

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, S. H. Davies, R. Morris, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington.

Apologies were received from Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Messrs. F. Wadley, L. H. Middleditch, S. F. Taylor.

The President was unanimously voted to the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

County Fixtures.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from the County Hon. Sec. thanking the Club for the efforts made with the Leicester Club to ensure that the match v. Devon could be played at Kingsholm on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

Cambridge University.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had not yet received a reply to the offer to visit Cambridge on a mid week date in 1953/54. Hon. Sec. reported he had received cheque for £5 10s. 0d. from O.M.T.'s as a contribution to Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Neath.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from Sec. of Rugby Football Union conveying refusal to extend the 1952/53 playing season. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was accordingly requested to write the Neath Club, who had agreed to come to Gloucester on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, to ask if they would agree to come on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sale - Guarantee.

The Hon. Treasurer gave figures of gate receipts for the last two games with Sale and it was agreed that in response to that Club's request to offer an increase of £5 over the previous guarantee of £50.

Army.

The question of the mid-week game with the Army was raised and the poor financial results in recent seasons was referred to. The Hon. Fix. Sec. stated that the Army had not been able to accept the Saturday vacancy created by the cessation of the United Services fixture after 1953/54. It was decided that the opportunity be taken to discuss the position with the Army officials at the game on Thursday.

Entertainment Tax.

The Hon. Sec. read a circular letter from the Sec. of the Rugby Football Union urging clubs to approach M.P.'s locally with a view to obtaining their support in the campaign to secure a revision of the Entertainment Tax which was having such an adverse effect on the finances of

amateur clubs. It was agreed that the City Member be approached. Terms of letter to him to be drafted by the President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, and the Hon. Sec.

#### British Police v. R.A.F.

It was reported by the Hon. Sec. that he and the Hon. Treasurer had attended a meeting called by the Police officials regarding arrangements for the game on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> inst., and that things were satisfactory from the Club's point of view.

#### Touch Judges.

v. Army	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
v. Leicester	-	Mr. T. Day
v. Leicester 'A'	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
v. Wasps	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
v. Old Luctonians	-	Mr. T. Day

#### Referee.

v. Leicester	-	Mr. Woodhall vice Mr. Croster.
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The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that the Civil Service ground was not available for the United XV v. Bath United on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Millington promised to ascertain whether Gordon League or Messrs. Fielding & Platt Ltd. Ground could be obtained. In meantime Bath Club to be notified that game would not be played at Kingsholm.

#### Youth Clubs.

The Hon. Sec. reported a letter of thanks from the Youth Club organisation for the loan of a set of jerseys.

#### Schools XV Group.

Permission was granted for use of Ground for matches v. Cardiff on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and v. London Schools on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Willie Jones Benefit Fund.

Reference was made to correspondence quoted in football "Citizen" suggesting co-operation of the Gloucester Club in a benefit match for Willie Jones. It was pointed out that co-operation by the Club either directly or indirectly was precluded by the Rugby Football Union Rules.

#### Civil Service R.F.U.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported letter from Sec. of Civil Service R.F.U. asking for mid-week fixture in 1953/54. It was agreed application be not entertained.

Meeting closed 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

20 Jan. 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington. C. N. Smith, F. W. James, T. Day, R. Morris, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies.

Apology from Mr. S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Sale - Guarantee.

It was agreed that Hon. Treasurer write Sale offering increase of Guarantee to £55.

Neath.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that the Neath Hon. Sec. had written stating that his club were already engaged on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. He had suggested however that the question of another date be left for further consideration on our visit to Neath on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Army.

The Hon. Treasurer gave details of the financial result of the game on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> inst. These disclosed that there was little if any profit. The Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to ask the Army authorities to consider a reduction of the guarantee of £60 before confirming the 1953/54 fixture.

Entertainment Tax - R.F.U.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the letter to be sent to the City Member was in draft and would be dispatched shortly.

Police v. R.A.F.

It was reported that the financial results of the game had not been received. The Hon. Sec. said he had gathered from discussion of the matter with Police officials that a request for reduction of the charge of £25 might be expected.

United XV v. Bath United.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that Messrs. Fielding & Platt Club had kindly made arrangements for the loan of their ground for the United XV game with Bath United on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bath Club had intimated that they had no objection to the change of ground.

Cambridge University Game.

Preliminary arrangements for this game were discussed. The Hon. Treasurer was directed to apply to Revenue authorities for exemption from Entertainment Tax. It was decided to arrange for seats inside rails. Mr. Norman Smith produced a specimen of the proposed programme with photograph of the Cathedral on the front page. It was unanimously agreed that the whole of the proceeds from sale of programmes at 6d each should go to the Cathedral Fund. Further

consideration of collection arrangements etc., was left to Sub-Committee consisting of officers with Messrs. C. N. Smith, R. Morris, and L. H. Middleditch.

#### Programmes.

Mr. Norman Smith reported that Mr. S. F. Taylor had now taken over the Programme work again. It was agreed however that the Sub-Committee remain in being to give any necessary assistance. The opinion was expressed that more programme sellers were required.

#### Leicester.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the Leicester Hon. Sec. expressing his Club's regret that it had been necessary to play the game with United XV on a local ground.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. was directed to write the Leicester Club in reply to a further letter, suggesting in view of the County game on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1953, that we would be prepared to abandon the United XV game at Gloucester but to visit Leicester on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 1954 as arranged.

#### Memorial Ground.

The President announced that negotiations for the purchase of the further piece of ground had now been completed. On the proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Balchin, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Trustees for their work in the prolonged negotiations.

#### Touch Judges.

v Bristol	-	Mr. R. Morris
v Neath	-	Mr. F. Wadley
v Newport H.S.O.B.	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch

#### Bristol Match.

In anticipation of a large crowd it was decided to reserve Stand seats for members until 20 minutes before kick-off time and to advertise that this would be done.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

3 Feb. '53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. Hudson, Vice President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, R. Morris, C. N. Smith, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, T. F. W. James, S. F. Taylor.

Apologies from Messrs. T. H. Millington and H. J. Balchin.

The Chairman made reference to the Nomination of Dr. Alcock as City Sheriff and expressed the pleasure of himself and members of the Committee at the honour conferred on the President of the Club.

In thanking the Chairman for his remarks Dr. Alcock said he was conscious of the fact that the honour was in some measure due to his office as President of the Gloucester R.F.C.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Neath.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the question of the date for the game at Kingsholm had been discussed with Neath officials on our visit last Saturday. They had been confident that it would be feasible to make arrangements to play the game they had already fixed on another date so that they could come to Gloucester on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Neath Sec. would write again as soon as possible.

Army.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. said he had written as directed at last meeting but had not yet received a reply.

Entertainment Tax.

The Hon. Sec. reported that letter had been sent to the City Member, who had promised his support. He had asked for some figures relating to the Tax comparable with previous seasons and these were being furnished by the Hon. Treasurer.

Police Match.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had received a communication asking for the Club account for expenses incurred at Police v. R.A.F. game.

United XV v. Bath United.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had taken the opportunity at the meeting of the North Glos. Rugby Combination meeting last evening to thank Messrs. Fielding & Platt's representative for the loan of their ground. It was agreed that two or three officials of the local side should be invited to the meal arranged after the game.

Cambridge University.

The arrangements for the game on February 14<sup>th</sup> were further discussed. It was decided to issue invitations to the Mayor, City Sheriff, City Member, and the Archdeacon of Gloucester. It

was reported that teachers and members of North Glos. Combination would assist in the Collection for the Cathedral Fund.

Leicester.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that the Leicester [Club] had agreed to the cancellation of the United XV's game on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

Touch Judges.

United Services	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Barry	-	Mr. R. Morris or Mr. F. W. James
Cambridge Univ.	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Bath United	-	Mr. T. Day

Cardiff.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter from Cardiff Hon. Sec. intimating that in view of Boys' International on Cardiff Arms Park on February 28<sup>th</sup>, it would be necessary to transfer the game with United XV to another ground nearby. The teams would however change at Cardiff Arms Park and return there for the meal after the game. It was agreed to fall in with this arrangement.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter from the County Red Cross Society asking for permission for the use of Kingsholm for Junior County Rally on a Saturday in June. The Hon. Sec. was asked to obtain fuller particulars of the programme of events proposed.

It was agreed to have seats @ 3/- each inside rails for Cardiff and Newport games.

It was decided to make a collection for the East Coast Flood Relief Fund at Cardiff match on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The President suggested that members of teams in United XV matches be given over the Loud Speaker.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> '53.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, T. H. Millington, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Neath.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had heard nothing further.

Army.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received an acknowledgement of his letter from the Army Sec., who was referring matter to his Committee and would write again later.

Entertainment Tax.

The Hon. Sec. read a reply from the City Member who also forwarded copy of a letter received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer which gave some hope of the possibility of the modification of the Tax in the next Budget. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the City Member thanking him for his efforts in the matter.

Police v R.A.F.

The Hon. Treasurer reported he had received a cheque for £25 covering Club's charge for use of Ground, but no balance sheet.

Cambridge University.

The Chairman read a letter from the Varsity Hon. Sec. thanking the Club for a splendid game and hospitality on their visit last Saturday. The Hon. Treasurer gave details of the gate and collection which with the net proceeds of sale of programmes and the donation from the O. M. Taylors' Club [of] £5 10s. 0d. amounted to £360 14s. 7d. Expenses were £28 19s. 0d.

It was proposed by Mr. S. H. Davies that the Expense of £28 19s. 0d. be borne by the Club and that £360 14s. 7d. be forwarded to the Cathedral Restoration Fund. This was seconded by Mr. T. Millington and agreed.

Mr. Balchin moved and Mr. Norman Smith seconded that the thanks of the Club be accorded to Messrs. H. M. Hughes, A. Hudson, T. Burns, and T. Day, for their efforts in clearing the ground of snow.

Flood Relief Fund.

It was agreed that a collection for the Flood Relief Fund be made at the Cardiff match on 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

British Red Cross Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported receipt of a letter from the British Red Cross County Secretary giving details of the proposed events at the Junior Rally. These were unlikely to damage the ground in any way. The date now asked for was Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, and this was agreed.

On proposition of Hon. Treasurer seconded by Mr. Day it was agreed no charge be made for use of the Ground.

