fixtures

16 Jan 1940:

- many Cheltenham players arrived late at Kingsholm for Boxing Day match
- ARP to be asked for annual rent of £280 for use of Kingsholm
- deaths of SW Bingle, former secretary, and J Holder

20 Feb 1940:

- proceeds from match with UAU to be given to Services Recreational Equipment Fund
- Rugby Union had been asked to consider Kingsholm as venue for England v Wales international, but Leicester was first choice with Gloucester second
- death of Kelly Voyce, an old player

12 Mar 1940:

Pasted into the minute book is a newspaper cutting reporting that Kingsholm is to stage the England v Wales Red Cross International Match on 13 Apr

- arrangements for this match to be left entirely in the hands of Gloucester – if the match is not played, Rugby Union will pay Club's expenses
- pavilion to be made available as changing accommodation
- Mayor and police supportive
- kick-off at 3:30
- charges to be – Grand Stand 10/-, Grand Stand enclosure 4/-, seats inside rails 5/-, Worcester St side 3/-, Deans Walk 2/-
- special bank account opened

- collection to be made for Royal Infirmary
- asking for 5th Glosters Regimental Band

2 Apr 1940:

- £40 raised from match on behalf of Services Recreation Fund
- rateable value of £100 had been agreed with City Treasurer, which meant a demand for £31/13/4
- letter received initialled JET including 1/- as "Conscience Money"
- for international match it was agreed – admission by ticket only; limit to be placed on capacity; 2d for programmes produced by Supporters Club; difficulty in providing luncheon & tea (under canvas in car park); only Tank Corps Band was available; special third party insurance to be obtained; Mr Fox to photograph teams

7 May 1940:

- international match judged a great success; receipts from gate were £2489/17/0 (less tax of £414/19/6); profit on programmes £42/5/10; BBC 5Gns; expenses approx £350
- grant of 3Gns to Cotswold Sea Scouts, whose band had played at the international
- grant of 21Gns to A Hudson for sale of reserved tickets
- Rugby Union had agreed to touch flags becoming the property of the Gloucester Club – to be displayed
- collection for Royal Infirmary at match had raised £62/14/8
- Mr Berry had put up players overnight at no expense
- Mr Ayliffe would present framed photographs of teams
- Mr Boughton proposed that photograph be taken of President, Chairman & Secretary

21 May 1940:

- final statement of account for international match showed balance of £1,782-4-9 – cheque for this amount to be sent to RFU – hoped to recover Entertainment duty of £414-19-6
 - thanks to Dr Cookson for granting use of the ground & changing quarters – without his cooperation no football could have been played at Kingsholm
 - approx balance of Club a/c was £200
 - Secretary to be paid salary of £75
 - 2Gns grant to masseur, Mr J Barnes
 - no grants to be made to local clubs in prevailing circumstances
 - Club's bank balance was £515 – agreed to invest up to £600 in Government's 3% War Loan Appeal
 - agreed to retain J Harris to keep an eye on the ground and pay him 5/- per week as was usual during the summer months
 - next election of committee would take place when there was a return to normal times
- Signed by AT Voyce 10 Sep 1940 – no further entries