

15 Jul 1949:

New Committee consisted of Dr Alcock, President; A T Voyce & A Hudson, Vice-Presidents; Mr Balchin, Treasurer; Mr Burns, Hon Fix Sec; Rev H M Hughes, J G A' Bear, F Wadley, T H Millington, R N Loveridge, S Smart, S F Taylor, L H Middleditch, H Boughton, R H James, R R Morris. Mr Millington re-elected as Chairman. Sub-committees appointed for Selection, Finance, Ground & Emergency. Mr Taylor re-elected as Programmes Director, and Mr Middleditch as Caterer.

Cinderford Town Band re-engaged on the same conditions as last season, i.e., allowed to make a collection, and thus not paid, which would have cost the Club £500.

Loudspeaker system was required where crowds exceeded 10,000 – quote received.

Separate telephone line and number to be obtained for Club.

Players to be consulted as to whether they preferred caps or badges.

Difficulty in finding committee men able to scout at local clubs – J G A' Bear would do as much as possible.

Prices of admission to 1st XV matches to remain as last season; at United matches to be 1/- to 6d.

Concreting and fence at back of stand to proceed. Lack of labour holding up concreting of parking.

Guarantee to Army RU increased from £40 to £60.

UAU final could not be permitted at Kingsholm on 11 Mar 1950, because of clash with RAF match.

9 Aug 1949:

There were already 3 telephone lines in operation, and the terms of the Press Association contract precluded official sanction of the use of this line by the Gloucester RFC,

Hoped to provide meals at a maximum of 3/- per head.

Christies not able to supply caps as no velvet available.

GRFC would join ERFU scheme for insurance of players in case of death or permanent disablement at £1 per team. Club disapproved of SW Insurance refusal to pay claim for treatment of K Daniell, and Club would look for another insurer.

No general reduction in prices for pensioners would be allowed, but Hon Sec could deal with individual cases.

Lights not to be installed in lavatories unless cost small.

Club agreed to support Gordon League efforts to run a junior side for 15-17 year olds.

Training to start 23 Aug.

23 Aug 1949:

Committee members to attend Rotary Fireworks Display at Kingsholm to monitor performance of loudspeaker system and effect of lighting in stand.

50 meals to be provided at 1st XV matches at 4/- per head, and 40 at United matches; extra meals only for special occasions, and stricter supervision of admission to dining room.

Insurance would continue with SW Insurance for time being.

T J Vivian Davies had been recommended to the Club by Swansea, and D Evans had applied for a trial.

6 Sep 1949:

Loudspeaker test had not gone well, but system needed to be installed to meet Home Office regulations.

2 plots of land of about 5 acres each were for sale and candidates for the Memorial Ground.

Rugby film to be shown.

Maximum of 22 meal tickets to be given to visiting teams.

Distribution of minutes to committee members not thought advisable, but notice of next meeting to be sent to members who had been absent.

20 Sep 1949:

Loudspeaker system to be installed on approval.

A removable key to the beer-barrel tap had been obtained.

Old Age Pensioners and Old Players were to be offered the next higher priced ticket if they asked.

Use of Kingsholm granted for Bristol Tramways charity match, St Dunstons v Metropolitan Police, on 1 Dec, and for Glos Police v Devon Police on 29 Mar 1950.

4 Oct 1949:

N Glos Combination had difficulty in finding someone to organise youth rugby.

GRFC fixtures had not been included in the ERFU handbook.

Some concern that men were playing in the 1st XV who had not been selected as reserves, as a result of last minute defections. Mr Balchin would put a car and messenger at service of Captain to get in touch with players at short notice who were not on the phone.

Prices of admission for international trial set between 7/6 and 1/-.

Social meeting with N Glos Combination committee arranged for 25 Oct.

Ticket machine purchased for car park for £15.

It had been difficult to round players up to get on the coach after the Bedford game, so they only got back to Gloucester at 1240am, and some players therefore missed the train back to Stroud.

Fixtures had not been arranged with the Cheltenham Club for the 1951/2 season.

18 Oct 1949:

Majority of players in favour of badges rather than caps, if they were exclusive.

Loudspeaker test satisfactory.

Beer order be limited to 9 gal per week, to restrict wastage.

Ivor Jones was appointed as Vice-Captain of the United XV.

21 matches for 1st and/or United XV qualified a player for a Club tie.

Coat-of-arms badge to be considered – qualification to be 21 matches for the 1st XV.

WB had announced that he was giving up his Press Association job – it was agreed that he should retain his seat in the stand.

Neath hospitality had been splendid, so previous decision against future fixtures was rescinded.

1 Nov 1949:

Badge on Mr A'Bear's blazer examined, and agreed that this pattern should be adopted provided there was no objection from civic authorities to City Coat of Arms being used.

Rev Hughes asked to make announcements over loudspeaker to a fixed script.

Use of Kingsholm agreed for Crypt School v Graham Parker's Blundell's XV on 22 Dec, and for Gloucester Schools v Worcester & Hereford on 28/29 Dec.

The £10 in the account of the defunct St Marks Club would be divided equally between the Memorial Fund and the Spartans Club.

Season ticket sales were up by £55 compared to last year.

15 Nov 1949:

Enquiries to be made about purchasing WB's private records.

Discussion and differences of opinion as to whether fixtures should be arranged for future seasons with Cheltenham.

Supporters Club request that they should attend meetings with N Glos Combination was refused.

Matters discussed within committee were confidential, and should not be discussed with others.

22 Nov 1949:

Grounds sub-committee: Concrete wall to replace corrugated iron fence on the Deans Walk boundary; concrete wall to support concrete terracing proposed for Worcester St stand; ladies lavatory required on gymnasium side; 60 yards of fencing required at Worcester St end to complete surround of ground.

29 Nov 1949:

60 meals and extra beer required for Cardiff match.

Letter to Cheltenham redrafted.

Sentry box considered for use by Supporters Club on match days; but they could not be given permission to raffle a signed ball, which would be illegal.

Silver Grill request to bring motor refreshment canteen onto ground on match days was refused.

Discussion of arrangements for Trial Match.

13 Dec 1949:

All members of band to be in uniform in future, but playing at half-time to be dropped.

Programmes for Trial Match to be 3d, but better quality of paper sought.

An honorarium of 10Gns to be paid to Mr Carpenter who had volunteered to help with season tickets, but was now leaving Gloucester.

Dr Alcock had taken a personal interest in Gordon Jones, injured United player.

Extension to the tea room could not be taken on currently.

3 Jan 1950:

Cheltenham had agreed to midweek fixtures in 1950/51; hoped for Saturday games subsequently.

Unauthorised programmes had been sold outside the ground for the Trial Match.

Charlie Rose, old player, had died.

Donation of £10 to Memorial Fund from Crypt School in thanks for use of Kingsholm.

Patrons to be allowed to take their children into the reserved seating.

£770-12-11 net profit from the Trial Match, so the Club's 20% would amount to £154-2-7.

Massage would only be paid for if authorised by Club doctor.

Total receipts for season tickets were £1810.

Ministry of Town Planning was holding up acquisition of land for Memorial Ground.

17 Jan 1950:

Decision taken to purchase badges.

It was agreed to purchase the records of W Bailey for 100Gns.

Decided against a Nissen hut as a tea room – developing under the stand was another option.

RAF band to play when their team visited Kingsholm on 11 March.

Cheltenham given permission to play R Western in their United XV.