#### Touch Judges.

Swansea	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Cleve	-	
Cardiff	-	Mr. T. Day
Cardiff Athletic	-	Mr. R. Morris

#### O.M.T.'s.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received an invitation for a member of the Club to attend O.M.T.'s Anniversary Dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> April. This matter was deferred to afford the opportunity for the Captain of 1<sup>st</sup> XV to accept invitation as the Club's representative.

#### Loud Speaker.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a complaint that the Loud Speakers on the St. Mark's St. side did not synchronise with those on the Stand side and that it was difficult to distinguish what was being announced. After various suggestions as to what might be done to improve matters it was decided to ask Mr. Lamerton and G.E. Co. to endeavour to effect improvement. The advisability of moving the set from its present position to the office or into the Stand to be suggested.

#### Fixtures - Universities A.U.

The Hon. Treasurer reported he had received a request from the Sec. U.A.U. for an increase in the Guarantee for the 1953/54 fixture owing to increased cost of travelling. It was decided to offer an increase from £40 to £50.

#### Television.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the President of the R.F.U. referring to the effect of television of international games on attendances at club games. The letter asked for the expression of Clubs views on the subject in the form of replies to a set of prescribed questions. The committee's opinions were recorded by votes and answers to the questions entered accordingly.

Meeting closed 9:35 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

3 Feb. 1953. [sic]



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. F. Taylor, S. H. Davies, T. Day, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington.

Apology from Mr. F. W. James.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Neath.

Nothing further to report.

Army.

Nothing further to report.

Entertainment Tax.

Reference was made to the report appearing in the Citizen. It was agreed no action be taken.

Cambridge University Match.

The Chairman read a letter from the Dean of Gloucester expressing appreciation of the Club's efforts on behalf of the Cathedral Restoration Fund and his enjoyment of the splendid game.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter of acknowledgement from the Bishop for the cheque and thanking Club for the splendid result.

British Red Cross Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had written the County Secretary of the Red Cross Society conveying Club's permission for use of the ground on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

O.M.T.'s Dinner.

It was decided to accept the invitation for a Club representative to the Dinner in the hope that the Chairman would be able to represent the Club.

Loud Speaker.

It was reported that the set had been moved to the new position in the office and the Chairman said it had worked satisfactorily when tested last Saturday morning. It had not worked entirely satisfactorily in the afternoon but the wiring was only temporary at the moment.

Flood Relief Fund.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the result of the collection at Cardiff game was £91 5s. 5d.

Gate Money - Insurance.

The question of unauthorised persons entering the office was raised by the Hon. Treasurer. It was agreed that the Hon. Treasurer consult with Mr. Voyce with a view to arrangements being made for the insurance of gate money.

Universities Athletic Union.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had written the Secretary of U.A.U. with Club's offer of increase in Guarantee to £50 but so far no reply had been received.

Touch Judges.

Northampton	-	Mr.
Berry Hill	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
R.A.F.	-	Mr. S. H. Davies

Glos. Co-op Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported application for use of Ground on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that Hon. Sec. interview Co-op representative with a view to obtaining more details of events proposed. Fee of 30 guineas to be suggested.

Bristol Referees' Society Dinner.

It was agreed that the Hon. Sec. accept the invitation to Dinner on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> as Club's representative.

Penzance & Newlyn.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the Penzance & Newlyn Secretary had written to inform him that his club proposed to open their new Stand on the occasion of the Gloucester team's visit on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The visiting party were invited to the social events arranged for the evening.

Programmes.

Reference was made of the errors which had occurred in recent issue of programmes and it was agreed that arrangements be made with the printers for submission of a proof copy for checking.

W. E. Jones.

Reference was made to notice in Citizen regarding the game labelled Glo'shire v Carmarthen for which it was understood several Gloucester Club players had received invitations. It was pointed out that the match had not the sanction of the County Committee. It was decided that players invited should be warned that suspension would follow participation in a Benefit Match in contravention of Rugby Football Union Rules.

Proposed Club Dance.

It was reported that the Players' Representative had approached members of Committee with the suggestion that a Club Dance be arranged. The somewhat disappointing result of the last Club Dance was recalled. It was however proposed that the players be approached individually with a view to ascertaining whether sufficient support would be forthcoming.

Stourbridge.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter from the Stourbridge Club thanking Club for accepting offer to take a team to play Stourbridge on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, as part of that towns' Coronation celebrations.

Mr. Millington made the suggestion that it might be possible to arrange a 7-a-Side game between Gloucester and another County club side to fill in the gap in home fixtures after April 16<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this until next meeting to see if a favourable reply from Neath had been received in the meantime.

John Gwilliam.

Complimentary reference was made to Radio Broadcast by John Gwilliam last Sunday, and it was agreed that the Chairman should convey to this player the Club's admiration on his splendid address.

Memorial Ground.

The President said he was happy to report that work on the ground fences had commenced.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

17 March 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, F. Wadley, C. N. Smith, L. H. Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, T. Day, R. Morris, F. W. James.

Apologies were received from Messrs. S. F. Taylor and S. H. Davies.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Neath.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he still awaited letter from Neath.

Army.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that the further letter promised had not been received.

Cambridge University.

The Hon. Sec. reported that the University Hon. Sec. had written to say that they would not be making any claims for expenses incurred on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

British Red Cross Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported receipt of a letter from the Society Secretary thanking the Club for permission granted for use of the Ground on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

O.M.T.'s.

The Chairman accepted the invitation to represent the Club at the O.M.T.'s Anniversary Dinner on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Loud Speaker.

It was agreed that the outstanding Contractor's bill be paid.

Universities A.U.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he was still without a reply to offer of increase in Guarantee.

Gloucester Co-op. Society.

The Hon. Sec. said he had made an appointment with the Co-op Society Representative when details of the events and terms of letting the ground on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> were discussed.

Programmes.

It was reported that arrangements had now been made for the submission of proof for checking.

Club Dance.

A Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs. R. Morris, T. Day, and S. H. Davies was appointed to meet players to discuss details of the proposed Dance and report back.

7-a-Side Games.

It was agreed to invite the Clifton Club to send a team to play a Gloucester Club team during the North Glos. Rugby Combination Tournament.

Memorial Fund.

It was reported that proceeds of the A. T. Voyce XV v. G. Cryer's Old Centralians XV would be given to the Memorial Fund.

Universities' Athletic Union.

It was agreed to give permission for the use of Kingsholm on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> December on the occasion of the English Universities' v. Welsh Universities' match at usual fee of £25.

Schools Under-15.

Permission was granted for use of Ground on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. No charge to be made.

C. Crabtree.

Hon. Sec. read letter from this player tendering his resignation. The Hon. Sec. was asked to thank Mr. Crabtree for past services to the Club.

Newport Match.

Members of Committee were appointed to assist stewards in Stands and inside rails for the Newport game on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Touch Judges.

Guy's Hospital	-	Mr. T. Day
Coventry Extra 1 <sup>st</sup> .	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Newport	-	Mr. R. Morris
Newport Ath.	-	Mr. F. W. James

Meeting closed 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

30 March 1953 [sic]

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, March 31st, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, R. N. Loveridge, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, S. F. Taylor.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Neath.

Hon. Fix. Sec. reported letter received from Neath Hon. Sec. regretting inability to play at Kingsholm on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Army.

Nothing further to report.

U.A.U.

No reply yet received.

Glos. Co-op. Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported the Society had agreed terms of letting Ground on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>., at a fee not exceeding forty guineas.

Club Dance.

Reported Sub-Committee had not yet met players.

7-a-Side Games.

The Hon. Sec. reported that arrangements had been made for a Clifton team to play a Gloucester team during the finals of the North Glos. Rugby Combination Tournament.

Schools.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from H. Waldron, Schools' Secretary, for permission given for use of Kingsholm for match on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Touch Judges.

Stroud	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Stroud Nomads	-	Mr. F. W. James
Hereford	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Sale	-	Mr. R. Morris
Lydney	-	Mr. T. Day
Blackheath	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Cheltenham	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Chepstow	-	Mr. F. W. James

Car Park - Three Choirs Festival.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter received from Secretary of the Stewards of Three Choirs Festival asking if facilities for parking cars at Kingsholm could be provided during the Festival. After discussion as to necessity of provision of lighting and stewards to regulate parking etc., it was agreed to grant permission. Mr. Balchin to consider arrangements for control, prices, etc., and to report back.

Gloucester Pipe Band.

Application for engagement at matches at Kingsholm was allowed to lie on the table.

St. John Ambulance Collection.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter of thanks from Supt. for permission to make the Collection on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The sum of £25 15s. 11d. had been obtained which was considered very satisfactory.

Bristol Club Annual Dinner.

The Hon. Sec. reported invitation from Bristol Club for Club representative to Annual Dinner on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Gloucester Society of Referees.

Hon. Sec. reported letter from Secretary of Referees Society inviting Club Rep. to Dinner on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

North Glos. Rugby Combination.

The Club Representative, Mr. F. Wadley reported that complaints had been lodged by several local clubs at the last N.G.C. committee meeting it being alleged that players were being taken by the United XV without prior notice being given to the local club Secretary. During the discussion which followed it was pointed out that in two instances quoted the Gloucester Club had not been at fault.

Tour.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Selection Sub-Committee proposed that 25 players be taken on the Tour. With the 3 officials, Mr. Wadley, Committee-man in charge, Baggage Man, Mr. Cabe, and the driver, the party travelling would number 31, and would leave on Friday afternoon, April 24<sup>th</sup>. On proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Smith this was agreed.

Stourbridge.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. was instructed to reply to a letter from the Hon. Sec. of Stourbridge R.F.C. confirming match with that Club and a Glo'ster XV at Stourbridge on Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> next.

Meeting closed...

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

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Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. T. Voyce, and A. Hudson, Vice Presidents, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, S. F. Taylor.

Apology from Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman.

Dr. Alcock was unanimously voted to Chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Glos. Co-Op. Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a letter accepting conditions for use of Ground on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, at fee of 40 guineas. The arrangements were considered satisfactory and agreed.

Club Dance.

It was understood that arrangements for dance on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> were complete. Tickets had been printed and were on sale.

7 a-Side.

