

4 Sep 1945:

Mr Middleditch welcomed onto committee.

John F Scoon and J Horace A'Bear, both committee members for many years, had died.

Resignation of E T James accepted.

The Public Schools account had still not been produced.

A request by the Ministry of Food to use the Bristol Tramways garage for food storage was turned down.

Admission prices at "A" matches to be 1/- - 3d.

A groundsman to be engaged on a 3-month trial.

For the time being players were to provide their own kit.

Players to be given tickets for teas at a café in the City.

Insurance of players to be arranged with SW Insurance Group.

Patrons to have free use of car park, and charge of 1/- for others.

Trial match to be played on 22 Sep. Selection committee appointed.

The accounts for 1939/40 to 1943/44 had been received from Messrs Eggleton & Co, the Club's accountants.

18 Sep 1945:

Bristol Tramways had agreed to reinstate external fencing and the embankment before the first match on 29 Sep. Club accepted offer of small auxiliary building containing lavatories and mess room, and to erect brick pay boxes in lieu of wood.

Players to be insured for £2 per week and £400 fatality – total premium £15.

Meeting to be arranged with Corporation about ground dilapidation, since ARP likely to vacate shortly.

Difficulties in using car park because most of fencing down.

New Zealand XV v Combined Services match to be played at Kingsholm on 12 Jan 1946, the Club to take 15% of the gate for local charities.

The appointment of Tom Voyce, Chairman, to the Finance and Emergency Committee of the Rugby Union was welcomed as a great honour to the Club.

2 Oct 1945:

The balance sheet for the Public Schools match had been received.

Bristol Tramways had completed the work promised in time for the first match.

Ground sub-committee appointed.

Food Licence for teas for home matches would be granted.

Cheltenham had been notified of selection of Hopson, Dunn and Buckley for Gloucester.

Charles Lovell declined the proposal to co-opt him onto committee.

Mrs Evans had complained about people climbing over her fence to get into Kingsholm.

Separate bank account being operated for official programmes.

Rugby Union recommended that as far as possible the fixtures for 1946/47 should be as 1940/41.

An application for Glos & Somerset v New Zealand to be staged at Kingsholm on 16 Feb was reluctantly declined as Bath was at Glos on that date. Only date vacant was 9 Mar.

Players subscription to be 2/6.

16 Oct 1945:

Lemonade to be provided for players immediately after the game.

Work on dismantling Bristol Tramways garage was progressing satisfactorily.

County had suggested playing Somerset at Kingsholm on 8 Dec – prices agreed as 4/- to 1/-. \also suggest 9 Mar for match v Warwickshire at Kingsholm.

St Marks v St Pauls College at Kingsholm on 13 Oct had been very successful, with a gate of 8/9/-. Consideration to be given to financial grants to local clubs who play at Kingsholm.

30 Oct 1945:

Mrs Richards to start providing teas at the ground after matches.

Leicester to be given lunch before game at Bon Marche.

Arrangements made for party of 20 from the Military Hospital Great Western Road to attend all Club matches.

44 Group RAF had played a match at Kingsholm on 25 Oct.

Resolution that the stopping of the coach on return journeys from out matches at licensed houses be not encouraged.

County match v Somerset at Kingsholm arranged for 8 Dec, and County Public and Secondary Schools match approved for 3 Jan 1946.

13 Nov 1945:

Tom Price and Gordon Hudson had been selected for the England Team v New Zealand Touring Team, with Roy Morris as reserve.

Charges for New Zealand v Combined Services to be 10/- to 2/-.

Corporation to be asked to clear Worcester St stand by 12 Jan.

Rotol granted use of Kingsholm on 20 Jan, 16 Mar and 6 Apr.

27 Nov 1945:

Teas for the county match to be provided at 2/- per person charged to the County Committee.

W Hook appointed to committee as the representative of the players.

Cheltenham complained that 4 pairs of stockings belonging to them had been retained by 4 players now playing for Gloucester, and asked for assistance in getting them returned.

