

26 Jul 1946:

Mr Voyce elected as Chairman of committee consisting of Messrs H J Balchin, F Abbey, H Boughton, T Burns, G Halford, R E Hook, R N Loveridge, L K Middleditch, T Millington, R N Loveridge, S Smart, S F Taylor, F Wadley & A Hudson, Secretary

Messrs Balchin & Millington elected as Gloucester reps on County Executive.

Sub-committees appointed for selection, finance, ground, emergency, N Glos Combination, canteen & programmes.

The Gloucestershire v Devon fixture for 1947/8 had been given to Bristol as the Australians would be playing Gloucester & Somerset at Gloucester.

Prices of admission set at 3/- to 6d.

Gloster & District Schools v Leicester Boys to be played at Kingsholm on 15 Feb prior to the United match.

Ground let for £25 on 19 Aug for a boxing tournament in aid of the Soldiers Sailors & Airmen Families Association.

Chairman to purchase 300 concrete blocks for Worcester St end stands.

Quote received for steel work for covered stands to replace old and dangerous wooden stands, but it was decided to ask Mr Dancey for a quote for open stands.

Club cheques to be signed by any two of Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Trustees for the Memorial Fund to be DR Alcock & Messrs Voyce & Hudson; all monies received to be paid into savings account. A possible site at Barnwood was to be inspected.

A match to be arranged if possible between Gloster United and North Glos Combination in January on a local ground.

Committee meetings to take place on Tuesday evenings.

Training to commence on Tuesday 20 Aug.

The Chairman had received from the Rugby Union 960 clothing coupons to be distributed to clubs by the County Union.

10 Sep 1946:

President to write personal appeal for the Memorial Fund in the next programme. Further donations had been received for the Memorial Fund.

Season Tickets for Deans Walk to be 7/6.

Appeal for reduction in the rent for the boxing match because of the bad weather was rejected.

Drawing of open concrete stand received from architect, quote now awaited.

Application by the Christian Commandoes to make an address for ten minutes before the Moseley match was declined.

Dr Green was unable to continue as Medical Officer of the Club, and Dr John Neill was appointed at a fee of £25.

The County had allocated only 18 clothing coupons to the club, whereas local clubs, some with only one team, had been given 30 – letter of protest to be sent.

17 Sep 1946:

There were difficulties in obtaining beer supplies.

£11/-/2 had been taken for programmes at the Lydney match.

Clothing coupons had been received from officials and players, and an appeal was to be made in the programme.

The 19 players who made most appearances for the Club to go on the Record Board for 1945/6.

Jim Barnes was appointed as Baggage Man for the First Team, and W Cail for the United XV. The baggage men were to be in charge of the dressing room, with power to keep out unauthorised people; jerseys and club property to be in their care.

Complimentary tickets to be issued for all Club matches to the following schools – Crypt, Sir Thomas Rich's, Central, Linden, Hatherley, St Marks.

Over 1000 season tickets had so far been sold.

24 Sep 1946:

Sam Alder to assist Jim Barnes as baggage man.

Groundsman had given notice to leave in a week.

Agreed to London Welsh request that their guarantee be increased from £40 to £50 for the Easter Saturday match.

Students Union to use Kingsholm for practice match on 2 Oct.

Unable to give Stroud a Saturday fixture, but midweek would be arranged if desired.

8 Oct 1946:

Teas at Gloucester thought better than at Bristol.

C Hunt had been replaced as groundsman by H Keen of Innsworth at a weekly wage of £4/10/-.

Treasurer to decide if payment to gatemen and stewards was to be increased.

Corporation were not willing to settle any land at Barnwood for the memorial ground.

Chairman saw the necessity of getting information on promising local players,  
A Saturday match prior to a United game in March to be offered to the Gloucestershire Public and Secondary Schools.

Agreed to pay a subscription of £1/1/- as senior member of Gloster Community Council.