Hon. Sec. reported that he had been notified the Clifton team to play a Gloucester team would be composed of Clifton and Bristol Club players.

Three Choirs Festival - Car Park.

The President informed meeting that the Festival Stewards Committee had not yet met so there was nothing further to report.

North Glos. Combination.

It was decided that no further action be taken regarding complaints referred to at last meeting.

Tour.

Reported arrangements completed.

Touch Judges.

Cheltenham	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Harlequins	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Bristol Aero	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Bath	-	Mr. R. Morris

Mr. A. Voyce's XV v. Mr. Guy Cryer's Old Centralians XV.

Mr. Voyce reported on arrangements made for game on Monday evening next, and gave names of his provisional team. Gate arrangements were discussed. All receipts to go to Memorial Fund.



Bert Parham.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had attended this old players' funeral and had received letter from the widow thanking Club for wreath sent.

Mr. Ravenhill - Architect.

The Architect's bill for £17 2s. 0d. in connection with repairs to Stand etc, and for £28 5s. 0d. Memorial Ground work were passed for payment.

The Hon. Sec. read a circular letter from the Central Control of Physical Recreation regarding a coaching course in Rugby and training methods etc., proposed to be held in the Chippenham area in September. Mr. Voyce who serves on P.R. Council recommended the scheme. It was considered however that the scheme was one which should be dealt with at County level.

Schools.

The Hon. Treasurer drew attention to the slack methods in the sale of tickets by the various school bodies. Tickets were sold without being numbered and he experienced difficulty in obtaining figures for checking for Revenue purposes. After discussion of this matter it was resolved that future applications for use of Kingsholm should be granted only on condition that the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer be consulted with regard to financial and other matters, and that conditions to be laid down were complied with. Proposed by Mr. C. R. Smith seconded by Mr. T. H. Millington and agreed.

Regarding conditions to be laid down it was stated that useful information might be obtained from the Bristol Club who were experiencing similar trouble and from whom the Hon. Sec. was awaiting a communication on the subject.

Meeting closed 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

12 May 19153.

LOOSE EXTRACT TAKEN FROM CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>,  
1953.

***They earned glory in some matches... failed disappointingly in others... but ---***

**GLO'STER CAN FEEL SATISFIED WITH THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**

***says rugby critic Brian Gilshenan***

**A GOOD season - yet one in which the club did not quite achieve all that was expected of them... that, I think, justly sums up Gloucester's playing record for 1952-53.**

**Overshadowed though the season has been by the brilliance of the Kingsholm Jubilee Year, Gloucester have, nevertheless, contrived to equal their third highest number of wins in post-war rugby.**

Gloucester's complete record reads:-

**Played 42, won 23, drawn 4, lost 15, points 416, against 317.**

And, for those who wish to make comparisons, here again is the club's record for 1951-52;

Played 45, won 30, drawn 4, lost 11.

Gloucester's points total this season has been made up of 88 tries (including one penalty try), 34 conversions, 24 penalty goals and four dropped goals.

### **Season of striking contrasts**

From the point of view of the club's playing performances the season has been one of striking contrasts.

At times the Red and Whites really excelled themselves, lowering the colours of some of the most powerful sides - both English and Welsh - in thoroughly deserved victories.

But in other games they failed disappointingly - sometimes against teams whom it might reasonably have been expected they would beat with comparative ease.

Taking the season as a whole, however, I think Gloucester can justifiably feel quite satisfied with their achievements.

The club's most notable feat was, of course, their 14-9 victory over Cardiff - now beaten at Kingsholm two years running.

And, hardly less meritorious, was Gloucester's away win over Swansea - their first victory at St. Helen's for 19 years.

Other notable achievements included the "double" over Leicester, and wins at the expense of Cambridge University, the Army, and the Royal Air Force.

### **They gave "Big Two" a big fright**

And though Gloucester did not quite pull it off in their away matches with Cardiff and Newport, I shall always think of their performances in these two games as ranking among the best of the season.

They came near enough to winning in both matches to give the Welsh "Big Two" a severe fright.

Gloucester's biggest win of the season was gained at the expense of Old Paulines, whom they beat 30-0, and on a county match day!

### **Hard-working pack**

Once again the strength of Gloucester's pack has been an important match-winning factor.

**The forwards were seldom beaten in the loose and, taking the season as a whole, the backs could not grumble about the amount of the ball which they received from scrums and lines-out.**

This is not to say, however, that there has not been considerable room for improvement in Gloucester's scrummaging and lines-out work.

**In too many games the forwards failed to get the ball back cleanly in these departments.**

Perhaps the use of a scrummaging machine for training purposes would not come amiss next season!

Skipper Bob Hodge has been a tireless worker in the pack. Always in the thick of things, Bob, by his determination and never-say-die spirit, has set an excellent example to the whole side throughout the season.

**Four times reserve for England, it was hard lines that he came so close to international honours without actually being “capped.”**

An important event for Gloucester was the arrival in the pack of Welsh international John Gwilliam.

John's skill and resourcefulness have often proved of inestimable value, and he is, without question, the club's most outstanding lineout forward.

Gloucester have been so well served by all the forwards who turned out regularly that it seems rather invidious to refer to any of the others by name.

But I would perhaps single out for special mention wing-forward Peter Ford, who shares with Turner the honour of being Gloucester's leading try-scorer, and Dennis Ibbotson, and the irrepressible Henry Wells.

### **Form of backs has been mixed**

The form of the back division has been mixed but, on the whole, encouraging.

**Gloucester's outsiders have endeavoured to continue playing attractive, open rugby and when at their best recaptured much of the dash and thrust seen so often last season.**

Handling mistakes and a certain amount of bad luck have, however, been stumbling blocks in a number of games.

This season, too, Gloucester have not been quite so happy in their half-back partnerships.

Apart from a tendency to lob his passes John Hobbs has shown himself a good scrum-half, and Billy Nield has often done well as deputy.

But neither their partnerships with Bill Cartmell nor with the other outside-halves who have been tried worked quite so smoothly as the old Vivian Davies-Cartmell combination of last season.

### **Baker topped the list**

Much of the limelight in Gloucester's back division has been stolen this season by Michael Baker - one of the most improved players in the side.

He is rapidly developing into the kind of centre for whom Gloucester have waited for years.

In addition his powerful kicking has made him leading points scorer for the season.

Howard Terrington has been an excellent tactician in the centre while John Taylor and Ernest Turner have been determined wingers - always ready to "have a go" and make the most of their opportunities.

Trevor Halls - a vastly improved player since his temporary "dropping" from the fullback berth - has impressed with some good displays in the past two or three months.

A word of praise is also due to Bill Smith for the sound way in which he filled the breach during Hall's absence.

### **List of scorers**

Gloucester's points scorers were: M. Baker, 15 pen. goals, 16 conversions, 1 drop goal, 4 tries (92 points); P. Ford, 14 tries (42); E. Turner, 14 tries (42); T. Halls, 5 pen. goals, 10 conversions, 1 try (38); J. Taylor, 11 tries (33); H. Terrington, 3 tries, 3 conversions, 1 drop goal (18); C. Crabtree, 6 tries (18); D. Ibbotson, 5 tries, 1 drop goal (18); W. Smith, 2 pen. goals, 4 conversions (14); J. Gwilliam, R. Sutton and D. Jones, 3 tries (9); H. Wells, 1 try, 1 pen. goal, 1 conversion (8); C. Thomas, A. Baimbridge, R. Parry, J. Hobbs, W. Cartmell, G. Hastings, R. Hodge, 2 tries (6); G. Bevan, W. Nield, R. Stower, J. Bowdler, M. Burford, 1 try (3); L. Morgan, 1 drop goal (3); G. Hudson, 1 pen. goal (3).

END OF LOOSE EXTRACT TAKEN FROM CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED  
SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, May 12th, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Messrs. A. Hudson, Vice President, Rev. H . M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor.

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mr. A. T. Voyce by the Hon. Sec., who had sent a letter conveying the Committee's sympathy to Mr. Voyce in his sudden illness. He was asked to report that Mr. Voyce was progressing satisfactorily.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Club Dance.

The financial result of the Dance was not yet known but it was thought that the function had been a success. A suggestion was made that any profits might be handed over to the Memorial Fund.

7-a-Side.

Reported that net profit amounted to £73 5s. 0d.

A. T. Voyce's XV v. Guy Cryer Old Centralians XV.

The Hon. Sec. reported that to date he had received approx. £65 from the receipts at this match.

Three Choirs Festival - Car Park.

The President informed the meeting that the Festival Stewards Committee had after further consideration decided not to proceed with the arrangements for provision of a Car Park at Kingsholm.

Schools.

The matters raised by the Hon. Treasurer at the last meeting were again discussed. The Hon. Sec. said he unfortunately had not received the details promised by the Bristol Club representative. It was decided to recommend that the new Committee draw up definite conditions for the letting of the ground to cover the sale of tickets and other matters which had been discussed.

Coronation.

Mr. L. H . Middleditch was nominated as the Club's representative to attend the Special Service in the Cathedral on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

W. G. Owen - Referee.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Owen announcing his retirement and thanking the Club for the many opportunities afforded him to officiate in matches at Kingsholm. It was agreed Hon. Sec. reply in appropriate terms.

Red Cross Society.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had been notified that the County Red Cross Society had cancelled their arrangements for the Junior Rally on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Permali.

Application Permali Ltd., for use of Kingsholm on 11 July was agreed subject to usual conditions and charge of £40.

County R.U. A.G.M. - Nominations.

It was agreed to support the nomination of the officers nominated by the Executive Committee. The Chairman stressed the necessity for obtaining the nomination of one of the Clubs' representatives for the Selection Sub-Committee. Messrs. Hudson, Day, Wadley, and Davies were nominated to represent the Club. The ballot resulted in Messrs. Hudson and Davies being elected.

Accounts and Balance Sheet.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the Accounts were practically ready for the Auditors and gave details of the figures which would appear in the finalised Account which he would present at next meeting.

Receipts from all sources were	£7, 490
Expenditure	£7, 381
Credit Balance	£ 109

The figures were approved subject to Audit and the Hon. Treasurer was thanked for his report.

