

2 Oct 1944:

Dr Cookson was invited to address the committee on the Civil Defence Services use of Kingsholm. He said owing to the improved position of the War and the general Home Office relaxation of Civil Defence duties they were considering the local requisitioned properties. He said that although they might be able to give up the pavilion and offices at a reasonably early date they would like to know if the Club would consider the continuation for a period of the use of the car park and space under the grandstand. The committee subsequently decided to accommodate the Local Authorities as far as possible and to obtain the best terms.

Local clubs to be invited to play their attractive games in fair rotation at Kingsholm.

The Services had sent a cheque of £150 for game v Wales in April last, and in any future games they would make a payment of 10% after local expenses.

Use of Kingsholm was granted for the RAF v Civil Defence on Feb 10 on the above terms of 10%.

The Government Building Restriction Order would prevent any big scale scheme for a Social Club under the new stand – possibilities in the gymnasium were to be considered.

Mr Scoon had resigned from the committee owing to ill health – he was to be asked to stay on in the hope of his full recovery.

The Chairman thought that the Club Rules for the election of committee members needed revision.

9 Jan 1945:

Rotol, RAF, Cryptians and Atlas Technical College had played matches at Kingsholm.

Charges for admission to the RAF v Civil Defence match on 10 Feb were set between 7/6 and 1/-. Other details of arrangements for this match agreed.

Mr Hook attended on behalf of the Air Training Cadets, who were granted matches at Kingsholm – a trial game on 13 Jan, and a match v Cornwall on 17 Feb.

Mr Martin attended on behalf of the Rotol Club, who were granted use of Kingsholm v Stroud on 27 Jan, and v Cheltenham on 12 Apr, and use of dressing room and bath.

22 Mar 1945:

The gate for the RAF v Civil Defence game on 10 Feb was £626/16/6, the profit on programmes was £29/7/5, the Club had received £25 for hire of ground, and the balance after local expenses paid to Wg Cdr C Gadney was £452/18/9.

In view of the serious damage and delapidations at the ground, a professional survey was to be done by Mr C V Dancey.

Discussion of detailed arrangements for the England v Wales Services International at Kingsholm on 7 Apr 1945.

The Secretary to make provisional fixtures for next season.

Three members of the committee had been lost, but there was no resolution concerning co-opting replacements.

18 Apr 1945:

Mr Dancey had reported the damage done at Kingsholm to the Corporation.

The income at the Services International match was a record, but the accounts were not yet completed.

Considerable progress had been made on fixtures for 1945/46.

ATC requested use of Kingsholm for match v Cornwall on 7 Nov.

The Gloucester Horse Show had requested use of Kingsholm on 4 Aug. There were misgivings about damage to the playing pitch, but approval was given with one dissenter on condition that: "The ground to be put back into good condition. The whole of the arena and stands to be cleaned. The Gloucester Horse Show Committee to accept all liability in connection with the event".

It was agreed that assistance should be provided to the Secretary, whose private business would not allow him the necessary time in the coming season.

20 July 1945:

The Services International on 7 Apr 1945 had attracted a record gate of £2332-5-0, and the profit on programmes was £45/6/4. The club had received £167/17/6.

The Gloucester Horse Show had decided that Kingsholm did not allow sufficient room outside the actual field for their requirements.

It was agreed allow Bristol Tramways Co an extension to their garage at Kingsholm providing they would erect gates at Deans Walk and improve the walking way to the bank.

No part of Kingsholm had yet been derequisitioned, but the Civil Defence was willing to let the Club use the top changing room and bath and the tea room.

Mr Millington offered to help the Secretary.

The Rugby Union would play home and away matches with Scotland and Wales, and possibly Ireland, but caps would not be awarded, and all home matches would be played at Twickenham.

Friendly county matches had been arranged with Devon, Somerset and Cornwall. It was agreed to object to Dorset & Wilts being brought into the SW Group.

Application would be made for a Services International match at Kingsholm.

The Secretary had arranged a fixture list for the coming season with 22 home matches and 10 away. All the old first class sides would be played, and vacant dates had been given to Cheltenham, Stroud and Cheltenham.

Admission and season ticket charges were a problem because of high Entertainment Tax Duties.

The Club had no groundsman, and would apply through the Labour Exchange, offering a wage of £3/10/- to £4 per week.

The Rotal club had offered to support the Gloucester club with their players in the coming season.

Dr Alcock, President, invited the committee and players to dinner at the Midland Royal on 10 Sep in order to give a send off to the restart of rugby.

The War Charities Association had been unable to obtain a balance sheet for the Public Schools match played at Kingsholm on Easter Monday.

Mr E T James submitted his resignation from the committee.

3 Aug 1945:

It transpired that Mr James had resigned from the committee as a result of an incident with the gate steward at the Services match on 7 Apr – he was asked to reconsider.

Bristol Tramways had agreed to erect gates and level ground as requested but it was agreed they could have an extension owing to labour difficulties.

Mr Balchin & Mr Millington to assist the Secretary.

A balance sheet had still not been received from the Public Schools secretary.

Season ticket prices were set between 3/3/- and 10/- for adults and 15/- and 5/- for juniors. Admission prices to be 3/6 – 1/-.

Mr Middleditch (N Glos Combination) and Mr Lovell (Gordon League) to be invited to be co-opted onto the committee, in recognition of their sterling service to local rugby over many years.

Training to commence at Kingsholm on 4 Sep.