

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office, Kingsholm, Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

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

Apologies Mr. R. N. Loveridge.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Tea Room.

There was nothing further to report.

Forms - Inside Rails.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had made enquiries of Messrs. J. Romans & Co., Ltd. who had written asking for details of measurements, etc., of the form required, and if possible for a form to be used as a pattern. As no form was available it was left to Hon. Sec. in conjunction with Mr. Dance to give details to the Contractor.

Loud Speaker.

Mr. Norman Smith reported that the system was now working fairly satisfactorily.

Extension of Stand.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had communicated with Messrs. Davis Bros. as the result of which a meeting had been arranged at Kingsholm on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> inst., with the firm's representative, who had spent some few hours in making his inspection and taking measurements, etc. An estimate of the cost of the proposed extension was promised at an early date.

Deans Walk - Boundary Wall.

It was reported that this work was practically completed. A question was asked as to the disposal of the old corrugated iron and it was agreed inquiries as to this be made of the Contractor.

Bewick House Boys.

Mr. Dance reported that he had handed to the Superintendent the 6 complimentary tickets for boys at this establishment. The Supt. had expressed his deep appreciation of the Club's action in this matter.

Fixtures - Cambridge University.

The Hon. Fix. Sec. again read the letter the receipt of which he had reported at the last meeting. Although he had been able to make arrangements with Bristol to release one date desired by the University the other date required was the fixed one, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October, with the Newport Club, who had been unable to agree to any alternative date. After much discussion it was agreed that the Hon. Fix. Sec. should discuss the position with John

Gwilliam, an old Cantab., in the hope that it might be possible for him to contact the Cambridge University Fixture Sec. and explain the Gloucester Club's position.

Redruth.

The Redruth Club's offer of a Guarantee of £60 for the game at Redruth in 1954/55 Tour was accepted.

Touch Judges.

v. Army	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
v. Leicester	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
v. Leicester "A"	-	Mr. F. W. James
v. Wasps	-	Mr. R. Morris
v. Cardiff Univ.	-	Mr. G. J. Dance

Programmes.

It was agreed that Mr. Jim Lane should carry out Mr. Frank Goodwin's duties in connection with the sale of programmes during the latter's illness.

County Match - v. Herts.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the usual County Match prices of admission be maintained for the match at Kingsholm on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Also suggested arrangements regarding programmes be made by the Gloucester Club.

Ladies Lavatory.

The Hon. Sec. gave details of S. C. Rhodes & Co. estimate of £31 and it was agreed to accept this.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Donald Ford suggesting that the Club might consider whether it would not be possible to arrange for a broadcast of matches at Kingsholm to be given to local hospitals. The opinion was expressed that this was impracticable. It was however decided to reply stating that necessary inquiries would be made.

Mr. Hastings, Players' Representative, asked whether arrangements would be made for the team to go to a show on the occasion of the match v. Guys Hospital. It was agreed Mr. Hastings ascertain players views on the matter and the number involved.

Memorial Ground.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had been approached by the North Glos. Rugby Combination as to the possibility of a pitch being made available at Tuffley for the use of local clubs in case of emergency. It was decided that the Sub-Committee should meet at an early date to consider the matter.

Mr. Morris asked for a ruling to be laid down for Committee-man in Charge in Away Matches regarding the time of starting on the return journey. After considerable discussion a resolution by Mr. Voyce to the effect that "...the Committee-man in Charge should make the decision as to the time of starting and that the Players be advised of the time" was unanimously agreed.

Teams for Saturday next were read by the Chairman.

Meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 1954.

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

Apology received from Messrs. C. N. Smith and G. Hastings.

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Deans Walk.

Owing to the hold up for slabs there were a few bays still to be completed.

Fixtures - Cambridge University.

Mr. Burns stated he had written to the Cambridge Secretary and was awaiting his reply.

Guys Hospital - Match and Ice Show.

It was agreed the Secretary book seats for an Ice Pantomime on March 20<sup>th</sup> on the visit to Guys Hospital.

Touch Judge etc., Appointments.

v. Bristol	-	Mr. Tom Day
v. Bristol United	-	Mr. Steve Davies
v. Neath	-	Mr. Tom Day
v. Old Luctonians	-	Mr. Millington or deputy

Late Mr. Alf Robbins.

The Secretary referred to the death of Mr. Alf Robbins, an old loyal player of the Club. A wreath was sent and Mr. Voyce attended the funeral at Coleford. It was agreed letter of sympathy be sent to the widow and family.

Schools' Rugby Union.

The Secretary referred to the interview he had the previous week with Mr. Stanley Longston and Mr. A. Harris and stated, at his request, the pleas had been put in writing.

(a) on April 24<sup>th</sup> the Gloucester Schools were celebrating their Golden Jubilee by playing Cardiff Boys at Kingsholm on April 24<sup>th</sup> and suggesting the Gloucester Club entertain to an early evening meal the boys and officials of the Gloucester and Cardiff Unions together with representatives of the Gloucester R.F.C. and of the City of Gloucester to the approximate number of 80.

On the proposition of Mr. Voyce seconded by Mr. Loveridge it was agreed to pay for the meal to around £20. The Secretary to arrange a further meeting with Mr. Langston.

(b) In connection with the Jubilee Schools International at Twickenham on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1954, to meet the high cost of publicity in London, a Badges Scheme had been devised. Permission

has been sought for these badges (incorporating the English and Welsh national emblems) at 6d each, to be sold by boys of the Gloucester Schools' XV in their football kit at the Gloucester v Swansea match at Kingsholm on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>. Proposed by Mr. Davies seconded by Mr. Day and agreed with one dissent that permission be given for the sale of the badges by boys under strict supervision, but not during play and not in the street.

(c) Schools International Trial Match North v South at Kingsholm on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>., Kick off 2:30 p.m.

Agreed United match v Cardiff University 4:00 p.m. Members admitted 3:15 p.m.

Broadcasts to Hospitals.

Letter read from Mr. C. J. Adams, Group Secretary to Gloucester and District Hospitals. Whilst appreciating the gesture considered it would be costly and difficult to operate in numerous ways and unworkable at the present time. It was agreed a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Donald Ford who made the suggestion.

Worcester Street Stand Terracing.

On the proposition of Mr. Loveridge seconded by Mr. James it was agreed the terracing under the Worcester Street Stand be given immediate consideration and that a plan of same be drawn up and estimates obtained also for a walking way behind the Stand.

Club Ties.

Mr. James raised the question of whether the Club ties could be worn by Season Ticket holders. The general opinion was that the ties were intended for Players and members of the Committee and Officials only, and agreed matter be dropped.

United XV Difficulties.

Mr. Morris referred to the United XV being 4 short at the match with Cardiff University at Cardiff. Mr. Dance, the Committeeman in Charge, said they picked up 2 further players in Gloucester and the University found 2 useful substitutes. He also stated other difficulties and of 3 of the players returning by train. Considerable discussion took place and agreed to seek the assistance of local Secretaries.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:40 p.m.