Grants - Local Clubs; Charities.<sup>1</sup>

On proposition of Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. Burns, Grants as for 1951/52 were approved as follows:

Fieldings	Civil Service
Gordon League	Old Boys
Widden O. Boys	Students Union
Old Centralians	Old Richians
Spartans	Shire Hall
Tredworth	All Blues
Coney Hill	Old Cryptians
Gloucester Cripples	£5 5s. 0d.
Gloucester Hospital	£10
Welfare Fund	
St. John Ambulance	£10

<sup>1</sup> No figures entered under 'Local Clubs.'

Universities A.U.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had received from U.A.U. Secretary a request for a reduction of the charge of £25 for the use of Kingsholm on the occasion of the English Universities v. Welsh Universities match on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> next. It was agreed that reply be sent promising further consideration in the light of the financial result of the match.

Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. was fixed for Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> at Connaught Rooms, at 7:30 p.m.

Players' Meeting.

The Players' Meeting for Election of Captains etc., was arranged for Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed 9:05 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

16 June 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1953.



Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Rev. H . M. Hughes, Chairman, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., L. H, Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, F. Wadley, F. W. James, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor, T. Day, S. H. Davies.

Apologies from Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Permali.

The application to change the date on which the Ground was required from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August was agreed on condition that the grass would not require to be cut for the occasion.

Nomination of Officers - 1953/54 Season.

Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Norman Smith seconded the nomination of all existing Officers for season 1953/54. In making his proposition Mr. Millington voiced the thanks of the Committee to the Officers for their work in the past season. He took the opportunity to make special reference to the Presidents' appointment to the high office of City High Sheriff and to the honour accruing to the Club.

Committee.

Dr. Alcock proposed and Mr. Balchin seconded the nomination of all members of last season's Committee en bloc. This was agreed.

Gloucester War Memorial Trust.

The Hon. Sec. reported letter received asking for permission to use Ground for a Boxing Tournament to be held towards the end of July. It was hoped to obtain the service of Randolph Turpin in an exhibition bout. It was agreed to grant permission; a fee of £50 being provisionally suggested, and that matters be left in the hands of the President who would see the Deputy Town Clerk about arrangements.

Accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the accounts had now been audited and were ready for the printers. He made reference to a few points raised by the Auditors, which were satisfactorily explained.

The accounts disclosed a balance in hand of £261 10s. 7d. for the year.

On the proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Morris the accounts were passed, the Chairman paying tribute to the splendid manner in which the Club's finances were controlled.

Baggage Man.

On proposition of Mr. S. H. Davies seconded by Mr. T. Day it was agreed that Mr. W. Cole be paid £15 and Mr. G. Hudson £10 for 1952/53 season.

County R.U.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported that he had attended the County R. U. Annual Meeting on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, when all nominees, Officers and Committee had been elected.

U.A.U.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. reported he had written the Secretary of U.A.U. as directed at last meeting. He had received a reply to the effect that the promise to re-consider the question of the charge for the use of the Ground on Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. next, in the light of the financial result was considered satisfactory.

Army.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. was directed to reply to a letter from the Hon. Sec. Army R.U. intimating that re-consideration would be given to the question of the Guarantee, now agreed at £50, for the 1953/54 game if the match proved a financial success.

Ground Repairs, etc.

Mr. Middleditch raised the question of the necessity for more room in the Tea Room and it was agreed to recommend this matter for the attention of the new committee.

The state of the Deans Walk boundary fence was also referred to and it was agreed to give this matter priority by the new committee.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

August 18 1953

Players' Meeting, Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

A good number of players attended, and the Chairman explained the object of the Meeting and the conditions governing the voting in the event of a ballot.

1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain.

Mr. Bob Hodge was first proposed but asked for his nomination to be withdrawn. He thereupon proposed Mr. John Taylor and this was seconded by Mr. Ray Sutton.

Mr John Taylor was unanimously elected as 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain.

United XV.

Mr. Ivor Jones was proposed by Mr. T. House. This nomination was seconded by N. Nield and carried unanimously, there being no other nomination.

Players' Representative.

On proposition of Mr. Gordon Hudson seconded by R. Trevor Hills, Mr. George Hastings was elected Players' Representative.

The Chairman complemented the new Captains on the honour conferred on them and wished them luck in the new season. He conveyed the members' thanks to the retiring Captain, Mr. Bob Hodge for his good work in a somewhat [difficult] season, following as it did a record season.

The new officers and Mr. Hodge suitably responded, Mr. Taylor in his remarks stressing the need for planned training with a view to better team work.

The President congratulated the new Captains on their appointments and expressed the hope that the next season would be a good one. He congratulated the players who had done so well in the last season. He offered as a piece of advice the suggestion that outside games at the commencement of the season should be cut to the minimum.

Mr. Millington also spoke and urged players to greater training efforts at the beginning of the season in order to secure a bigger Club representation in the County teams.

The Chairman invited questions from the players:-

Mr. Hodge asked if the meeting be told what efforts had been made to establish a Social Club. The President gave a report of the endeavours in this direction during the past few seasons.

Mr. Hastings suggested an earlier start for training and it was decided to start on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Taylor suggested more meetings between players and Committee should take place during the season.

Mr. Thomas asked if better arrangements could be made for getting players who lived outside City home after matches involving long journeys.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

August 19 1953.

GRFC COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEASON 1952-53 PRESENTED TO THE AGM, 26<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 1953

**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

CONNAUGHT ROOMS, EASTGATE STREET

On Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953 :: At 7-30 p.m.

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***Committee's Report for Season 1952-53.***

THE COMMITTEE in presenting the Report and Balance Sheet for 1952-53, are able to report a most satisfactory year in which the membership has again been increased and the total of matches won by the 1<sup>st</sup> XV shows a very healthy balance over defeats, while the United XV have at long last achieved their ambition of a record number of wins in the long history of its existence as a team.

The first team record reads as follows: Played 42, Won 23, Lost 15, Drawn 4; points for 416, against 318.

Both teams have always been willing to play open football and have been encouraged in carrying on the traditional type of football of the Club by the example and leadership of both Captains.

It is never easy to follow a record season, and the Club is grateful to Bob Hodge for the enthusiasm and hard work that he put into his year of office and we congratulate him upon being travelling reserve for the English side in every International of the year.

We also congratulate John Gwilliam on Captaining Wales against England and on his form for Gloucester regaining his place in the Welsh side.

The United under the excellent leadership of their Captain achieved a record season. It amazed visiting teams to see the support which the United received for many of their matches and we appeal to Members to continue that support during the coming season.

Both teams have been badly hit by injury during the season and we wish a speedy recovery to all those who were unable to finish the season.

We are glad to record that the Cathedral Fund benefited by £360 15s 5d. from the Cambridge match, which was one of the finest games seen on Kingsholm for years. We are proud to record another victory over Cardiff at Kingsholm and look forward with confidence to further success next season over the other leading Welsh and English clubs.

The finances of the Club are less favourable than in recent seasons. The Committee made no increased charges in the price of admission in spite of the additional entertainments tax imposed during the year. The Hon. Treasurer will, however, record that none of our grants to local clubs etc., have suffered because of our loss of income.

The Committee wish to record their thanks to The President, Doctor Arnold Alcock, and also to congratulate him on his appointment to the position of City High Sheriff; to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Hudson, who has completed his 51<sup>st</sup> year of outstanding service to the Club as Player and Administrator; to Mr. H. J. Balchin, the Hon. Treasurer, who has continued his able work of controlling the finances of the Club; and to Mr. T. Burns, the Hon. Fixture Secretary, in his most difficult work.

The Committee again wish to thank the following organisations whose interest and assistance is indispensable to Rugby Football: The Referee's Society; the Local Clubs; The Schools' Unions; The St. John's Ambulance; and the Press. Finally we would like to thank all those who have supported the Club during the past year.

We look forward with confidence to next season and the Committee will do everything in its power to see that the grand tradition of sportsmanship and open and clean football under the most perfect conditions will be continued through yet another season.

**GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB. Season 1952-53**

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

1951-1952	EXPENDITURE	1952-1953	1951-1952	INCOME	1952-1953
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
350 0 4	Amusement Tax	708 0 8		Subscriptions -	
250 0 0	Ground Company Annual Rent	250 0 0	248 17 0	78 Members at £3 3 0	245 14 0
57 19 0	Income Tax - Schedule 'A'	64 4 0	726 0 0	524 " " 1 10 0	786 0 0
	Subscriptions to County Rugby		141 15 0	146 " " 1 1 0	153 6 0
2 2 0	Football Unions	2 2 0	521 5 0	743 " " 15 0	557 5 0
427 13 10	Local Rates	427 13 10	194 10 0	436 " " 10 0	218 0 0
1,135 12 2	Expenses - Away Matches	1,039 0 5	5 2 6	41 " " 2 6	<u>5 2 6</u>
429 4 2	Home Matches	335 19 11		(Players)	1,965 7 6
468 5 3	Printing, Advertising and Bill-posting	430 7 6		Gate Receipts -	
	Insurance of Players	58 0 0	5,379 7 6	First Team Matches	4,509 1 6
782 11 11	Refreshments, Canteen Expenses and Teas	627 7 3	72 10 6	Second " "	<u>154 5 3</u>
37 1 8	General Insurances	40 3 0		Cambridge Match Proceeds and Ground Collection	360 15 5
36 3 1	Referees' Expenses	34 6 11		Less Cheque to Cathedral Fund	<u>360 15 5</u>
230 19 3	Equipment, Footballs, etc.	226 13 1		Grant from Teignmouth RFC	45 0 0
38 13 9	Postages and Telephones	26 19 7	45 0 0	" " Penzance RFC	<u>70 0 0</u>
275 16 10	Wages to Groundsmen	302 16 6	70 0 0		115 0 0
59 3 0	Special Ground Expenses	134 8 8		Hire of Ground -	
645 2 10	Repairs, Renewals and Improvements	695 6 2		County Union	93 17 3
32 18 0	Photographs	26 10 0	32 6 9	Police Match	<u>25 0 0</u>
49 11 5	Police Charges	42 15 8	-		118 17 3
532 0 0	Guarantees to Visiting Teams	490 0 0	38 14 6	Motor Car Park	35 8 0
37 3 6	Chemist's Account	33 14 7			
170 0 0	Grants to Local Clubs	165 10 0		Investment Income -	
95 2 2	Lighting and Fuel	102 2 0		Defence Bond Interest	73 10 3
11 11 0	Audit Fee	11 11 0	61 15 11	Loan Interest	148 10 0
13 14 7	Sundry Expenses	23 13 8	148 10 0	Treasury Stock Interest	59 11 4
-	Club Blazer Badges	29 7 6	59 11 4	Trustee and other Bank Interest	60 15 6
600 8 3	Income Tax on Interest and Profits	385 10 0	59 19 8	Savings Bonds Interest	43 18 6
			43 18 6	Redemption Bonus	<u>-</u>
23 17 10	Corporation Duty	24 15 3	2 0 0		386 5 7
50 0 0	Architect's Fees	50 18 7			
71 0 6	Laundry	72 19 6			
200 0 0	Memorial Fund Grant and Professional Fees	209 17 3			
	Donations -	£ s d			
5 5 0	Gloucester Cripples	5 5 0			
10 10 0	St. John's Ambulance	10 10 0			
10 10 0	Gloucester and District Hospitals Welfare Fund	10 10 0			
5 5 0	Remembrance Day	<u>5 5 0</u>	31 10 0		
663 16 6	Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure	261 10 7			
<u>£7,851 4 2</u>		<u>£7,365 15 1</u>	<u>£7,851 4 2</u>		<u>£7,365 15 1</u>