Two fixtures to be arranged for the United with the North Glos Combination, but none with local clubs.

Ground committee empowered to meet with architect to agree quotations for the open concrete stands.

22 Oct 1946:

Profit of £8/5/5 on programmes at Wasps match.

County Executive had agreed that the profit on programmes at the Gloster v Somerset match at Kingsholm would be given to the Memorial Fund.

Sid Taylor's offer to write notes for the programmes was much appreciated.

The County would be giving 12 more clothing coupons, and the RFU would be issuing more in the New Year.

Public and Secondary Schools would be charged £10 for the use of Kingsholm, but would be given the gate money.

Plan for concrete stand with 21 steps, 14" wide and 5" deep, to proceed.

Exchanges with the Town Clerk and the Community Council about the memorial ground.

The Army had offered to play a midweek game at Kingsholm for a guarantee of £60 – they were to be offered £40.

Leicester were keen on a fixture for 1947/8, but it was decided to defer for a year.

Discussion of difficulties in obtaining local players late in the week.

A talk to the players was arranged for the following week.

Mr Burns to be invited to become Fixtures Secretary.

5 Nov 1946:

Various donations had been received for the Memorial Fund.

Army agreed a guarantee of £40 for their match in January.

Mr Hudson had discussed the use of local players by the Gloucester Club at a meeting of the North Gloster Combination. Nevertheless Old Cryptians had complained and stated their disapproval of any of their players being taken for the United XV.

Appointment of Mr Burns as Fixtures Secretary was confirmed.

8 police to be engaged for the County match.

Arrangements for applications for International tickets.

19 Nov 1946:

Tom Voyce had undergone an operation in the Infirmary.

H J Balchin had been elected President of the Gloucestershire Bowling Association.

Profit on programmes at the Bath match was ££8/6/6, and £18/10/4 at the County match., when £5/1/- was taken at the car park, which was also given to the Memorial Fund.

The collection taken at the Gloucestershire Regiment match raised £9/4/- for the Memorial Fund.

Negotiations were ongoing with the 181 ATC band.

10Gns granted to Remembrance Day Fund.

3 Dec 1946:

A collection would be made at the Boxing Day match with OMT's in aid of the Memorial Fund.

72 clothing coupons had been received from the County from the second issue.

Worcester St stand to be painted.

Notice received from the Corporation determining the use of garage under the grandstand, and sending cheque for £6/10/- rent.

1Gn given to the fund for the old Newport RFC baggage man.

Application to be made to obtain the Rugby Film for showing at GRFC.

17 Dec 1946:

ATC band unable to play at Kingsholm this season.

Invitations to attend the dinners of the Harlequins and Wasps clubs were accepted.

Bristol and South Gloucestershire Air Training Corps band to play at the RAF match.

31 Dec 1946:

Mr Voyce returned as Chairman.

£50/16/8 had been raised for the Memorial Fund at the OMT's match, and there had been further donations and programme profits.

Steward to give more attention to reserving sufficient seats for all patrons.

Australians v Gloster & Somerset arranged for 20 Sep at Gloucester.

14 January 1947:

£10/9/- from programmes for the Leicester match, £10/2/- for the London Scottish match, and 10/- donation from Fred Wadley, for the Memorial Fund.

Ministry of Works had refused permission for the construction of the concrete stand.

A 4-way ticket machine had been installed at Worcester St, would be used if possible for the Bristol match.

Tom Price had resigned as captain owing to his continued inability to play due to sciatica. Roy Morris to be asked to become captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, and W Hogg to become captain of the United XV.

Proposed that midweek games between the United XV and local clubs be arranged towards the end of the season.

Rugger film to be sent to Gloucester at the end of February.

Coventry requested a fixture on 6 Sep, but decided too early in season.

Discussion with N G Combination on release of players for United XV, support for Memorial Fund, and expenses for teas.

Agreed to increase groundsman's wage to £5 per week, because he had given great satisfaction in his first 3 months.