[Signed] A. T. Voyce

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1954.

Present: Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Messrs. S. H. Davies, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, L. H. Middleditch, F. W. James, T. H. Millington, G. J. Dance, G. Hastings, H. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Apology received from the President, Dr. Alcock, The Chairman (Rev. H. M. Hughes), Mr. T. Burns (Hon. Fixture Secretary) and Mr. C. N. Smith.

In the absence of the Chairman and President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, was unanimously voted to the Chair.

Deans Walk.

Boundary Wall still not completed. Mr. Loveridge asked to contact Contractor.

Cambridge University.

Mr. Burns sent message to say he was still awaiting reply from Cambridge University.

Guys Hospital.

The Secretary stated Messrs. Cook's were endeavouring to obtain seats (1) Earls Court (2) Wembley.

Schools - Jubilee Matches.

The Secretary said he had interview with Mr. Langston and conveyed to him the resolutions of the last meeting. He, Mr. Langston, expressed his thanks to the Club.

Hospital Broadcast.

The Secretary stated he had sent copy of Hospital Group Secretary's letter to Mr. Ford.

Worcester Street Stand.

Mr. S. H. Davies submitted drawing of the proposed terracing of the Worcester Street Stand. Certain modifications were agreed upon, and Mr. Davies said he would be pleased to draw up a new plan and further agreed a copy be sent to the following first, for tenders; Wm. Jones & Son, S. C. Rhodes, Moores of Cheltenham, and Trenthams, and also that separate quotation be obtained for concrete path 6' 0" wide behind the Stand.

United Services Match - now at Royal Navy.

The action of the Chairman (Rev. H. M. Hughes) in agreeing with the suggestion of the United Services that their match at Portsmouth next Saturday be taken over by the Royal Navy was confirmed. Owing to difficult travelling conditions due to the snow and ice the method of travelling to Portsmouth be left to Messrs. Balchin and Hudson.

Touch Judge etc. Appointments.

Royal Navy (United Services)	-	Mr. F. W. James
Bath	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Bath United (at Bath)	-	Mr. R. Morris

Referees.

v Northampton	-	J. David ... Parfitt
v Cheltenham	-	G. Walters, Swansea
v Stroud	-	O. Gardner, Clifton
v Birkenhead Park	-	Delo or ....., Warwickshire
v Bradford	-	Mr. ..., Bristol
v Devonport Services	-	Mr. Hensman, London Society

Neath.

Owing to the Neath match at Kingsholm again being cancelled owing to frost it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. Hastings to offer the Thursday evening April 29<sup>th</sup>, with thanks for their willingness to fulfil the fixture.

St. John's Ambulance Collection.

It was agreed for a collection on behalf of the Funds of St. John's Ambulance Brigade to be made at the Llanelly match on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Extension of Grand Stand - Davies Bros. Estimate.

The Secretary reported the quotation of £4,395 0s. 0d. for steel framed Extensions (2) of approx. 80 - 0 long each end of existing Grand Stand as shown in the Drawing No. 8408.

It was agreed to obtain approximate cost of the flooring, seating, brickwork, foundations, etc., (work not included in Davies Bros. tender and as clearly specified by them) and that Mr. Rhodes be asked to give this estimate.

County Quarter Final - Gloucestershire v. Herts. (Doubtful owing to Snow and Frost).

Owing to the Arctic conditions now prevailing, discussion took place on whose responsibility it was for deciding whether the match Gloucestershire v. Hertfordshire at Kingsholm next Saturday should be played. Mr. Millington (formerly ex-President) was asked to contact County officials in Bristol by phone. The Secretary's (Mr. Humby) phone out of order. Mr. Fenton Ham, President, was contacted and stated officially the County would accept the decision of the Gloucester Club, this containing 4 representations of the County Executive.

It was agreed to meet at Kingsholm Thursday morning 10:30 - 11:00.

N. G. Combination.

Reference was made to the N. G. Combination meeting last evening. Mr. Wadley said Mr. Robins was very concerned about the conduct of the Spartan players when attending Gloucester matches at Kingsholm and Mr. Millington said he wished to express high compliment to Mr. E. Cumming (the acting Chairman) on his support of the Gloucester Club during his speech to the Meeting.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:40 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Messrs. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, T. H. Millington, S. H. Davies, C. N. Smith, T. Day, R. N. Loveridge, F. Wadley, R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch, F. W. James, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Secretary, A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apology received from the President, Dr. Alcock, G. J. Dance, and G. Hastings.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed as correct.

Deans Walk - Fence.  
Still awaiting shaped slabs for Pay Box.

Cambridge University.  
Nothing yet to report.

Guys Hospital Match.  
The Secretary stated he had agreed final arrangements with Cook's as Dinner at Curli's Restaurant and seats at Wembley and his action was confirmed.

Schools' Jubilee Match.  
No further information received.

Worcester Street Stand.  
Nothing yet to report.

Grand Stand.  
Nothing yet to report.

London Referee's Society re. Mr. Heasman.  
London Referees Society letter re. Mr. M. Heasman was read and Secretary was asked to send reply explaining the position and agreeing to be guided by them for suitable substitute for the game with Devonport Services.

Neath Fixture.  
Mr. Burns reported that Neath had agreed to play at Kingsholm Thursday Evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Touch Judges, etc.

Swansea	-	Mr. R. Morris
Old Bristolians (Away)	-	Mr. F. W. James
Cardiff	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Cardiff Athletic	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge

Swansea Match.

It was agreed to make K.O. 3:15 (instead of 3:00 p.m.) at the request of the Visitors. Also that there be no reserving of seats in Grand Stand, but Messrs. Morris, Wadley, Middleditch, Day, and Davies were asked to assist in control of crowd.

Hire of Kingsholm Ground - Permali.

Application for Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> for their Sports was agreed for fee of £40.

Conservative Rally.

Letter read confirming July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Police Match.

Secretary reported that owing to the state of Kingsholm Ground the Police Match v Monmouth Police on Thursday last was transferred to Fieldings.

County Representative on R.F.U.

Proposed by Mr. Millington seconded by Mr. S. H. Davies [that] Mr. A.T. Voyce be again nominated to represent Gloucestershire on the Rugby Football executive. Unanimously agreed.

Gloucestershire v Hertfordshire.

Owing to the frost and snow the County Match at Kingsholm for Saturday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>., had to be cancelled. This had now been definitely fixed for Kingsholm Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Mention was made of the hardship on those who had purchased tickets who were unable to attend on the mid-week date. A recommendation from this meeting that the matter be dealt with by Mr. Hudson was proposed by Mr. Millington and seconded by Mr. Smith, and agreed. Those members of the Committee who were available were asked to attend and help out with the arrangements.

As the visiting side had to catch an early train it was approved that the meal after the game to both teams be taken in the Tea Room. Mr. Middleditch said he would be pleased to give his assistance.