## BALANCE SHEET

1951-1952		SURPLUS AND LIABILITIES		1952-1953		ASSETS				
£		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	Income and Expenditure Account -									
17,898	Balance as Last Account	18,562	12 3			3,985	Grand Stand and Stands Account -			
	<i>Add</i> Excess of Income over						Balance as at Last Account		3,985	8 7
664	for Year to date	<u>261</u>	<u>10 7</u>	18,824	2 10	3,300	Advanced on Loan as at Last Account		3,300	0 0
							Investments (at cost)			
	Sundry Creditors and Provisions:-						Shares of £1 each in the Gloucester			
711	Accrued charges and Income			501	7 1	3,067	Football & Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.	3,067	0 0	
	Tax					-	3% Defence Bonds	1,000	0 0	
						-	3½% Defence Bonds	1,000	0 0	
						2,300	2½% Defence Bonds	2,300	0 0	
						2,003	£2,382 14s. 5d. 2½% Treasury			
							Stock	2,002	16 6	
						1,502	£1,464 6s. 2d. 3% Savings			
							Bond 1965/75	1,501	15 0	
						414	Cash at Bankers - Current Account	285	11 7	
						19	Deposit Account	20	1 3	
						2,683	Cash on Deposit - Trustee Savings			
							Bank	<u>862</u>	<u>17 0</u>	
									12,040	1 4
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I have examined the above Statement and compared the same with the Books, Vouchers, and Bank Books of the Club, and I certify the Balance Sheet and Accounts to be true and correct, and as shown by the books of the Club.

H. J. Balchin, *Hon. Treasurer*  
June 1953.

WILIAM V. EGGLETON  
*Chartered Accountant,*  
*Auditor*  
Russell Chambers, Gloucester.



## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB - FIXTURES 1953-54

Hon. Secretary : A. Hudson, The Chestnuts, Kingsholm, Gloucester

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1953					1954			
Sept.	5				Jan.	2	London Scottish	A
"	12	Lydney	H		"	7	Army	H
"	17	Stroud	A		"	9	Leicester	H
"	19	Moseley	H		"	16	Wasps	H
"	23	Cheltenham	A		"	23	Bristol	A
"	26	Bristol	H		"	30	Neath	H
Oct.	3	Bedford	A		Feb.	6	United Services	A
"	10	Old Blues	H		"	13	Bath	H
"	17	Newport	H		"	20	Swansea	H
"	24	Coventry	A		"	27	Cardiff	A
"		<i>(Glos. v. Cornwall, Away)</i>			Mar.	6	Llanelly	H
"	31	Oxford U.	H		"	13	R.A.F.	H
Nov.	7	Leicester	A		"	20	Guy's Hospital	A
"		<i>(Glos. v. Devon at Gloucester)</i>			"	27	Newport	A
"	14	Moseley	A		Apr.	3	Northampton	H
"		<i>(New Zealand, at Bristol)</i>			"	8	Cheltenham	H
"	21	Blackheath	H		"	10	Harlequins	H
"	28	Cardiff	H		"	15	Stroud	H
"		<i>(Glos. v. Somerset, Away)</i>			"	17	Birkenhead Park	H
Dec.	5	Neath	A		"	19	Bradford	H
"	12	Bath	A		"	20	Lydney	A
"	19	Coventry	H		"	24	Exeter	A
"	26	O.M.T.'s	H		"	26	Torquay Athletic	A
"	28	U.A.U.	H		"	27	Teignmouth	A
					May	1	Devonport Services	H

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Hon. Fixture Secretary : T. Burns, 27 Tuffley Avenue, Gloucester

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EXTRACT TAKEN FROM CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1953.

## ***GLOUCESTER RFC NOW ONE OF LEADING CLUBS IN GREAT BRITIAN***

**- says Dr. Alcock**

**A WARNING** that the development of the Memorial Ground to serve as a “nursery” for Gloucester Rugby Football Club would necessitate large expenditure, was voiced by Dr. Arnold Alcock (President) at last night’s annual meeting.

Dr. Alcock spoke of the high standard of rugby attained by Gloucester Club, who were now one of the leading clubs in Great Britain.

**But the emphasis, said the President, should be laid on the training of the reserves, who were the strength of any rugby football club. “It is the building up of the players to which we should look forward in the future,” he declared.**

Already, said Dr. Alcock, a memorial Ground had been obtained and fenced off, and this would ultimately have four pitches to serve as a nursery for the Gloucester Club.

### **Great acquisition**

The next thing to be done to the ground was to clear it of hay, of trees and tree stumps.

“When this is done we shall have one of the finest pitches for a wide area apart from Kingsholm,” he said.

**“It will be a great acquisition, but it means a lot of money. We have already spent a lot of money but we shall need a lot more,” warned the speaker.**

Among other things changing quarters would have to be built.

But there was little doubt that the parent club would come to rescue, and some of the balance-in-hand would be spent in getting the ground in a good state.

### **Satisfactory year**

The Committee, said the chairman (Rev. H. M. Hughes), were able to report a most satisfactory year in which membership had again increased. The total number of matches won by the first XV showed a very healthy balance over defeats.

The United XV had at long last achieved their ambition with a record number of wins.

**“Both teams have always been willing to play open football and have been encouraged in carrying on the traditional type of football of our club by the example and leadership of both captains,” stated the report.**

Congratulations were extended to Bob Hodge for the enthusiasm and hard work which he put into his year of office and for his selection as travelling reserve for the English side in every international of the year, and to John Gwilliam on captaining Wales.

“It was amazing to see the support which the United received for many of their matches and we appeal to members to continue their support during the coming season,” said Mr. Hughes.

“We are proud to record yet another victory over Cardiff at Kingsholm, and look forward with confidence to further successes next season against other leading Welsh and English clubs.

### **Finance “less favourable”**

“The finances of the club are less favourable than in recent seasons. The Committee made no increased charges in the price of admission in spite of the additional entertainments tax imposed during the year.

“But none of our grants to local clubs have suffered because of our loss of income,” continued Mr. Hughes.

The Committee recorded thanks to Dr. Arnold Alcock (president), the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Hudson, who had completed 51 years of outstanding service to the club as player and administrator, the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. J. Balchin) and the hon. fixture secretary (Mr. T. Burns).

The Committee report concluded: “We look forward to next season and the Committee will do everything in its power to see that the grand tradition of sportsmanship and open and clean football under the most perfect conditions will be continued through yet another season.”

### **Assets now £19,325**

Submitting the accounts, Mr. H. J. Balchin (hon. treasurer) pointed out that the amusement tax was £708 0s. 8d. as compared with £350 0s. 4d. in the 1951-52 season.

In spite of this, however, the revenue account showed credit balance of £261 10s. 7d. as opposed to £663 16s. 6d. the previous season.

The gate receipts of the United XV were more than doubled.

**The club's total assets amounted to £19,325 9s. 11d., said Mr. Balchin, a most extraordinary figure for any club.**

It was pointed out that most of this money would be used to carry out extensive alterations when the necessary permission was obtained.

### **Gwilliam vice-captain**

Mr. A. T. Voyce (Vice-President) said that the Gloucester Club was deeply grateful to the City schools who provided such a plentiful supply of good players from whose services the Club greatly benefited, as did the Stroud Club from ex-Marling School players.

**Mr. John Taylor, newly elected captain of the First XV announced that John Gwilliam had accepted his offer to become vice-captain.**

The new skipper said that both he and the vice-captain were of the opinion that the Gloucester club needed more team training.

Mr. Ivor Jones, who successfully led the United last season, thanked those who had re-elected him for another season.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee: the Rev. H. M. Hughes, Messrs. G. J. Dance, T. Day, S. H. Davies, F. W. James, R. N. Loveridge, L. H. Middleditch, T. H. Millington, R. Morris, S. F. Taylor, and F. Wadley.

END OF EXTRACT FROM CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President (in the Chair), Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice-President, Messrs. H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, G. J. Dance, F. W. James, T. H. Millington, S. F. Taylor, John Taylor (Capt.)

Apologies from Messrs. A. Hudson, Hon. Sec., G. W. Hastings.

The President congratulated old members on their re-election and welcomed Mr. Dance, new member.

Referring to the Annual General Meeting he mentioned the several points of criticism raised by members and commended these to the Committee for consideration. He mentioned particularly the need for using the Club's financial resources in the improvement of the amenities of the ground at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the promises made at the A.G.M.

He asked members of the Committee to be discreet in discussing outside the matters raised at their meetings.

Chairman.

He then asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Mr. Voyce proposed the re-election of Rev. H. M. Hughes, eulogising that gentleman's past services to the Club in the capacity of Chairman. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Millington and agreed unanimously. The Rev. Hughes thanked the members for the confidence reposed in him by his re-election and said he would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. He then took the Chair.

He referred to the alteration to the Rules by the election of the Players' Representative to Committee status, and hoped this would work satisfactorily.

