

13 July 1948:

Dr Alcock had obtained Princess Mary's autograph on a sheet of the Club's notepaper during the Girl Guide's Rally at Kingsholm – this would be framed and hung in the Committee Room.

Mr Millington was elected Chairman.

£25 fee to be waived for the Girl Guides' Rally to help their funds.

Work on wire fencing well in hand – agreed to have 3 small gates and one large one.

English Public and Secondary Schools would probably play an international v France at Kingsholm on 30 April.

Selection committee to consist of the officers and 4 elected members. Members of selection, finance, ground and emergency sub-committees appointed.

Messrs Goddard, Millington and Hudson nominated for County Union.

No changes in charges for admission for the coming season.

Dr Murray, a member of the Club and an old player, to be invited to be Medical Officer.

10 Aug 1948:

New goal posts had been delivered but were unsatisfactory.

There was some dissatisfaction with the work of the groundsman.

ERU Trial for 1949/50 had been allocated to Kingsholm.

Mr Redfern of the Welcome Café, Commercial Road, was given the catering contract.

Allan Wadley, a player, was still unable to work.

Dr Murray unable to become Medical Officer – Dr Hill had agreed to continue with Dr Horsley as his deputy.

August 17th to be the first training night.

24 Aug 1948:

4 new goal posts had been obtained.

Patrons to be allowed to use car park free.

A further payment of £9 to A Wadley had been granted by SW Insurance. This illustrated the inadequacy of players' insurance against injury, and a quote was to be obtained from Thos Cook & Sons to cover 15 player and a reserve, baggage man and club rep for two teams.

2Gns to be paid to the Howard Evans Fund (death of a Cardiff student player).

Gloucester Corporation had allocated 4 pitches at Longlevens for the N Glos Combination. Matches at Kingsholm arranged for 8 Sep, North v South, and 16 Sep, Combined side v United.

Players wanted a masseur. Social evening agreed for 9 Sep – teams and reserves for first match to be invited.

Captain asked for permission to invite players to play for his XV v Bream – agreed.

7 Sep 1948:

Decision to stick with SW Insurance for insurance of players.

United to play N Glos Combination on 22 Sep.

Donation of 2Gns to Glos Associated Boys Clubs.

J Barnes appointed as baggage man.

Glos Police v Birmingham City Police approved for Kingsholm on 16 Dec.

UAU international v Welsh Universities approved at Kingsholm on 2 March - £25 fee.

Mr Balchin reported that his HO had specially allocated a coach to be placed at the disposal of the Gloucester Club as required.

21 Sep 1948:

Tom Day, Players' Rep, asked for players' kit to be cleaned, and a masseur.

Beer to be provided for players in United matches.

Gang mower not to be purchased – would consider an auto-scythe.

No objection to Tom Price playing for Cheltenham.

Prices of admission for County match v Cornwall set between 6/- and 6d.

5 Oct 1948:

No acceptable man had been found for post of masseur – committee decided to let the matter “lie on the table”.

More concerns about level of insurance for players' injuries and fatality – proposed to increase premium to secure maximum weekly payment of £4/10/-.

Both Tom Price and R Morris to be awarded captain's caps for 1946/47, but R Morris to appear on board as captain.

Clifton had requested 1st XV match on 23 Oct.

19 Oct 1948:

Finance Committee heard that Club doing much better this season, with season ticket sales up by c£250, and gates to date of £770.

Bill for masseur for W Hook to be paid on this occasion only, but to enquire as to masseur's availability to treat players.

Insurance premiums to be paid were £30 to secure £4/10/- per week, £10 ex-gratia, and £12 fatality (£400), total £82.

Tom Price thought to be trying to poach Dunn for Cheltenham. Cheltenham had put pressure on Birmingham University to cancel fixture with United. Incidents in past matches with Cheltenham had included stones thrown at players. So it was decided to look for another club to replace Cheltenham on fixture list – Coventry were a possibility.

Supporters Club given permission to recruit members at matches.

Mr R E Hook resigned from the Committee on leaving the City.

2 Nov 1948:

100 chairs and 8 tables to be purchased for dining room.