25 Jan 1947:

The issue of the concrete stand had been raised with the RFU, and the Chairman hoped to get direct contact with the Ministry of Works.

The ticket machine would be tried out at the next match.

Rugby film to be shown shortly at Club and for N G Combination.

The fixture v Bristol had been cancelled owing to snow and frost, so Bristol to be invited to play on 26 April if the season is extended.

Royal Navy to replace United Services in forthcoming match.

Gloucester Athletic Club sports to be held at Kingsholm on 23 Aug for a fee of £25.

Park St Mission Band to play at Cardiff match was not approved.

The offer by Ted Hook of a photo of the old Spa days was gratefully accepted.

11 Feb 1947:

The match v Cardiff had been played thanks to covering the pitch, which required considerable effort aided by W Cannock and his lorry.

Mr Boughton suggested that the present stand might be extended as an alternative to progressing the concrete stand.

The ticket machine had worked satisfactorily.

Bath enquired about the possibility of switching their match from Bath to Kingsholm because of the state of their ground.

Collection for St John Ambulance to be made at half time on 19 Apr.

Social evening to be arranged with secretaries of North Glos Combination clubs.

Guarantee for RAF match in 1948/9 to be raised from £30 to £40.

Fixtures had been arranged with Llanelly for 1948/49, but difficulty in finding suitable dates with Swansea.

Would write to the County Committee about SW Division not being represented on the English Selection Committee.

Wilts & Dorset had been admitted to SW Division, probably from next season; it was noted that Saturday fixtures would further interfere with Club fixtures.

25 Feb 1947:

The season had been extended to 30 Apr, and to 3 May for 7-a-side, so Bristol fixture arranged for 26 Apr, Stroud to be offered 24 Apr and Bath 30 Apr.

Bath had cancelled the match on 16 Feb owing to the state of their ground.

Arrangements discussed for county match v Middlesex next Saturday.

11 Mar 1947:

Fixtures confirmed with Stroud on 24 Apr, Bristol on 26 Apr, Bath on 30 Apr, and RAF on 27 Mar.

£70/4/6 profit had been made on programmes for the county match and Middlesex had gifted their share. £739 had been taken on the gate, and reserved seat takings needed to be added.

N G Comb committee would meet the Gloucester committee on 18 Mar. Two United matches had been agreed – v NGC North on 10 Apr, and v NGC South on 17 Apr.

Dispute over holding a 7-a-side tournament at Kingsholm on 3 May – this item was later deleted from the minutes.

It was agreed that a framed photo of the President, Dr Alcock, should be hung in the committee room.

18 Mar 1947:

Mid-week matches and the National Economy Emergency – “the Chairman reported the Rugby Football Union has agreed that no mid week matches should be played in deference to the Government wishes ... Should the Government suggest any relaxation the Rugby Union would act accordingly. Dr Alcock proposed and Mr Boughton seconded that the Rugby Union’s request be accepted and agreed to ... Mr Voyce also stated season had been extended to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should evening matches be cancelled it was proposed that Gloucester play at Bath on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.”

7-a-side tournament cancelled as only Stratford had accepted.

25 Mar 1947:

Total takings at the Middlesex Sevens was £1350, so the Club’s 15% share after tax amounted to £161.

Evening games with Stroud to go ahead unless further instruction received from RU.

Secondary schools to be given use of Kingsholm on 5 Apr without charge for match v Derbyshire Schools.

RAF would replace Swansea as opponents on 29 Mar.

Services using Twickenham, so Harlequins match switched to Kingsholm on 12 Apr – gate to be divided after expenses.

Schools offered Kingsholm on 3 May for match v Leicester Schools.

Donation of £25 given to Citizen Flood Relief Fund, and collection to be made at next match.

Tom Voyce donated £10 to Memorial Ground Fund.

15 Apr 1947:

Newport had forwarded a cheque for the whole of the net proceeds of the match at Newport on 22 Mar.