Mr. Voyce made reference to the somewhat sparse attendance at the A.G.M. and said he thought that written notice of the Meeting together with a copy of the Annual Report and accounts should be sent to members.

Mr. Balchin was of opinion that holding the meeting at a later date might ensure a larger attendance.

Arising out of the discussion it was pointed out that it was possible for non-members to gain admittance to the meeting and the President suggested arrangements might be made for closer supervision to prevent this at next A.G.M.

Election of Committees:

Selection.

The President intimated that he would not be able to serve on this Sub-Committee this next season in view of the time taken up by his official duties as City High Sheriff.

Mr. Balchin proposed that 6 elected members (inclusive of officers) plus the Captain for the Selection Committee. Mr. Morris seconded .

Mr. Loveridge proposed Chairman, Secretary, Captain, and 4 elected members. This was seconded by Mr. Davies and after some further discussion, carried. In the ballot which followed, Messrs. T. Day, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, and S. H. Davies were elected.

Finance (3).

Messrs. S. F. Taylor, R. N. Loveridge, and T. H. Millington, with Officers.

Ground (6).

Messrs. F. W. James, T. H. Millington, G. J. Dance, T. Day, R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch, with Officers.

Emergency (5).

Messrs. F. W. James, S. H. Davies, S. F. Taylor, R. N. Loveridge, T. H. Millington, with Officers.

North Glos. Combination Representative.

Mr. F. Wadley.

Canteen.

Mr. L. H. Middleditch.

Programmes.

Messrs. S. F. Taylor, F. W. James, G. J. Dance.

Baggage Man.

1<sup>st</sup> XV - Mr. W. Cole  
United XV - Mr. G. Hudson

Memorial Fund.

The President urged the necessity for the formation of a Memorial Ground Committee. This raised the question of representation of Local Clubs. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Loveridge that the Committee be composed of the 3 Trustees, with 3 members of the Committee and the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer Ex-Officio, making 8 in all. This was agreed.

Messrs. Millington, Davies and Middleditch were proposed as the 3 members and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the Committee thus formed have power to co-opt.

Ground.

Reference was made to the complaint raised at the A.G.M. regarding the urinal at Deans Walk end of the ground and to a letter from a member on the same subject. It was agreed to ask the Architect to make a report on this and other lavatories on the ground.

Tea Room.

Mr. Middleditch raised the question of the proposed alterations to the Tea Room. After discussion Mr. Middleditch was asked to approach the Contractor from whom a price had previously been obtained with a view to getting an up-to-date price for the work to be commenced as soon as possible, and report back.

Deans Walk Fence.

Concern at the state of the corrugated iron fence at the Deans Walk end of the ground was expressed by several members, and it was agreed that the Ground Sub-Committee should meet immediately to inspect the fence and make arrangements for estimates to be obtained for the replacement of the existing fence.

Groundsman.

On the proposition of the Hon. Treasurer it was agreed to increase immediately the wages of the Groundsman to £6 10s. 0d. per week.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

18 August 1953

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Messrs. H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns. Hon. Fix. Sec., T. H. Millington, S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. Morris, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, L. H. Middleditch, G. J. Dance, F. W. James.

Apologies from Messrs. L. H. Middleditch, G. W. Hastings, and John Taylor (Capt.).

The Late S. F. Taylor.

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman made reference to the death of Mr. S. F. Taylor. He said a letter conveying the sympathy of the Committee had been sent to the widow. He asked members to stand in silence for a while as a mark of respect.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Memorial Ground.

The President reported that the crop of hay and the timber had been sold.

Tea Room.

The proposed alterations were discussed, members having viewed the progress of this work prior to the meeting. It was decided to consider the position again after further progress had been made by the Contractor.

Deans Walk Fence.

The Hon. Sec. reported details of the estimates furnished by two Contractors. It was agreed to refer these to the Ground Company for their consideration.

It was reported that the Ground Sub-Committee had recommended that the urinal at the Deans Walk Fence be demolished and signs be erected directing to the other lavatories.

Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. C. Norman Smith be elected to fill the vacancy caused by death of Mr. S. F. Taylor.

Programmes.

Mr. Loveridge urged the necessity of obtaining offer from Mr. Rogers for advertisement in programmes. Hon. Sec. to write Mr. Rogers accordingly.

Schools Union.

Hon. Sec. reported request received from Mr. S. E. Langston, the Hon. Sec. of the Schools Union, asking for special notice of the England v. Wales match to be given in club programmes during the season. This was agreed.

Gloucester & District Schools.

The Hon. Sec. read letter from Mr. A. P. Harris, Secretary of Gloucester & District Schools drawing attention to the fact that this season would be the Schools' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He



thanked the Club for its assistance in the past and asked for suggestions as to how the occasion could be suitably marked. Agreed leave with Secretary.

Insurance of Players.

It was agreed to continue Insurance of Players in R. F. Union and in South West Group Scheme.

Entertainments Tax.

The certificate required by the Customs & Excise in connection with exemption from Entertainments Tax in the event of dissolution of the Club was deferred for further information.

Referees.

Lydney	)	Bristol
Moseley	)	
Bristol		London Society
Old Blues		North Midlands Society
Newport		London Society
Oxford University		Welsh Society

George Goldsworthy.

It was suggested by the Hon. Sec. that a letter of appreciation for past services as a Referee be sent to Mr. George Goldsworthy who had retired. This was agreed.

It was agreed that new matting be obtained for players' dressing rooms.

The necessity for a couch in the Visitors' Dressing Room was mentioned and the President agreed to investigate with a view to obtaining one locally.

It was agreed to appoint Ball Boys for next season.

Next meeting was fixed for 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Meeting closed 9:15 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, September 1, 1953.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Mr. H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., F. Wadley, T. Day, G. J. Dance, L. H. Middleditch, F. W. James, R. Morris, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, J. E. Taylor, G. Hastings, and A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Apologies for absence from R. N. Loveridge, S. H. Davies, and T. Burns (Fixture Secretary).

Minutes of previous Meeting [were] read and confirmed.

Mr. C. N. Smith and Mr. George Hastings.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. C. Norman Smith's return to the Committee and also gave a welcome to Mr. George Hastings as Players' Representative.

Tea Room.

The Chairman explained the slight alteration in providing additional partition to the end of the Tea Room as strongly recommended by the Carpenter and this was approved.

Deans Walk Fence.

The Secretary reported he had received a further tender from S. C. Rhodes & Co., and this was referred to the Ground Co.

Programmes.

Mr. Norman Smith agreed to take over the editing of the programme with assistance from Messrs. F. W. James and G. J. Dance and to accept the offer of Mr. Frank Goodwin to continue with the sales, with thanks for his past services.

The Secretary reported he had interviewed Mr. E. C. Rogers who regretted he could not increase the amount of £25 for the Hippodrome advert.

Entertainment Tax - Exemption.

The Secretary stated he had acknowledged the receipt of the Exemption Certificate and that their query as to the disposal of the Assets in the event of the Clubs' dissolution was being considered by the Committee.

Draw for Committee at Out Matches.

List of Away Matches and Committee Man in Charge.

1<sup>st</sup> XV Matches.

Stroud	-	T. H. Millington
Cheltenham	-	G. Dance
Bedford	-	N. Smith
Coventry	-	S. H. Davies
Leicester	-	T. H. Millington
Moseley	-	S. H. Davies

Neath	-	R. N. Loveridge
Bath	-	R. R. Morris
London Scottish	-	F. James
Bristol	-	T. Day
United Services	-	L. H. Middleditch
Cardiff	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Guys Hospital	-	G. Dance
Newport	-	F. Wadley
Lydney	-	T. Day

United XV Matches.

Bream	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Drybrook	-	R. R. Morris
Worcester	-	F. Wadley
Bristol Aero	-	T. H. Millington
Newport H.S.O.B.	-	R. N. Loveridge
Hereford	-	S. H. Davies
Cardiff College	-	G. Dance
Old Luctonians	-	T. H. Millington
Old Bristolians	-	F. W. James
N. Glos. Comb.	-	L. H. Middleditch
Cleeve	-	L. H. Middleditch
Stourbridge	-	T. Day
Hereford	-	T. Day
Berry Hill	-	C. N. Smith

The Devon Tour.

Proposed by Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Morris that 3 Committee men together with Chairman, Hon. Sec., Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixture Secretary accompany the team. This was carried. The draw for the 3 Committee men to take place later.

Referee for away game Saturday - Mr. Hyde.

Stourbridge.

Letter for arrangements received. K.O. 6:30. Agreed to leave by coach Worcester St. 3:45 p.m.

Tea Room Lighting.

Agreed to accept tender for new lighting to Tea and Dressing Room as submitted by Smith & Lamerton.

Also further heating of Tea Room to be considered. Mr. Lamerton to be asked to attend at Ground on Saturday.

St. John's Ambulance.

Letter read from Supt. Clark stating he had arranged for their members to be in attendance at all matches (under Sgt. W. E. Broady) during the coming season.

Saturday's Trial.

It was agreed to provide tea and sandwiches for the players after the game.

Police Control. It was emphasised it was the duty of all officials to give assistance to keep good order.

Police - United Matches.

It was agreed that 1 constable be engaged for all United matches.

Joe Hobson - Club Badge.

Mr. George Hastings enquired as to whether Joe Hobson was entitled to Club Badge. The Hon. Secretary said as he had played the required number (21) of matches that he was.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, September 15, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, F. W. James, G. J. Dance, C. N. Smith, John Taylor, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, and A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies from Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, Vice President, T. Burns T. H. Millington, and G. Hastings.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Tea Room and Changing Room Painting.

General satisfaction was expressed of the Tea Room and on the suggestion of Mr. Balchin it was agreed the upper boards of the changing rooms should be painted white, similar to the Tea Room.

Memorial Ground.

Good progress was reported on the Memorial Ground. The roots of the trees having been removed and the Ground left in good state. The allotment holders would be completely vacating the ground in [a] week or so.

Deans Walk Fence.

The contractors (S. C. Rhodes) had made a start on the new fence for Deans Walk and it was agreed he be asked to put wire over windows of the lavatory and anything else that would assist in keeping the trespassers out.

Programmes.