Club's share of the gate at the County match v Cornwall was £123-0-2.

It was decided to limit the games against Welsh clubs to Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Llanelli, and to decline a request from Neath.

J Taylor injured with displaced cartilage – claim to SW Insurance.

Use of Kingsholm granted on 23 Dec for Crypt & Rich's v Graham Parker's Blundell's XV.

Rev Hughes proposed development of the social side of the Club.

9 Nov 1948:

Architect to advise on work on concrete stand or extending existing big stand.

Quotes to be sought for tarmacing enclosure and back of stand, and for concreting Deans Walk terrace at end of season.

10Gns donated to fund for Worcester player who had died.

Permission granted for Glos Regt v Welsh Regt at Kingsholm on 17 Nov.

Gloucester Rugby Football Social Club to be developed and a licence obtained. Various options for location being considered – building under stand, adapting gymnasium, or separate building.

16 Nov 1948:

Sub-committee to be formed to handle social club issues.

W G Hook had been selected to play in English Trial.

Better arrangements required to spot talented players in local clubs.

30 Nov 1948:

J Taylor still in plaster, but had received maximum amount from SW Insurance.

H J Meadows had obtained his Blue.

Supporters Club offered to cover ground with straw against frost if necessary.

22 Apr 1950 offered as date for Public Schools International.

Newport had invited Gloucester to play in a 7-a-side tournament in May – URU and players to be consulted about playing in “Close Season”.

Mr Voyce had drafted rules for the social club.

14 Dec 1948:

Club to pay £5 to J Taylor at £1 per week, refundable when SW Insurance paid up.

Players not interested in playing in Newport 7-a-side tournament in may, and it was unlikely to be permitted by the ERU.

ERU rules did not allow a payment to the fund for the Worcester player who had died, but that a match in aid could be played – agreed to donate proceeds of Worcester v United match.

Junior Combination v Bristol approved at Kingsholm on 23 Apr.

Waterproof capes and leggings to be obtained for touch judges.

18 Dec 1948:

Rules and application for licence for social club approved.

4 Jan 1949:

Ground had been rolled, but tractor left marks – Supporters Club had offered to roll by hand.

J Taylor still injured – further £3 to be advanced to him.

Hotel accommodation for 1948/9 tour to be placed in the hands of an agency.

Fixture with Oxford Greyhounds declined, but midweek fixture with University in 1951 was accepted.

18 Jan 1949:

Roller had been hired for £4 per day.

J Taylor now back at work, but not clear how much SW Insurance were liable to pay in respect of any injured player where wages were less than maximum of £4-10-0, and whether NHS compensation was deductible.

Licence for social club had been granted.

Social evening with players arranged for 25 Jan.

Cheltenham proposal to pool gates for 1949/50 fixtures was rejected, and Cheltenham to be told that no dates for fixtures in 1949/50 were at present available.

Permission to be obtained to give gate from United v Worcester match to the Stockford Fund.

1 Feb 1949:

SW Insurance had paid £10 to settle the J Taylor claim; NHS sick pay was not deductible.

Players request to travel by train on Devon Tour was agreed.

United fixture arranged with Old Luctonians, a newly formed club.

Gate receipts of £10 from United v Worcester match forwarded to Stockford Fund.

Sufficient seats for patrons to be reserved.

15 Feb 1949:

Tour accommodation reserved at Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth for 3 nights and at Seacroft Hotel, Teignmouth for one.

Sale of stand tickets for the Cardiff match to be limited until 2:45 in order to accommodate all ticket holders.

Tractor for roller was available from Civil Service when required.

At the County match the bar would be open for the sale of “intoxicants”.

Kingsholm granted for Glos RU Schools final trial, Gloucester v Bristol, on 5 Jan 1950.

English RFU advice that further application from Air Training Corps for Schools International at Kingsholm be refused.

1 Mar 1949:

15% of gate receipts from County match were due to the Club.

Requests from ATC and Schools for use of Kingsholm were refused in view of heavy use of ground.

Annual collection for St John Ambulance agreed for Guys Hospital match on 19 Mar.