Fixtures - The Army Match.

The Fixture Secretary Mr. Burns reported that the Army were prepared to accept Guarantee of £50 for mid-week match next season. A discussion on the advisability of returning the fixture took place and it was agreed that the games be continued

Birkenhead Park - Guarantee £75.

Mr. Burns also mentioned the amount of the Guarantee for Birkenhead Park, Easter Saturday, 1955. It was agreed this should be £75 on the proposition of Mr. Balchin seconded by Mr. James.

The Devon Tour.

Discussion took place on the official party to go on the Devon Tour. Per Minute of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> (in addition to the 4 Officers) 3 Committeemen were to be drawn for.

Messrs. T. Millington, C. N. Smith and R. N. Loveridge each stated they had no wish to be considered. Owing to the absence of [blank] it was agreed the ballot be drawn at the next meeting.

Tour Arrangements.

Leave Saturday morning for match v. Exeter.

Headquarters; Duke of Cornwall, Plymouth. Tuesday night stay ? at Teignmouth. Return Wednesday a.m.

Car Park.

Mr. Loveridge stated he had complaint from a Patron who had been charged 1/- to park his car in spite of his protest. Mr. Balchin promised to make enquiry.

United Team.

Mr. Morris again complained of players crying off from the United, particularly last Saturday at Bath, and Mr. Balchin expressed his concern. Mr. Morris however was pleased to report on the happy party and they were back in Gloucester by 8:30 p.m. which he thought was appreciated by the players. The Chairman appealed to all Committeemen i/charge to do what they could in this direction.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1954

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1954.

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

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Deans Walk Fence.

The Secretary reported the fence has been completed and that there only now remained few bad fittings to the Pay Box.

Complaint had been received from near-residents re. banging of iron gates due to bad fitting at the bottom and Mr. Rhodes had promised to have these rectified.

Worcester Street Stand.

The Secretary stated Messrs, Jones, Rhodes, and Moore had each been given plans for quotation but Trentham's had still to be contacted.

Gloucestershire v. Hertfordshire - Catering at Ground.

Mr. Voyce congratulated Mr. Middleditch on the excellence of the catering to the 2 teams at the Ground after the match. Over 70 sat down to a substantial cooked meal and there was general approval.

Guarantees - Army and Birkenhead Park.

Mr. Burns stated he had written to both Army and Birkenhead park confirming Guarantees.

United at Bristol v. Old Bristolians.

Mr. James reported the United team were back in Gloucester by 8:35 p.m.

Cambridge University.

Mr. Burns stated that he had again heard from Cambridge University and they still pressed for annual mid-week fixture at Cambridge. The Chairman said he had replied stating permanent away game could not be agreed to but that we would consider alternate mid-week in Cambridge for alternate Saturday fixture at Gloucester, and his action was approved.

Devon Tour - Draw.

Mr. Loveridge asked for his name now to be included but Mr. Dance said it would not be possible for him to go.

The following were successful in the draw:

Messrs. T. Day, F. W. James, and L. H. Middleditch.

Touch Judges, etc.

v. Llanelly - Mr. Tom Day  
v. Chepstow - Mr. Middleditch  
v. Royal Air Force - The Chairman  
v. Cleve (Bristol) - Mr. Middleditch

Stewards - Llanelly Match.

The usual gentlemen promised to give assistance as Stewards at the Llanelly match next Saturday, and Mr. S. H. Davies agreed to go over to Deans Walk for observation.

The Late Mr. Alf. Robins.

The Secretary read letter of appreciation and thanks from the widow of the late Mr. Alf Robbins.

St. John's Ambulance Collection.

The Secretary reminded the Meeting [that] St. John's Ambulance were taking their Annual Collection on Saturday next.

Car Park Gates.

The Secretary reported Mr. Derrick Jones had stated they had pair stout steel posts very suitable for the Car Park Gates in stock and that he had asked Messrs. Wm. Jones for quotation.

Worcester v. United.

Worcester's request to play the United at Kingsholm on April 7<sup>th</sup> was approved and to suggest kick off 5:45 p.m. Mr. Burns also referred to the match due to the North Gloucester Combination with the United and owing to the heavy programme of games, to be played at Kingsholm, it was suggested this game be allowed to lapse.

N. G. County Cup Finals at Kingsholm.

Approved.

Junior - Easter Tuesday Afternoon April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Senior - Thursday Evening April 22<sup>nd</sup>

7-a-Side - Finals Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gloucester Club and County.

Mr. Millington (as member of County Executive) criticised the Chairman's view on position of Gloucester Club and the County re. Saturday Matches as reported in Football 'Citizen' of Saturday last.

Rev. Hughes explained the circumstances of the conversation which was over the telephone into the Citizen Rugby "Expert" who had contacted him specifically for his opinion and said there certainly was technical mis-quotation and indifferent translation by Brian Gilshennan. He added it should be remembered he was Chairman of the Gloucester Club and the severe

weakening of the team caused considerable concern. Mr. Millington said he was satisfied with the explanation.

Gloucester Girl Guides.

The President, Dr. Alcock, mentioned Princess Margaret may be coming to Gloucester to inspect the Girl Guides and hoped the Committee would loan Kingsholm for the event. It was agreed to give favourable consideration to a written application.

Ground Treatment - Kingsholm.

The President suggested the U.T.S. (Universal Turf Services, Ltd.) should be asked to inspect the ground immediately after the playing season and the Secretary said this would be done.

Teams for Saturday next [were] read.

Meeting closed 9:05 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

16<sup>th</sup> March '54

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

Apology received from Mr. George Hastings.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Deans Walk Fence.

Mr. Balchin stated the Pay Box had been completed and he had settled the account with Mr. Rhodes.

Mr. S. H. Davies reported he went over to the Deans Walk entrance at the Llanelly match on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything appeared to be working smoothly and rules being observed.

Worcester Street Stand.

No quotations yet received.

Cambridge University Fixtures.

Mr. Morris reported that he [had] now heard from Cambridge University offering dates as under:-

Season	1955/56	Wednesday, Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> 1955	at Cambridge
	1956/57	Saturday, Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1957	at Gloucester
	1957/58	Wednesday, Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1957	at Cambridge
	1958/59	Saturday Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> 1959	at Gloucester
	1959/60	Wednesday Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> 1959	at Cambridge

It was agreed these dates be confirmed.

County Schools' Match, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Letter of thanks together with balance sheet received from Mr. Waldron.

Car Park Gates.

Quotation received from Messrs. Wm. Jones & Son.

"Taking down gates to Car Park entrance and oak posts and providing and concreting in position 2 8x6 steel stanchions making good fence to same, adapting door hinges and re-hanging doors to stanchions approximately £25 / - / -."

It was unanimously agreed same be accepted and the Secretary to stress the Door Stops to be put in good order.

Ground Treatment.