The Chairman referred to the excellent programme for the Lydney match and thanked Mr. Smith for his good work.

Stourbridge Match.

The Secretary reported the very successful visit paid to Stourbridge and the efforts of the Captain in getting back in good time.

Police.

Adverse comment was made on the surge of boys round the lemon tray at half time, and it was agreed the 2 police at 1<sup>st</sup> matches be instructed to prevent recurrence. Also the danger to children around the rails was emphasized. The Secretary promised his personal strict instructions to the officers on duty.

Touch Judges and Appointments.

Stroud	-	Mr. Millington with Mr. Davies
Stroud Nomads	-	Mr. T. Day
Moseley	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Cheltenham	-	Mr. Morris with Mr. Davies
Bristol	-	Mr. Morris

Blackheath - Mr. Day.

Police.

Application for use of Kingsholm Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> for match v. Monmouthshire Police was granted.

Newport - Seats inside Rails, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary reported he had already applications for some 35 seats inside rails for Newport supporters and it was agreed the charge be same as last season; 3/-.

British Empire Cancer Campaign.

Invitation received for representatives to attend a Public Meeting at Wheatstone Hall Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed the President represent the Club.

Gloucestershire Association of Boys Clubs.

Invitation read for any representatives to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Gloucestershire Association of Boys Clubs to be held at Cheltenham Town Hall, Thursday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4.45 p.m. No response.

Proposed Ladies Lavatory in disused Civil Defence Store; St. Mark's Side.

Estimates were submitted for conversion of Civil Defence Store (back of St. Mark's Street at posn. of office) to Ladies lavatory.

C. Nowles & Son, 47 Brook Avenue £264 6s. 6d.

S. C. Rhodes & Co. £165 0s. 0d.

It was agreed S. C. Rhodes & Co. be given the contract and Messrs. Dance and Loveridge inspect the side and agree on most suitable entry.

Advertisements - Worcester Street.

The Secretary referred to the Ground Company's decision to let a restricted portion of the Worcester Street fencing for advertisements. Through Mr. Loveridge Messrs. Wells & Rockley Ltd. had put forward a proposal for adverts along the whole of the fence. After some discussion it was agreed to defer the matter until next meeting.

International Matches, Twickenham; Wales - Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>., New Zealand - Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>., Ireland - February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Reference was made by the Secretary to all 3 Internationals at Twickenham being all ticket matches and that application for tickets for all the matches must be received by the RFU by Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed Mr. N. Smith include full details in the programme for Moseley match and that application in writing with remittance be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Gates opposite White Hart.

Mr. Loveridge referred to condition of the big gates opposite White Hart and agreed to ask Mr. Rhodes to attend to same.

Teams for Thursday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1953.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, C. N. Smith, R. Morris, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, T. Day, L. H. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, F. W. James, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treas., T. Burns, Fixture Sec., and A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Apologies received from Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, Vice Pres., T. Millington, G. J. Dance, G. Hastings, and J. Taylor.

Minutes of previous Meeting [were] read and confirmed.

Painting of Changing Rooms.

The Secretary reported he had discussed the matter with Mr. Parris and the latter considered a satisfactory job could not be made unless the room was roofed. This was now the general view of the Committee and the matter was deferred.

Police.

The policing of the Ground for the last 2 matches was considered very satisfactory.

Advertisements - Worcester Street Fence.

This matter was again discussed and with various opinions. It was agreed to refer it to the Ground Company.

White Hart Gates and Fence.

The Secretary reported Mr. Rhodes had already attended to the gates opposite White Hart and also put the spurs to the fence where needed.

Geo. Goldsworthy.

Secretary read letter from Mr. Goldsworthy appreciating the letter of thanks from the Club and paying tribute to the sportsmanship of the Kingsholm crowd.

Touch Judge Appointments.

Bedford	-	Mr. T. Day with Mr. C. N. Smith
N. G. Combination	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
Old Bristolians	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Old Blues	-	Mr. T. Day
Worcester	-	Mr. F. Wadley

Newport; at Kingsholm Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Stand Season Ticket holders.

It was agreed the usual portion of the Grand Stand be reserved for Stand Season Ticket holders 20 minutes before advertised Kick-Off and be duly advertised. Appointment of Stewards for duty deferred until next meeting.

Examination Couch.

Letter read from Mr. C. G. Adams, Secretary to Gloucestershire Royal Hospital stating at Dr. Alcock's request he had placed order for Examination Couch at special price of 12 guineas, to



be delivered in about 14 days. Also if for any reason the Couch does not meet with approval or after a little use does not stand up to the job, not to hesitate to let him know.

The Gloucesters' from Korea.

The Secretary stated the President had asked him to mention that when the Gloucesters from Korea were coming to Gloucester for the occasion of the presentation of the Freedom of the City to Col. Carne on November 21, Blackheath would be playing at Kingsholm. He would like the Committee to consider inviting any who may desire to see the match. It was agreed matter be deferred until next meeting.

D. R. Gent - Sunday Times Photograph.

The Secretary referred to the great compliment paid to Mr. D. R. Gent by the Sunday Times in producing his photograph as the "Picture of the Week" in their edition of September 20<sup>th</sup>. As he started his Rugby career with the Gloucester Club the President thought it would be a nice addition to the pictures in one of the rooms, and Lord Kemsley the Chairman of the Sunday Times was willing to have printed and framed a special enlargement presented to the Club. It was agreed to write and accept the offer with thanks.

Tea Room.

Mr. Balchin suggested the floor of Tea Room could be planed and then have some suitable covering and the Secretary promised to discuss the matter with the Carpenter.

Seats in Stand.

Mr. Norman Smith regretted having to report the dirty seats in the centre section of the Stand last Saturday and the Secretary said he would take the matter up with the Groundsman.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, October 13th, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, L. Middleditch, S. H. Davies, C. N. Smith, R. N. Loveridge, R. Morris, F. Wadley, T. Day, T. H. Millington, F. W. James, G. J. Dance, G. Hastings, J Taylor, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, and A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Newport Match Stewards.

Grand Stand	Section A	Messrs. Middleditch and Dance
Grand Stand	Section C	Messrs James and Day
Grand Stand	Centre	Messrs. Voyce and Burns
Inside Rails		Mr. Loveridge
Car Park Doors		Messrs. S. H. Davies with policeman
Cars Near Pavilion		Mr. R. Morris (restricted to Officials, players, and referee).

After discussion agreed only if congestion at the Main Gate shall persons be admitted through Car Park.

Players' Complimentary's.

These to be made out to admit to Grand Stand Wings.

Cars in Pavilion Entrance.

To be restricted to Officials, players, and referee. Mr. Morris agreed to supervise on Saturday next.

Gloucesters' from Korea.

It was agreed that soldiers of the Gloucestershire Regt. (from Korea) in uniform be admitted free of charge to Blackheath match on Nov. 21st. Admittance through Pavilion gate and Mr. R. Morris.

D. R. Gent - Photograph.

On this minute Mr. Balchin suggested that officials or members of the Committee with 25 years' service should have their photograph hung, and it was agreed this be given consideration.

Tea Room Floor.

The Secretary reported the Carpenter's view was that owing to the many nails, planing was impossible, and covering the floor was discussed. Members were asked to individually consider the matter.

Officials and Touch Judges.

Newport	Mr. Morris
Newport Utd.	Mr. F. Wadley.
County	Mr. S. H. Davies

County Extras Mr. T. Day

Oxford University. Kick off 3:00 p.m., and suggest 40 minutes each way.  
“ “ Seats Inside Rails agreed; 2 sides only.

Referees.

Blackheath - Mr. Walters.  
Cardiff - London Society  
Coventry - i) Parfitt ii) Evans  
O.M.T.'s - Gardner, Bristol Society  
U.A.U. - Bristol Society

Gloster v Devon.

Suggest K.O. 2:45 p.m.

Gloster City Fund for the Blind.

A letter appealing for financial support was left over to end of season.

Gloucester Pipe Band.

Further request for engagement was allowed to lie on table.

Home Players through Visitor's Dressing Room.

On the proposition of Mr. Geo. Hastings, it was agreed home players use entrance through Tea Room at home matches.

Clock.

The Secretary reported the clock was receiving general overhaul and also that new case was necessary. It was hoped the clock be got going by Saturday.

Food after matches.

Mr. Hastings enquired whether there could be more variation in the food laid on at home matches, and Mr. Middleditch promised this should be brought to the notice of the caterer immediately. Mr. Wadley also referred to the poor tea for United at Worcester and the Secretary made full explanation.

Forest of Dean Woolf Shield.

The North Gloucester Combination having won this season the Woolf Shield the request of the North Gloucester Combination that same be hung at Kingsholm was granted.

Late Mr. Jim Barnes.

It was agreed letter of sympathy be sent to the widow and relatives of Mr. Jim Barnes, an old baggage man of the Club.

Mr. Millington and Season Tickets.

Mr. Tom Millington hoped that in future his name be correctly spelt on the Season Tickets and it was general opinion these be carefully checked in future.

Birkenhead Park Guarantee 1954/55.

As there would not be a return fixture it was approved that a Guarantee of £60 be paid to Birkenhead Park for their visit on Easter Saturday, 1955.

Meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] A. T. Voyce

27.10.53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, October 27th, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman., Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President - Chairman, Messrs. T. H. Millington, C. N. Smith, F. W. James, R. Morris, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, L. Middleditch, T. Day, S. H. Davies, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., and A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Apologies received from Dr. Alcock, President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, H. J. Balchin, G. J. Dance.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. H. J. Balchin.

The Chairman, Mr. Voyce, expressed regret that the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Balchin was in hospital and it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent conveying best wishes for a successful operation and speedy recovery to good health.

Stewards, etc., for University Match.

A general discussion took place on this matter and expressions on experience gained at the Newport game, and the same gentlemen agreed to do duty at the Oxford University match on Saturday next. It was agreed seats inside rails be numbered with paper 'sticky backs', also that transfers from Ground to Wing Stand be allowed. Season Ticket holders provided for until 2:40 p.m.

Two stewards at Car Park Gate. Mr. D. Wadley has offered his assistance to Mr. S. H. Davies. Police to operate Car Park. All Committee asked to be in attendance by 2:00 p.m.