Bristol Tramways had commenced the building of turnstiles at Deans Walk. The swaying of the wooden stand at the Deans Walk end to be inspected.

Reluctance to allow staging of Horse Show at Kingsholm.

All possible to be done to provide new stockings for players - players to be asked to provide the necessary coupons.

10 Dec 1945:

Special effort to be made on collecting player' subscriptions.

Civil Authorities had derequisitioned the ground and buildings with the exception of 2 lockup sheds under grandstand from 25 Dec 1945.

1 Jan 1946:

23 players had paid their subscriptions.

Bristol Tramways had completed the turnstiles at Deans Walk.

Corporation had vacated the buildings on the previous day.

Chief Superintendant of Police to be consulted about the general nuisance of boys at matches.

The principle for making a charge for the use of Kingsholm by any organisation should be established.

Arrangements detailed for Services v New Zealand match on 12 Jan.

15 Jan 1946:

The Civil Authorities had now vacated the ground with the exception of vehicles under the grandstand. Early removal of slate tanks in car park to be pursued.

Applications for international match tickets must be paid for at the time and cheque sent to Rugby Union through the Club's account.

Services v Kiwis match considered a great success.

Further social evening arranged for 5 Feb for players and reserves only with "W B" and "R C" [Bill Bailey and Rupert Cherry of the Citizen].

29 Jan 1946:

Gas stove to be moved to referee's room.

12 Feb 1946:

Plan for a house for the groundsman to be prepared and passed to Mr Dancey.

Excessive numbers drunk after Cardiff game.

4 Mar 1946:

Plan of bungalow for groundsman approved.

The 15% to the Club from the Services v Kiwis match amounted to £340/14/-.

Special teas to be provided for Guy's and St Mary's when they visited.

WB [of the Citizen] to be approached with a view of writing the history of the Club as continuation of the Jubilee Book from 1923/24.

Letter received from President of Cheltenham Club complaining about the Secretary in respect of fixtures for 1946/7; overcrowding at tea after the game recently at Cheltenham; and playing of Cheltenham players without their approval.

Printers had charged £9 Purchase Tax for season tickets – to be taken up with Customs & Excise.

19 Mar 1946:

Thanks received from English Schools Rugby Union for use of Kingsholm for trial match recently.

Mr Hudson thanked for his hospitality to officials and players on the evening of 11 Mar.

Unsatisfactory control of programmes to be addressed by putting Mr Loveridge in charge.

2 Apr 1946:

A substantial increase in the amount received for programmes for the last 2 matches had resulted from Mr Loveridge's control.

Agreed to grant the request of the Citizen for a direct telephone line from their office to the ground, and possibly the grandstand.

A request from the English Schools RU to play a return schools international v Wales at Kingsholm on 27 Apr, outside the season, was agreed on various conditions being met, including one that the Club received 10% of the gross gate.

[A copy of the Club Rules with manuscript amendments is pinned into the minute book, together with a list of charges, presumably for the 1946/7 season, e.g., patron season tickets to be 3Gns, old playing members 15/-.]

16 Apr 1946:

Changes to Club Rules agreed as presented.

Idea of further schools international had been abandoned.

Customs & Excise had agreed that application of Purchase Tax to season tickets had been made in error.

North Stand to be insured against fire.

The open wooden stands were in poor condition, and Mr Dancey was preparing a plan for the one nearest Worcester St (in concrete). Other ground improvements discussed were Deans Walk terracing, boundary fence, replacement of rails round playing surface, and an extra floor to the gymnasium.

Neath had rejected one game only next season, but Exeter were prepared to accept that date in 1946/7 for a return game at Exeter in 1947/8.

The schools team was expanding its fixture list and hoped to pay more fixtures at Kingsholm, but only one date, 18 Jan 1946 was available, because United XV were playing at Kingsholm when the First XV were not. It was pointed out that since this was now Gloucester & District Schools, matches should be played at Cheltenham, Stroud and Lydney. Also that a charge would be made for Kingsholm.