The Secretary read letter of June 8<sup>th</sup> 1953 from the Universal Turf Services, Compton Abdale, promising to attend to the ground early spring this year and he said he had sent them a

reminder that the playing season ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The spiking of the ground was included in their agreement.

Touch Judges, etc.

Guys Hospital	-	Mr. G. J. Dance and Mr. Ray Morris
Cardiff University	-	The Chairman
Newport	-	Mr. Fred Wadley
Newport United	-	Mr. S. H. Davies

Late Mr. Frank Goodwin.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Frank Goodwin who gave such excellent service to the Club, in particular in charge of the programmes. The Secretary stated he had written a letter of sympathy to the widow and family and was sending a wreath.

Roy Sutton - bereavement.

The Secretary was asked to send Letter of Condolence to Mr. Roy Sutton on the death of his mother.

Welsh 7-a-Side Tournament at Newport.

Letter read from Mr. Bill Everson, Newport Hon. Secretary to the Welsh 7-a-Side Tournament Committee inviting Gloucester as guests to the First (Welsh) Tournament to be held at Newport on May 1<sup>st</sup> next. After discussion it was regretted we could not take part, owing to the fixture with Devonport Services at Kingsholm on the same date.

Programmes - Mr. F. W. James to assist.

Mr. Fred James agreed to give assistance to Mr. Jim Lane (Son-in-Law of late Mr. Frank Goodwin) with the distribution of the programmes and the checking of the proceeds.

Mr. Michael Hensman - Referee.

The Secretary stated Major Blackwell had been notified of the appointment of Mr. Michael Hensman by the London Society, to referee the game with Devonport Services on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ticket Collecting in Grand Stand C Wing.

Mr. Loveridge stated that a member had approached him respecting the Ticket Collector in Grand Stand C Wing. More than once he had observed him taking whole tickets and putting these in one pocket and giving half tickets from another. Possibly he was working in conjunction with a collaborator at a gate or elsewhere who was selling whole tickets again. It was agreed a check on the numerals on torn tickets be made at the Northampton match and the matter be left to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Balchin.

Thanks to Fieldings R.F.C.

Secretary was asked to send letter of thanks to Fieldings R.F.C. for providing United XV with 8 players for their game at Cleve on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Gloucestershire Brass Band Association - Application for use of Kingsholm.



Letter dated March 10<sup>th</sup> received from Mr. F. A. A. Etheridge, Hon. Sec., enquiring if the use of Kingsholm Ground could be granted for Brass Band Contest on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Being of an educational nature and the expenses heavy in providing prizes, adjudicator's fee, etc., it would be appreciated if a concession could be made in the charge for the Ground. After discussion a 15 Guinea fee was suggested and it was left to the Secretary to interview Mr. Etheridge.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

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

Apology received from Mr. T. Voyce, Vice President.

Minutes of previous Meeting [were] read and confirmed.

Worcester Street Stand.

Quotation from Mr. Rhodes was handed in by Mr. Loveridge. It was agreed matter be postponed until the next meeting.

Cambridge University Fixtures.

Mr. Burns regretted there would be no fixture with Cambridge University next season.

Welsh 7-a-Side.

The Secretary stated he had sent letter of regret also explained personally to Mr. Everson at Newport last Saturday.

Gloucestershire Brass Band.

The Secretary mentioned he had interviewed Mr. Etheridge who would report back [to] his Committee.

Grand Stand - C Wing.

Mr. Balchin stated he had made certain arrangements for the Northampton match next Saturday.

St. John's Ambulance Collection.

Letter received from Div. Supt. F. W. Clark thanking the Club for allowing the collection on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which amounted to the very satisfactory sum of £19 13s. 2d.

Touch Judges, etc.

Northampton	-	Mr. Ray Morris
Cheltenham	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Stourbridge	-	Mr. Tom Day
Harlequins	-	The Chairman
Hereford	-	Mr. Middleditch

Hereford v. United.

The game was originally booked for Kingsholm Ground. Hereford had phoned to say their pitch was not available and would be glad to play on any ground in Gloucester. It was agreed to enquire of Civil Service, Fieldings, and Gordon League.

Stourbridge v. United, at Stourbridge.

Mr. Day asked for guidance for the United game at Stourbridge on Saturday. The Secretary said he knew of no special celebration at Stourbridge and it was left to Mr. Day's discretion, bearing in mind the feelings of the Committee on the time of return.

Late Sgt. Harris.

The Chairman referred to the death of Sgt. Harris (of Gloucester) who was recently fatally injured while playing in Army match at Aldershot. It was agreed letter of sympathy be sent to the family.

Northampton Match.

Chairman appealed to the Committee to give their assistance at the gates and Stand at Northampton match next Saturday.

The County and Memorial Fund.

Mr. Millington stated he had raised the matter of a Grant to the Memorial Ground Fund to the County Committee. Owing to delay in settling County Matches, final accounts were not ready.

United Matches & Loudspeaker.

Dr. Alcock hoped the loudspeaker would be used for any team changes in the United side at Kingsholm.

County Trial v. Glamorgan.

Mr. Millington mentioned that as a Trial Game Gloucestershire would play British Police, mid-week, towards end of September.

Fylde Fixture.

A request by Fylde for a mid-week fixture next season was declined owing to the many matches already arranged.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 8:40 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

13.4.54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

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

Apologies received from R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch

Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed.

Worcester Street Stand.

Quotations were received as under;

	Terracing Stand	New Fence, Repairs And Painting of Stand - 3 coats	Concrete Path at rear
Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore		£1,300	£120
Wm. Jones & Son		£1,195	£102
S. C. Rhodes & Co.		£1,240	£144

On the proposition of the President, Dr. Alcock, seconded by Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Balchin, it was agreed order be placed with the lowest tender, i.e. Wm. Jones & Son. The work to be completed by middle of August .

Wing C. - Stand.

Mr. Balchin made statement regarding C Stand. He stated he was now changing the colour of the tickets each match and he thought this would prove effective. He was watching the matter closely.

United v. Hereford.

The match was played on the Gordon League ground and it was agreed letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Charlie Lovell for kindly placing their ground at our disposal.

Chairs in Committee and Tea Room.

Reference was made to the very poor state of the chairs and agreed this be placed on agenda for next season.

Late Sgt. Harris.

Acknowledgement and thanks for the letter of sympathy, from Mr. & Mrs. Harris and family was read.

County and Memorial Ground Fund.

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr. Ken Williams, the County Hon. Treasurer, asking for Consideration of a Grant this season from the County Union.

Touch Judges, etc.		
Stroud	-	Mr. George Hastings
Stroud Nomads	-	Mr. Tom Millington
Birkenhead Park	-	Mr. Tom Day
Berry Hill	-	Mr. F. W. James
Bradford	-	Mr. Ray Morris
Lydney	-	Mr. Tom Day
Neath	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Devonport Services	-	Mr. Tom Day

Bristol Dinner - May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Mr. S. H. Davies was invited to represent the Club.

International Match - Tickets.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the expenses and loss on tickets in connection with the 3 (all ticket) International Matches at Twickenham to the extent of £6 6s. 0d. It was agreed this be met from Club funds.

Hon. Secretary's Postages & Expenses.

The Secretary was asked to estimate his postages, phones, and out of pocket expenses for the Season.

Deans Walk Wall - Glass; Ladies Lavatory.

Reference was made to the damage to glass on new Deans Walk Wall. Also to a complaint as to the condition of the Ladies Lavatory.

Teams for Thursday next were read.

Next Meeting fixed for Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed 9:30 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

4<sup>th</sup> May 1954

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Late Mr. H. Lamerton.

The President referred to the sudden death of Mr. Harry Lamerton, a Patron of the Club and it was agreed a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow and relatives.

Bristol Dinner.

Mr. S. H. Davies regretted that owing to sudden family indisposition he was unable to attend the Bristol Dinner last evening. He contacted Bristol also sent written apology, copy of which he handed to the Secretary.

Ladies Lavatory.

The Secretary stated he had spoken to the Groundsman about the condition reported of the ladies lavatory.

County Officials and Executive - 1954/55.

It was unanimously agreed to propose the name of Mr. J. F. Evans of Stroud as President and Mr. Ken Williams, Lydney, as Treasurer, and A. Hudson and T. H. Millington on the Executive Committee, and Mr. S. H. Davies as third name in the event of a vacancy.

Treatment of Ground.

The Secretary stated he had sent reminder to the U.T.S. Co., and read their acknowledgement.

Brass Band.

No further communication to report.

Stroud Dinner - May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. George Hastings agreed to represent the Club.

Y.M.C.A. Appeal.

A circular letter from the Mayor to the Club appealing for assistance, either by a Grant or sponsoring some function was read. Agreed no action be taken.

R. J. Goodman - Music Offer.

Letter read from Mr. R. J. Goodman, 7 Seventh Avenue, Tuffley, offering his services in giving some music on records of his own choosing and asking for a chat before the start of next season. Agreed offer not accepted.

Mr. Norman took the opportunity of pointing out the gramophone needs overhaul.

Geo. Goldsworthy re. F.O. Peter Hosen.

Letter read from Mr. Geo. Goldsworthy (Referee) stating that his nephew F/O Peter Hosen R.A.F. was being transferred to Innsworth and that he was anxious to obtain furnished flat from July 1<sup>st</sup> in Gloucester or Cheltenham, and hoped we could assist in obtaining this accommodation. The Committee could take no action but Mr. Geo. Hastings said that he would have flat available at that time.

Old Cryptians.

Letter read from Mr. John Sibery, Secretary of Old Cryptians R.F.C. thanking the Committee for relieving G. Connell on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> and offering at any time the services of any of their players for 1st or United XV's.

7-a-Side Collection.

The Secretary reported that the Collection at the 7-a-Side match (including few special donations) amounted to £24 10s. 0d. and this had been paid into Memorial Ground account.

Schools Jubilee Dinner Account.

The Hon. Sec. submitted the account for the Schools R.F.U. Jubilee Dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup>, totalling £24 15s. 0d. and this was passed for payment.

Llanelly Guarantee.

The Fixture [Secretary] Mr. Burns reported that Llanelly were asking for Guarantee of £100 for match at Kingsholm. It was agreed to offer £85.

R.F.U. Annual Meeting - Proposed New Bye Law - Broadcasting and Television.

The Secretary stated he had received notice that R.F.U. Annual Meeting was to be held Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, and that they were proposing a New Bye [Law] re. Broadcasting and Television of Matches; that permission to do so must first be obtained from the R.F.U.

After discussion it was agreed that the following amendment be sent to the R.F.U. Delete the words "but the visiting club or team taking part in such a game is also responsible for ensuring that this Bye Law is not contravened." Also this be sent to the Gloucestershire R.F.U. for discussion at their meeting on Friday next. Proposed by Mr. G .J. Dance and seconded by Mr. S. H. Davies.

Hon. Treasurer's Accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Balchin, gave details of his provisional accounts and balance sheet for 1953/54.

Grants.

The following grants were made:

Fieldings	Coney Hill	)
Gordon League	Civil Service	)
Widden O.B.'s	Gloucester Old Boys	)

All Blues	Student's Union	)	£10 each
Spartans	Old Cryptians	)	
Tredworth	Shire Hall	)	
O. Centralians	Old Richians	)	

	£	s.	d.
St. John's Ambulance	10	10	0
Hospital Welfare	10	10	0
Gloucester Cripples	5	5	0
The Blind	5	5	0
Deaf & Dumb	5	5	0
Playing Fields Assn.	2	2	0
Memorial Ground Fund	200	0	0

Pavilion - External Repairs and Painting.

Agreed to ask for quotations from Mr. Jones and Rhodes for external repairs and painting of pavilion and left to Ground Committee and Officers with power to act.

Players' Meeting - Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Annual General Meeting - Monday June 21st

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

11<sup>th</sup> June 1954



LOOSE EXTRACT TAKEN FROM CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED SATURDAY MAY 8<sup>th</sup>,  
1954.

## **GLO'STER ON A SEASON OF ACHIEVEMENT**

### ***Brian Gilshenan's commentary***

Gloucester Rugby Club are certainly sitting on top of the world at the present time! In clocking up the highest number of wins in their history - beating even the famous Kingsholm Jubilee season record - they have achieved something in which players and supporters alike can take an immense amount of pride.

When the curtain came down last Saturday on this amazingly successful season under the captaincy of John Taylor, Gloucester's fine playing record read: Played 42, Won 31, drawn 1, lost 10, points 430, against 283.

The points were made up of 88 tries, 38 conversions, 23 penalty goals and 7 dropped goals.

Although the number of wins was only one more than in the Jubilee season, I think it can justifiably be said that morally, at any rate, the Red and Whites beat the previous record by a slightly bigger margin.

**For in the Jubilee season they played 45 games as against 42 in the season just ended and lost 11 with 4 games drawn.**

It should be mentioned in passing, of course, that Gloucester have known better seasons than either of these two in proportion to the number of games played - but, even so, 31 wins is a most outstanding feat.

And until Gloucester struck their temporary bad patch, from which they fortunately emerged in time to set up the new record, it would have come as no surprise if the number of victories had been still higher.

Somewhat unaccountably there were times when the Red and Whites lost games which no-one expected them to lose.

## Best victory

And it can also be claimed with every justification that had it not been for heavy county calls, several additional victories would quite probably have been added to Gloucester's tally.

The win that gave Gloucester greatest satisfaction, and was probably their finest achievement, was the 8 pts. - 3 victory over Newport at Kingsholm... Gloucester's first win at the expense of the famous Usksiders for five years.

Indeed, the whole record of Gloucester's encounters with Welsh clubs at Kingsholm in 1953-54 is a memorable one. Swansea (8 pts.-0), Llanelly (15 pts.-13), and Neath (8 pts. - nil) also bit the dust.

*The only Welsh club who won at Kingsholm was Cardiff (3 pts. - 19) and had it not been a county match day the story might have been rather different.*

((PART MISSING))

Leicester (19 pts. - nil) and Oxford University (9 pts. - 8) and the away victories over Bedford (13 pts. - 6), Bath (9 pts. - 6), London Scottish (10 pts. - nil), and Lydney (12 pts. - 3).

The win at Bedford was Gloucester's first on that ground for 16 years, at Bath - over whom they completed the "double" - the first for six years, and at Lydney the first for six years.

**There is one respect in which Gloucester's record in 1953-54 was not so good as in the Kingsholm Jubilee season. This relates to the number of points scored, 430 as against 563.**

And this, I feel, is due more to spasmodic falls from grace in the matter of finishing than to any lack of comparable scoring power or any unwillingness on Gloucester's part to play the open game as often as possible.

## Teamwork

The Red and Whites have certainly endeavoured to play fast constructive rugby throughout the season and on the whole their efforts have met with conspicuous success. As a team they have pulled together magnificently.

One of the most satisfying aspects of the season is the fact that the leading try-scorers are their speedy and determined wingers John Taylor, with 13 tries, and Ernest Turner, with 12.

Nothing could demonstrate more effectively that Gloucester have been aiming at the right kind of rugby!

Quite apart from his lion-hearted running Taylor deserves a big share of the credit for Gloucester's new record by reason of his inspiring leadership.

## Effective

The club's regular three-quarter line of Taylor and Turner on the wings and Sutton and Baker in the centre has proved one of the most effective Gloucester have had since the war.

Sutton has staged an excellent comeback and he and Baker are both running harder and straighter.

At scrum-half, where he has given some excellent displays, John Hobbs has been a vital link in Gloucester's scoring machine.

His half-back partnerships with wily Bill Cartmell - for the greater part of the season - and with Lewis Morgan, have been an immense asset to the Red and Whites.

Morgan must surely be ranked the most improved player of the year. Some of his performances in the closing part of the season have been really outstanding and he is obviously an outside-half with a big future.

## Strong Pack

The strength of Gloucester's pack has, of course, been an important match-winning factor in numerous games.

The forwards who normally constituted Gloucester's premier eight - Hastings, Thomas, Parry, Wells, Gwilliam, Ford, Hodge and Ibbotson - undoubtedly rank among the greatest packs in the club's history. When at peak form it was rarely that they met their equals in the loose.

Scrummaging showed a big improvement over last season, with Thomas getting in some brilliant work as hooker, and although lineout play could have been better, John Gwilliam was always a tower of strength in this department.

Trevor Halls gave good service to Gloucester at full back but was sometimes a bit temperamental. He headed the list of individual points scorers and also claimed the highest number of individual appearances.

Among some fine "second strings" to whom Gloucester owed a lot was veteran Gordon Hudson, always ready to step into the breach with skill and determination and with apparently unimpaired playing prowess.

## Scorers

T. Halls, 1 try, 23 conversions, 13 penalty goals (88 points); M. Baker, 5 tries, 12 conversions, 8 penalty goals (63); J. Taylor, 13 tries (39); E. Turner, 12 tries (36); L. Morgan, 2 tries, 3 conversions, 4 drop-goals, 2 penalty-goals (30); P. Ford and D. Ibbotson, 9 tries (27); G. Hastings, 6 tries (18); C. Thomas, 5 tries (15); R. Sutton, 4 tries 1 drop-goal (15); J. Hobbs, 2 tries, 1 drop-goal (9); G. Hudson, S. Troughton and D. Jones, 3 tries (9); H. Wells and R. Perks, 2 tries (6); W. Cartmell, 1 drop-goal (3); R. Hodge, D. Meadows, A. Bainbridge, R. Redman, M. Burford, R. Amos and J. Gwilliam, 1 try (3).

## Appearances

T. Halls 38; D. Ibbotson 36; P. Ford 35; E. Turner and G. Hastings 34; J. Taylor, J. Hobbs, H. Wells and C. Thomas 33; R. Parry 32; R. Sutton 31; M. Baker 30; R. Hodge 26; W. Cartmell 25; J. Gwilliam 22; G. Hudson 17; L. Morgan 15; M. Burford and J. Varney 14; S. Troughton and D. Bowden 11; W. Nield 10; A. Wadley 8; D. Perks 7; D. Jones 6; J. Bowdler, G. Counsell, R. Perks and W. G. Smith 5; H. Terrington, A. Bainbridge, R. Stower and R. Redman 3; D. Meadows, N. Crabtree and R. Amos 2; T. Jones, D. Solomon, G. Wilce and K. Taylor.



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, T. H. Millington, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, F. Wadley, R. Morris, R. N. Loveridge, T. Day, G. Hastings, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Secretary, A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies from Messrs. G. J. Dance, C. N. Smith, F. W. James.

Minutes of previous Committee Meeting read and confirmed.

R.F.U. re. Television.

The Secretary reported the County Executive approved the Club's suggestion re. deletion in proposed new Bye Law but regretted that due to delay the R.F.U. could not accept as an amendment.

Bristol wrote stating they were in favour of "No televising of any International game during the progress of the match..." and desired us to second this. After discussion it was agreed not to support this extreme view but confirmed the last season decision "Second half only" as a fair compromise.

R.F.U. Annual Meeting.

The Secretary to represent the Club if convenient.

Mr. Stanley Langston, M.B.E.

It was unanimously agreed letter of congratulation be sent to Mr. Stanley Langston, Hon. Sec., Schools Union (15) on being honoured with the M.B.E.

County Annual Meeting.

Mr. T. Burns to represent the Club at the Annual County Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Applications for Kingsholm; England v. Wales, Boys Over 15.

Agreed to grant use of Kingsholm for Over 15 Schools International Match, England v. Wales, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1956 and agreed to Mr. Voyce's proposal we ask for 15% gross gate, and this be discussed with the Schools Union by the Hon. Sec.

Schools County Matches - Under 15 Group.

Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> 1955. Gloucestershire v. Bristol Union. Agreed.

The application for Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1956 for Gloucestershire v. Somerset not agreed to.

Gloucestershire Association of Boys Clubs - Boys Club International.

Request for Kingsholm for Boys Clubs International match England v. Wales April 1955 was not approved.

Annual Meeting - Monday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Re-Election of Officers.

President	Dr. Alcock.
Vice- Presidents	Messrs. A. T. Voyce and A. Hudson.
Hon. Sec.	Mr. A. Hudson.
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. H. J. Balchin.
Hon. Fixture Secretary	Mr. T. Burns.

Rev. Hughes proposed and Mr. Millington seconded and unanimously approved.

Vote of Thanks to Chairman.

Dr. Alcock proposed and Mr. Millington seconded a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman for the admirable manner with which he had occupied the Chair. Rev. Hughes suitably replied.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman produced his draft Annual Report and agreed this be vetted by the Officers.

Meeting ended 9:15 p.m.

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## ANNUAL MEETING

CENTRAL HALL, ST. ALDATE STREET

On Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1954 :: At 7-30 p.m.

### *COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1953-54.*

In presenting the Report and Balance Sheet for the Season 1953-54, the Committee are again able to record a most satisfactory year.

In winning the highest number of matches in the history of the Club for any single season, and breaking the famous Kingsholm Jubilee season record the club has achieved something in which players and supporters alike can take an enormous amount of pride. The first team record reads as follows: Played 42, Won 31, Drawn 1, Lost 10, Points for 430, against 283.

In spite of setting up a record the team has endeavoured with considerable success to play fast constructive rugby throughout the season and the outstanding feature of the side has been its teamwork, the foundation of which has been its pack of forwards, one of the finest in the country.

We congratulate John Taylor on his successful captaincy, often under difficulty, owing to his move to Leicester during the early part of the season, and it is with regret that we have to record the fact that he feels it is neither fair to the side nor to himself to continue as a playing member while living at such a distance from Gloucester.

John Gwilliam, vice-captain, a post which he very willingly accepted and filled with efficiency, feels that the time has come to give up an active playing career.

Gordon Hudson also has announced his retirement as a playing member of the club; of both players it may be truthfully said that the great game of Rugby Football has benefited by the quality and conduct of their play on the field, and their leadership and example both on and off the field.

The United under the leadership of their captain Ivor Jones, although not achieving the record of the previous season had many successes including a notable win over Cardiff Athletic, at Gloucester. The success of our 1<sup>st</sup> XV depends upon the support given by the United and once again we appeal to members to support the United and give them the encouragement they deserve.

The Hon. Treasurer will record another successful financial year in which many improvements to the ground and club house have been carried out.



Plans are being considered for the extension of the Grand Stand and by next September the Worcester Street Stand will have been reconstructed with concrete terracing and walk.

The Committee wish to record their thanks to the President, Dr. Arnold Alcock, and to congratulate him upon his year of office as City High Sheriff; they also wish to record their thanks to the Hon. Secretary Mr. A. Hudson, who has now completed his 52<sup>nd</sup> year of service to the Club; to Mr. H. J. Balchin the Hon. Treasurer who has continued his able work of controlling so efficiently the problems of the finances of the Club; and to Mr. T. Burns the Hon. Fixture Secretary upon his most difficult task.

We record with deep regret the loss of a Committee member in Mr. S. F. Taylor, who did so much for Gloucester sport in his lifetime.

The difficult task which he had performed for a number of years of producing the programme was taken over most efficiently by Mr. Norman Smith.

The Committee also wish to thank the following organisations whose interest and assistance is indispensable to Rugby Football; the Referee's Society under its able secretary Major F. Blackwell; the Local Clubs; the School's Unions; the St. John's Ambulance and the Press. Finally we would like to thank all those, both members and non members, 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 clean football for which Gloucester is renowned, played on the finest ground in the country, will be continued for yet another season.

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB. Season 1953-54

## REVENUE ACCOUNT

1952-1953	EXPENDITURE	1953-1954	1952-1953	INCOME	1953-1954
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
708 0 8	Amusement Tax	-			
250 0 0	Ground Company - Annual Rent	250 0 0	245 14 0	Subscriptions -	
64 4 0	Income Tax - Schedule 'A'	54 18 0	786 0 0	94 Members at £3 3 0	296 2 0
	Subscriptions to County Rugby		153 6 0	528 " " 1 10 0	792 0 0
2 2 0	Football Unions	2 2 0	557 5 0	174 " " 1 1 0	182 14 0
427 13 10	Local Rates	487 13 10	218 0 0	745 " " 15 0	558 15 0
1,039 0 5	Expenses - Away Matches	950 10 0	5 2 6	460 " " 10 0	230 0 0
335 19 11	" Home Matches	366 9 9		42 " " 2 6	<u>5 5 0</u>
430 7 6	Printing, Advertising and Bill-posting	434 7 9		(Players)	
58 0 0	Insurance of Players	58 0 0	4,590 11 6	Gate Receipts -	
627 7 3	Refreshments, Canteen Expenses and Teas	671 17 4	154 5 3	First Team Matches	4,717 4 6
40 3 0	General Insurances	40 5 0	45 0 0	Second " "	<u>107 12 3</u>
34 6 11	Referees' Expenses	45 9 0	70 0 0	Grant from Teignmouth RFC	45 0 0
226 13 1	Equipment, Footballs, etc.	222 15 8		Grant from Torquay RFC	<u>45 0 0</u>
26 19 7	Postages and Telephones	47 10 4			90 0 0
302 16 6	Wages to Groundsmen	334 15 0	93 17 3	Hire of Ground -	
134 8 8	Special Ground Expenses	42 11 6	25 0 0	County Union	155 12 10
695 6 2	Repairs, Renewals and Improvements	1,591 5 1	-	English Universities	20 0 0
26 10 0	Photographs	28 3 1		Gloucester Co-operative Society	42 0 0
42 15 8	Police Charges	56 14 1		Permal Sports Club	<u>40 0 0</u>
490 0 0	Guarantees to Visiting Teams	381 1 0	35 8 0	Motor Car Park	
33 14 7	Chemist's Account	37 2 2			37 16 6
165 10 0	Grants to Local Clubs	165 0 0		Investment Income -	
102 2 0	Lighting and Fuel	108 10 0		Defence Bond Interest	122 10 0
11 11 0	Audit Fee	11 11 0	73 10 3	Loan Interest	148 10 0
23 13 8	Sundry Expenses	42 16 11	148 10 0	Treasury Stock Interest	59 11 4
29 7 6	Club Blazer Badges	-	59 11 4	Trustee and other Bank Interest	25 4 4
385 10 0	Income Tax on Interest and Profits	536 1 6	60 15 6	Savings Bonds Interest	<u>43 18 6</u>
24 15 3	Corporation Duty	26 2 3	43 18 6		
50 18 7	Architect's Fees	-			399 14 2
72 19 6	Laundry	80 4 0			
209 17 3	Memorial Fund Grant	200 0 0			
	Donations -				
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	5 5 0			
-	National Institute for the Blind	5 5 0			
-	Gloucester Diocesan Assoc. for the Deaf	5 5 0			
-	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Assoc.	<u>2 2 0</u>	44 2 0		
261 10 7	Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure	356 8 0			
<u>£7,365 15 1</u>		<u>£7,674 16 3</u>	<u>£7,365 15 1</u>		<u>£7,674 16 3</u>

## BALANCE SHEET

1952-1953	SURPLUS AND LIABILITIES	1952-1953	ASSETS	
£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.    £ s. d.	
	Income and Expenditure Account -			
18,563	Balance as Last Account    18,824 2 10		Grand Stand and Stands Account -	
	<i>Add</i> Excess of Income over	3,985	Balance as at Last Account    3,985 8 7	
261	Expenditure for Year to date <u>356 8 0</u>	19,180 10 10	3,300	Advanced on Loan as at Last Account    3,300 0 0
	Sundry Creditors and Provisions:-		Investments (at cost) -	
501	Accrued charges and Income Tax    671 7 1	3,067	Shares of £1 each in the Gloucester	
		1,000	Football & Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.    3,067 0 0	
		1,000	3% Defence Bonds    1,000 0 0	
		2,300	3½% Defence Bonds    1,000 0 0	
		2,002	2½% Defence Bonds    2,300 0 0	
			£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	
		286	Cash at Bankers - Current Account    618 5 5	
		20	Deposit Account    20 15 8	
		863	Cash on Deposit - Trustee Savings	
			Bank <u>1,055 16 9</u>	
			12,566 9 4	
£19,325	£19,851 17 11	£19,325	£19,851 17 11	

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*  
15<sup>th</sup> June 1954.

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

## GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB - FIXTURES 1954-1955

*Hon. Secretary: A. HUDSON, The Chestnuts, Kingsholm, Gloucester.*

1954				1955			
Sept	11	Lydney	H	Jan.	1	London Scottish	H
"	18	Moseley	H	"	6	Army	H
"	23	Cheltenham	H	"	8	Leicester	H
"	25	Bristol	A	"	15	Wasps	A
"	30	Stroud	H	"	22	Bristol	H
				"	29	Neath	A
Oct.	2	Bedford	H	Feb.	5	Civil Service	H
"	9	Richmond	H	"	12	Bath	A
		<i>(Glos. v Cornwall, Bristol)</i>		"	19	Swansea	A
"	16	Newport	A	"	26	Cardiff	H
"	23	Coventry	H	Mar	5	Northampton	A
		<i>(Glos. v Devon, Away)</i>		"	12	R.A.F.	H
"	30	Oxford University	A	"	19	Guys Hospital	H
				"	26	Newport	H
Nov.	6	Leicester	A	"	31	Stroud	A
"	13	Moseley	A	Apr.	2	Harlequins	A
		<i>(Glos. v Somerset, Gloucester)</i>		"	6	Cheltenham	A
"	20	Aberavon	H	"	9	New Brighton	H
"	27	Cardiff	A	"	11	Sale	H
				"	12	Lydney	A
Dec.	4	Neath	H	"	16	Ebbw Vale	H
"	11	Bath	H	"	23	Devonport Services	A
"	18	Coventry	A	"	25	Redruth	A
"	27	O.M.T.'s	H	"	26	Teignmouth	A
"	28	U.A.U.	H	"	30	Exeter	H

*Hon. Fixture Secretary: T. BURNS, 27 Tuffley Avenue, Gloucester*

LOOSE EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE CITIZEN NEWSPAPER SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>,  
1954.

## **GLO'STER RUGBY CLUB PLAY TOO MANY GAMES**

**- Dr. Alcock**

**Gloucester Rugby Football Club play too many matches in a season, declared Dr. Arnold Alcock, president of the club, at the annual meeting at the Central Hall last night.**

Fresh from their memorable 1953-54 season the happy state of affairs in the club was apparent from the report of the committee and from the statement of accounts and the balance sheet.

In the committee's report, which was unanimously adopted, it was stated that the club had played fast, constructive rugby throughout the season.

**"The outstanding feature of the side has been its teamwork, the foundation of which has been its pack of forwards, one of the finest in the country," stated the report.**

"In winning the highest number of matches in the history of the club for any single season, and breaking the famous Kingsholm Jubilee season record the club has achieved something in which players and supporters alike can take an immense amount of pride," the report said.

The first team record reads as follows: Played 42, won 31, drawn 1, lost 10, points for 430, against 283.

### **Departures**

"We congratulate John Taylor on his successful captaincy, often under difficulty, owing to his move to Leicester during the early part of the season, and it is with regret that we have to record the fact that he feels it is neither fair to the side nor to himself to continue as a playing member while living at such a distance from Gloucester," the report went on.

"John Gwilliam, vice-captain, a post which he very willingly accepted and filled with efficiency, feels that the time has come to give up an active playing career.

**“Gordon Hudson also has announced his retirement as a playing member of the club. Of both players it may be truthfully said that the great game of rugby football has benefited by the quality and conduct of their play on the field, and their leadership and example both on and off the field.**

“The United, under the leadership of their captain, Ivor Jones, although not achieving the record of the previous season, had many successes including a notable win over Cardiff Athletic, at Gloucester.

“The success of our 1<sup>st</sup> XV depends upon the support given by the United and once again we appeal to members to support the United and give them the encouragement they deserve.

## Stand Extension

“Plans are being considered for the extension of the grandstand and by next September the Worcester-st. stand will have been reconstructed with concrete terracing and walk,” it was reported.

“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 clean football for which Gloucester is renowned, played in the finest ground in the country, will be continued for yet another season.

*“The difficulty with our club is that we play too many matches,”* commented the President (Dr. Arnold Alcock).

*He recalled that the players were unable to turn out for one match. They had played five matches in seven days.*

“It is fantastic,” he declared. “It is too much to expect. Of course you don’t win every time at Kingsholm.”

## Happy Season

“The season has been a most happy and memorable one,” commented Dr. Arnold.

“What has been accomplished for the future well-being of the club should be stressed,” he added.

The balance sheet, presented by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. H. J. Balchin), was unanimously adopted.

At £1,591, repairs, renewals and improvements showed a considerable increase over the previous season (£695). Next largest item on the expenditure side was £950 for away matches (£1,039).

Gate receipts for first team matches amounted to £4,717 (£4,590) while subscriptions totalled £2,064.

The balance sheet revealed an excess of income over expenditure during the year of £356.

Assets amounted to £19,851. The treasurer said he thought they would top the £20,000 mark next season.

## Election

Mr. C. N. Smith and Mr. F. James tied with 66 votes each for election to the committee.

Dr. Alcock gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Smith.

Others elected to serve on the committee were: Messrs. A. G. Hudson (142 votes), T. Day 118 votes, F. Wadley (103), S. H. Davies (107), Rev. H. M. Hughes (100), T. H. Millington (98), R. N. Loveridge (97), L. H. Middleditch (97), R. Morris (86), G. J. Dance (80).

All officers were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for their services.

**Speakers mentioned the 52 years' service as hon. secretary of Mr. A. Hudson, and spoke warmly of all that he had done for the club.**

Speaking after the re-election of the officers, Mr. A. T. Voyce said that the new laws would make very little difference to the game.

One change would be the use of plastic studs on players' boots, which was much safer.

ENDS LOOSE EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE CITIZEN NEWSPAPER SATURDAY,  
JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 1954.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. H. Millington, L. H. Middleditch, G. J. Dance, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, G. Hudson, T. