

17 Sep 1943:

Army v RAF match to be played on 30 Oct 1943, and England v Wales on 8 Apr 1944, both at Kingsholm. Charges for admission to Army v RAF set in the range 1/- to 7/6; Service parades to be allowed on the ground on the day of the match.

8 Oct 1943:

Discussion of detailed arrangements for Army v RAF match.

Rotol to be asked to explain the publicity given to the Rotol Match at Newport under the style of Gloucester XV.

22 Oct 1943:

More discussion of detailed arrangements for Army v RAF match – BBC recording van to attend. Local interest in Gordon Hudson in the RAF pack, and P N Walker amongst the Army forwards.

[Newspaper cutting inserted here, which lists the teams selected for the match]

Rotol apologised for the use of the “Gloucester” name, but said it was all the fault of Newport.

The Club were being pressed for Income Tax, and there were now no funds at the bank. It was agreed to pay a token rent to the Ground Co, who had received nothing since the war - £30 for each of the 4 years 1939/40 – 1942/3.

The meeting was closed at 8/5 pm on sounding of Air Raid Warning.

14 Jan 1944:

Recent death of W Dix, former player and life member.

The Army v RAF match produced a balance of £578/-/5, regarded as very satisfactory, cheque for this amount to be forwarded to the Army Rugby Union.

Prices of admission to the England v Wales match on Easter Saturday, 8 April, agreed in the range 1/- to 10/-.

A meeting with the GAC had determined that no further games could be arranged at Kingsholm.

A letter was to be sent to W B Bailey to mark his 60 years of service [Citizen rugby correspondent].

It was agreed that the Sidney Brown Trust Fund should be paid to his son, who was now a Flying Officer in the RAF [Sidney Brown died playing rugby for Gloucester in 1926, and the Trust Fund was set up for funds raised by public subscription for his family]

S S Starr had resigned as Secretary of the Ground Co; the appointment of R N Loveridge as his successor was approved.

24 Mar 1944:

The possibility of matches with Welsh Youths had been abandoned.

Flying Officer Brown wanted no publicity about the closure of the Sidney Brown Trust Fund, so it was decided to limit this to an announcement at the first General Meeting of the Club.

A meeting of the Rugby Union had been cancelled owing to the Air Raids.

The RAF band was being approached to play at the Services match, Stanley Budd had been asked to referee, and accommodation for players and officials had been arranged at the New Inn, Fleece, Albert and Lamprey Hotels. Programmes were to be sold by 24 ATS with collecting boxes with a minimum charge of 3d.

Discussion of the possibility of a Social Club being included in the development of new changing quarters under the grandstand.

Dr Alcock had been elected as the new Chairman of the Ground Co. to replace Arthur Fielding, who had resigned.

30 Jun 1944:

The death was reported of Harry Berry, who had served on the committee for many years; 2Gns had been donated to St Dunstons in his memory.

Dr Alcock and Mr Voyce were congratulated on the success of their efforts for War Savings – 1 ¼ millions had been raised for “Salute the Soldier”.

Mr Voyce had been elected as Councillor of the City.

The accounts for the England v Wales Services match on 8 Apr 1944 showed a profit of £2325/19/6, which was regarded as a magnificent success. The programmes had contributed a profit of £77/6/6.

As Leicester and Richmond were receiving a grant from the Services for the use of their grounds, the Club would apply for similar terms for Kingsholm.

The New Inn had given a rebate of £5 off their account as a donation to the Club.

A grant of £30 was to be paid to the Ground Co for 1942/43.

Provisional acceptance was given for the England v Wales Services International to be played on 7 Apr 1945.