Teas at Kingsholm had been a great success.

North Gloucester Combination reported that several clubs were restarting next season – main problem was lack of grounds.

13 May 1946:

Programmes showed a profit of £79/11/-, regarded as most satisfactory.

Copies of team photograph to be given to each player and committee member who wanted one – T Price, J Thornton, J Hodson and W W Kear to be shown as absent, the 2 former to be inset if possible.

Citizen phone to be installed in press seats.

Kingsholm to be hired for a boxing show in aid of the Royal Artillery Assn for a fee of £25; likewise to the Gloucester and District Canine Society for a dog show; and likewise to Gloucestershire ATS for a sports meeting.

Application from Kingsholm Cricket Club to use ground for cricket practice was declined.

Mr Brunsdon required an increase from 2Gns to £5 per year for winding the clock – this was declined and the job given to the groundsman.

The President, Dr Alcock, to represent the Club at the Rugby Union Annual Meeting.

In view of the difficulties of arranging the weekend tour at the end of the season, it was agreed to propose to the RFU an alteration of Rule 44 to read “That there shall be an annual close season between the Monday following the third Saturday in April and September 1st”.

Both the Stanley Bayliss and Sidney Brown Trusts had been closed.

A letter was read from the British Publishing Co suggesting publishing a History of the Club, and agreed matter lie on table.

Fixtures for 1947/8 had been completed, including the match at Exeter in return for Exeter playing at Kingsholm in 1946/7.

The Chairman had spoken at the Cheltenham Rugger Dinner about relations and fixtures between the two clubs.

Mr Dancey had met with the District Valuer, and recommended acceptance of the figure of £813/3/8, the brick shelter behind the pavilion to remain, and further work to be done by the surveyor.

3 Jun 1946:

Ground to be let for £25 for boxing; ATC going elsewhere for their sports day.

Declined fixture with Cambridge University this season, but hope to arrange for 1947/8.

Accounts for past season showed a credit balance of over £2000 subject to Income Tax.

Grants made to local clubs – North Gloucester Combination £20; Gloucester and District Schools Union £20; Students Union £10; St Marks £10; Old Cryptians £5.

No grants to be made this season to charities.

“It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be given an Honorarium of £150 for his services to the Club since 1939/40.

Mr Hudson said whilst he much appreciated the proposal he could not accept any remuneration in accordance with his expressed decision at the beginning of the season. He suggested however that it be given to start a fund to provide a ground for local Clubs and which object might be considered as a fitting War Memorial by the Club to the players who lost their lives.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to accept the magnanimous offer and further resolved: “That a Memorial Fund be inaugurated to commemorate the memory of the players of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club who have made the supreme sacrifice in the two Great Wars.”

“That this memorial should take the form of a fund to purchase a playing ground for the use of Clubs of Gloucester & District Clubs at the discretion of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club and its Trustees.”

The President proposed and Mr Smart seconded that £500 be placed to the Memorial Fund as the Clubs first subscription and this was unanimously carried.

Annual Meeting to be on 26 June at St Johns Hall. Players Meeting on 19 June at the ground.

Dr Alcock invited to again be President, and Messrs Voyce and Hudson as Vice-Presidents (Mr Hudson replacing Mr Fielding, who had resigned), Mr Hudson as Secretary and Mr Balchin as Treasurer; all old committee members to be nominated for the committee.

Messrs A D Carpenter and Harold Boughton were made Life Members for their long and loyal service as playing members.

19 Jun 1946:

At the players meeting, Tom Price was elected Captain, R Morris as Vice-Captain, and Gordon Hudson as Players Rep on Committee.

A savings account to be set up for grants and subscriptions received for the Foundation Fund for the War Memorial, and profits from programmes to be transferred to this account.

Ground to be let for Crypt School gymnastic display for 2Gns, and for Liberal Association meeting for 5Gns.

President to represent Club at RFU Annual Meeting.

Plans nearly ready for concrete stand and groundsman’s bungalow.

The Chairman and Secretary were visiting sites for playing fields.