The programme account to be closed, and balance transferred to the Memorial Fund account.

The County Final, Gloucestershire v Lancashire having been drawn at Blundellsands, the offer of the County Committee to play the replay at Kingsholm on 26 Apr was accepted. Lancashire could claim 50% of tickets, others to be allocated to Gloucestershire clubs, including "Lydney (for Forest of Dean)". There were worries about disappointments over allocations might cause the Club's prestige to suffer.

"The Chairman reported the complaint of the referee to W Hogg's conduct in the Gloucester v Harlequins match on Saturday last. After full discussion it was agreed that this player be not selected to play again for the Club."

Team photograph to be taken on 19 Apr.

Guarantee to UAU to be increased from £30 to £35.

Request received from Cheltenham for renewal of fixtures.

20 May 1947:

Accident Prevention Officer proposed demonstration of sports at Kingsholm – charge to be £25.

Decided not to resume fixtures with Cheltenham in 1947/48.

Application by Gloucestershire Association of Boys Clubs for fete and fair for a week was declined.

Royal Infirmary had waived the charges for treatment of Tom Price in view of past generosity of Club.

Gloucester & District Schools granted use of Kingsholm on 18 Oct 1947 and 1 Jan and 20 Mar 1948.

Bristol upset by cancellation of United fixture on 26 Apr, because players wanted to watch County Final replay.

£10 granted to each of the local clubs which had signed the agreement – Gordon League, Fieldings, All Blues, Widden Old Boys, Old Centralians, Student Union, Tredworth, Civil Service, Gloucester Old Boys, Old Cryptians. 5Gns granted to St John Ambulance & Gloucester Cripples, and £15 to Jim Barnes, the Baggage Man. £200 granted to the Memorial Ground Fund.

13 Jun 1947:

At the players meeting it was decided that only players who had played 5 1<sup>st</sup> XV matches in the last season could vote for the captain for next season, and that the election of the United XV captain be deferred to the beginning of the next season. Gordon Hudson was elected captain, and Steve Davies vice-captain, of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV.  
Roy Morris was thanked for his leadership of the team last season.

AGM to be at Mercer's Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The Regional Licensing Officer had refused to issue a licence for the concrete stand owing to the labour and steel shortage.

Proposal to build public lavatories on the Kingsholm ground Worcester St frontage.

For the Australian match at Gloucester on 20 Sep, prices of admission would range between 10/- and 2/-. The Club would receive 15% of the nett gate.

18 Jun 1947:

Nominations agreed for election of officers and committee at the AGM.

[At this point in the minute book are pasted cuttings from the Citizen:  
RC's summary of the season  
Photo of officials and team  
1<sup>st</sup> XV and United XV season records  
Report of the AGM

Also a blank voting form for the election of officers and committee

Those elected were:

President: Dr A Alcock

Vice-Presidents: A T Voyce & A Hudson

Hon Sec: A Hudson

Hon Treasurer: H J Balchin

Hon Fixtures Sec: T Burns

Committee: T Millington, F Wadley, L H Middleditch, R N Loveridge, S Smart, Mrs S F Taylor, H Boughton, R E Hook, F A Abbey, G Halford, R H James (new member)

Players' Rep: N Wickham

Captain: A G Hudson

Vice-Captain: S H Davies

25 Jun 1947:

Tom Goddard, T Millington & A Hudson nominated to represent Gloucester & District on the County Executive.

11 Jul 1947:

T Voyce declined to stand again as Chairman, and T Millington was elected.

Corporation and Club had reached agreement on erection of public lavatories immediately adjoining Wm Jones Builders on car park fronting Worcester St.

Club to vote against Cheltenham representation on County Executive being increased from 1 to 2.

County had granted £75 to the Memorial Ground Fund.

Prices of admission for 1<sup>st</sup> XV matches for 1947/48 set between 4/- and 1/-.

Ground let for boxing tournament on 28 July for £25.