Experiment to supply beer from barrel rather than bottled.

ERFU had refused permission for clubs to participate in Newport 7-a-sides in close season.

President and Chairman to meet Editor of the Citizen to register the Club's disapproval of the publication of letters about the Club Captain, G Hudson.

15 Mar 1949:

A separate account had been opened for the Social Club; the sale of draught beer would continue.

The Editor of the Citizen had been made aware of the letter from RC's "Postbag" which was considered objectionable, and on the inadequacy of rugby reports in general.

Guarantee to RAF increased to £50 because their expenses had been £49.

Old Boys RFC granted use of Kingsholm for a match in April on condition that proceeds given to Memorial Fund. Young Farmers refused use of ground.

Three club officials elected to committee for appeal to raise £20K for Gloucester City War Memorial "Hall of Memory".

Sub-committee appointed to interview C Dunn, a player – he was later reported to have given satisfactory assurances.

£15 to be charged to UAU for the English v Welsh Universities match.

22 Mar 1949:

Deans Walk terrace and terracing in front of gymnasium to be concreted.

29 Mar 1949:

Three committee men to accompany on Tour of Devon.

Permission granted to Glos Education Youth Organiser for Athletic Sports on Kingsholm; likewise for RAOB sports.

12 Apr 1949:

Number of committee men to accompany tour to Devon increased to six.

Chairman to attend Cheltenham Club dinner. Cheltenham had dissociated themselves from derogatory remarks about the Gloucester Club which had appeared in the Echo.

10 May 1949:

Devon Tour deemed a great success, and coverage in the Citizen useful propaganda.

£70 guarantee paid to London Welsh.

Chairman had inadvertently not attended Cheltenham dinner.

Anniversary service to be held at St Mary de Lode in memory of Kit Tanner.

Various applications for use of ground in summer were deferred to ensure they did not interfere with ground improvement work.

Number of players on Record Board to be increased to 18, to include D Evans & W Hook, absent through County games.

Much pleasure at state of finances for 1948/9.

Grants approved to local clubs - £10 to Gordon League, Atlas, Widden OB, Old Centralians, GWR, Spartans, Tredworth, Coney Hill, RNOC, All Blues & Civil Service; £5 to Old Cryptians, Students Union & Old Boys. Also £250 to Memorial Fund, 5Gns to Cripples, 5Gns to St John Ambulance & £15 to J Barnes (baggage man).

W Jones awarded contract for concreting work.

24 May 1949:

Players to be presented with framed photographs, which would cost 30/-.

Grant of 20Gns to the Welfare Fund of the Royal Infirmary.

Contract for £658 awarded to Messrs Bailey Naylor for painting of main stand; new boiler to be bought for £159-18-3; auto-scythe cutter to be purchased.

Mr Loveridge had donated his fee for the sale of a piece of the ground to the Corporation to the Memorial Fund.

SW Insurance refusing to pay for treatment of K Daniell; Club would pay in meantime.

County Union had donated £75 to the Memorial Fund, and N G Combination £10.

31 May:

AGM fixed for 4 July at St Aldate's Hall.

Nominations agreed for County officials and committee.

All present officers and committee members to be nominated at AGM to continue.

Mr Voyce continuing with enquiries for land for Memorial Ground.

28 Jun 1949:

Gordon Hudson and Tom Day nominated as 1st XV Captain – Gordon Hudson elected by players. S H Davies elected Captain of United XV. Tom Day was elected as Players Rep.

Mr Millington had been elected Vice-President of the County Union.

The players would organise some social events during the summer, including 2 cricket matches.

Nominated for the committee in addition to present members were: J G A'Bear, F W James, R R Morris, Ben Price & H G Smith.

The house and land being considered for the Memorial Ground would cost £3K.

Editor of the Citizen had been most apologetic about the controversy last season.

[Pasted into the minutes are newspaper cuttings showing a photograph of the team and officials for the 1948/9 season, RC's summaries of the 1945/6 and 1948/9 seasons, 2 reports on the AGM from 1946 and 1949, and a copy of the voting form for the committee.]