Officials' Photos.

Agreed this be left to Mr. Balchin's return.

Tea Room Matting.

It was agreed that suitable Cocoa-mat matting be provided in gangways and Messrs. Lea & Co. be given the order.

Clock.

Now back in commission with temporary case.

Meal after Matches.

Mr. Davies mentioned the excellent meal provided at Coventry last Saturday which was provided by outside caterers at 5/6d 1<sup>st</sup> XV matches, and 4/6d "A" Team, and Mr. Middleton promised to go further into the cooking facilities at Kingsholm.

Wolf Shield.

The Club's agreement to accept the Shield would be reported to Mr. N. G. Combuston at their meeting next Monday.

Touch Judges.

Oxford University -       The Chairman

Bristol Aero Co. - Mr. F. W. James  
Leicester - Mr. F. W. James

New Zealand v Gloucestershire & Somerset, at Bristol.

Agreed the suggestion that transport be arranged by the Club from the ground. Bus and Field tickets 8/6d inclusive. Announcement to be made at next Saturday's match over loud speaker.

Death of Mr. Jack Hemming.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Jack Hemming a loyal playing member of the Club for many seasons. A wreath was sent from the Club and Messrs. R. Morris, T. Day, and L. H. Middleditch attended the funeral. The Chairman asked the Committee to stand in silence to his memory.

Meeting closed 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

10 Nov. 1953

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, November 10th, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Messrs. N. W. Smith [sic], T. H. Millington, G. J. Dance, F. W. James, F. Wadley, L. Middleditch, T. Day, S. H. Davies, R. Morris, T. Burns, [Hon. Fixture Sec.], and A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies Hon. Treas., Mr. H. J. Balchin, R. N. Loveridge, G. Hastings.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. H. J. Balchin.

Dr. Alcock said the members would be pleased to know Mr. Balchin was looking fit and doing well.

Clock.

The Secretary stated he had received an account for £10 10s. 0d. for overhaul and reconditioning of the clock and a letter saying it would be necessary to have the dial repaired and other work done at a later date. It was agreed that payment be made.

Meals.

Mr. Middleditch said the matter was receiving the consideration of the caterer.

Woolf Shield.

Mr. Fred Wadley stated the N. G. Combination appreciated the co-operation of the Club. The Shield was being engraved and also insured against loss.

New Zealand Match at Bristol.

The Secretary reported that owing to a misunderstanding an advertisement was put in the Citizen offering Coach and Ground Tickets. under the circumstances it was agreed the Coach Scheme be dropped and that Match Tickets be offered through the Club only.

Officials and Touch Judges.

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Moseley	-	Mr. F. W. James (vice Mr. S. H. Davies)
Cheltenham Utd.	-	The Chairman, if available
Blackheath	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Newport H.S.O.B.	-	Mr. Loveridge

Kick off v Blackheath and Cardiff – 2:45 p.m.

Poppy Day Appeal.

Agreed to again donate Five Guineas.

Bristol Referee's Society - Diamond Jubilee Dinner.

Agreed if possible the Secretary represent the Club.

Gloucestershire v Devon.

Secretary reported Gross Gate £659 12s. 6d. Gloucester's 15% for use of ground - £98 18s. 10d.

Proposed by Dr. Alcock and seconded by Mr. Voyce that County be asked if profits of programmes could be given to Memorial Ground Fund.

Mention was made of the few cars in the Car Park. Mr. Morris raised point of many Gloucester Committee not being invited to the Dinner after Devon game. Mr. Millington explained the small room at Fleece Hotel curtailed invitations drastically. Unfortunately they were unable to obtain large room at the New Inn Hotel and Mr. Voyce endorsed this. Mr. Morris suggested the matter be raised at the next County Meeting.

Gloucester v Cardiff.

It was agreed to have seats inside Rails on the 2 sides of the ground. The Secretary said he had requests from Cardiff for some 60 seats.

Forms inside Rails.

Mr. Dance thought as the forms (to hold 7) cost 2/- each to hire consideration be given to the Club purchasing a number. It was agreed that estimates be obtained.

Players.

It was decided not to ask for release of any players from the County for the Cardiff match but it was hoped no reserves would be taken from the Club.

Cardiff Away Match v. United.

Mr. Burns read letter from Cardiff University putting out a feeler that the United match at Cardiff January 16<sup>th</sup> be transferred to a London ground. It was agreed this be turned down.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

24 Nov. 1953.



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, November 24th, 1953.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman.

Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Messrs. S. H. Davies, L. Middleditch, T. H. Millington, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, G. J. Dance, N. W. Smith, F. W. James, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., and A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman gave a very warm welcome to Mr. Balchin after his recent operation and Mr. Balchin suitably replied.

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting read and signed.

Teas.

The Chairman said the matter had been discussed with the caterer who stated that lack of room in the kitchen was one of the difficulties. It was then agreed that a stout new locker near the Caterer's Room be provided for the beer and minerals and the job be given to the Carpenter, Mr. Parris. Extra cooking facilities, gas or electric, was being considered.

Forms inside Rails.

Matter again discussed and agreed to get quotations.

Loud Speaker.

There was a general complaint that the Loud Speaker was inaudible and unsatisfactory, and the Secretary said the G.E.C. had promised to make a thorough overhaul and test before Saturday next.

Touch Judges.

Cardiff	-	Mr. T. Day
Cardiff Athletic	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Neath	-	Mr. Loveridge
Bath United	-	Mr. Middleditch

Cardiff Match - Stewards.

Grand Stand - Wing A	-	Mr. Dance and Mr. Middleditch
Grand Stand - Wing C	-	Mr. T. Day and Mr. F. Wadley
Grand Stand - Centre B	-	Mr. Burns

Car Park	-	Mr. F. W. James and Mr. Wadley
White Hart	-	Mr. Morris
Inside Rails	-	Mr. Loveridge

Bicycles - White Hart.

Left unto Mr. Morris but special pay gate to be opened if considered necessary.

Referees; Suggested.

Army        Mr. Parfitt or Mr. Evans, Cardiff

Leicester Mr. Walker or Mr, Llewellyn or Mr. Evans  
Wasps Mr. Morgan, Midlands  
Neath Warwickshire or Leicestershire

Gratuity re. sale of Season Tickets.

Approved that £10 be given to Mr. Balchin's staff for clerical work in connection with sale of Season Tickets.

Suggested extension of Grand Stand.

Mr. Voyce said he thought it was time serious consideration be given to the extension of the Grand Stand, either Worcester Street end or both ends. He proposed and Mr. Balchin seconded and it was unanimously agreed that investigations should proceed.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] T. Millington

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Tuesday, December 15th, 1953.

Present: Mr. T. Millington (Chairman), Messrs. S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, L. Middleditch, F. W. James, G. J. Dance, T. Burns, [Hon. Fixture Sec.], H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, and A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies received from President, Dr. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), C. N. Smith, R. Morris, J. Taylor, and G. Hastings.

Teas.

Mr. Middleditch said at the moment he had nothing further to report and agreed to leave until after Xmas. The Secretary referred to the meal put on at Bath, fish & chips, which was appreciated by the Gloucester players and who hoped this could be put on occasionally at Kingsholm.

Forms.

Sill under investigation by the Secretary.

Loud Speaker.

The views were there was considerable improvement on Cardiff day but not so at Bath United. Secretary asked to get Mr. Lamerton to check up again Saturday next and to eliminate any trouble permanently especially synchronising sound both sides.

Extension of Stand.

Matter again discussed. Mr. Loveridge pointed out rateable value would almost certainly go up with any extension of Stand and may be considerable. On the suggestion of Mr. Davies it was agreed to view site on Saturday and get some idea of length of extension and then contact Messrs Davies Bros. of Wolverhampton for some approximate quotations.

Touch Judges.

Coventry	-	Mr. Tom Day
Coventry Extra 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
O.M.T.'s	-	Mr. Loveridge
Hereford Away	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
U.A.U.	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
London Scottish	-	Mr. F. W. James
Newport H.S.O.B.	-	Mr. Loveridge

Kick off 2:30 p.m.

Referees.

Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Bath	Mr. Llewellyn, Swansea
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Swansea	Mr. Holden, Northumberland
Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Llanelly	London Society
Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup> :	R.A.F.	Mr. Atkinson, North Midlands

Proposed Conservative Demonstration.

Secretary reported enquiries for use of Kingsholm on a Saturday in July from Secretary of Divisional Conservative Association for political Demonstration. It was agreed to grant same on a Weekday for fee of £40.

Leicester - Guarantee of Gate.

Leicester sent claim of £71 1s. 0d. for difference of gate on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and the two previous gates at Leicester. This was the arrangement for Reversion of Grounds due to the County match v. Devon at Kingsholm being brought forward one week owing to the New Zealand game against Gloucestershire & Somerset being arranged to play at Bristol on November 14<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion it was agreed that the amount claimed be paid in full.

Rhodes' Account for the New Ladies Lavatory.

The account from Rhodes for [blank] was passed for payment.

Deans Walk Boundary Wall.

Also an account from Mr. Rhodes for £400 on account of the new boundary wall, Deans Walk, was passed for payment.

Bewick House Boys.

Mr. Dance asked if consideration could be given to allowing free admission to matches at Kingsholm to a few boys from Bewick House. He said they would be under the control of the Superintendent of the home, who was a member of the Club. On the proposition of Mr. Middleditch, seconded by Mr. Wadley, it was agreed pass for 6 boys for the season be issued.

U.A.U. English-Welsh Match.

Mr. Burns reported he had received a letter from the U.A.U. asking in view of the small gate (£70) at the recent match the fee of £25 for the use of Kingsholm could be reduced. On the proposition of Mr. Dance seconded by Mr. Davies a reduction to £20 was agreed.

Fixtures.

Cambridge University.

Mr. Burns read long letter from the C.U.R.F.C. Fixture Secretary and offering mid week dates but at Cambridge only, and it was agreed to defer matter until next meeting.

Redruth - 1954/55 Tour.

It was decided to ask Redruth what Guarantee they could offer for a Monday Evening on the Tour 1954/55 in place of Penzance who were fixed up for this date.

Teams for Saturday next were read and the Chairman wished the members a Very Merry Xmas.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Jan 5 1954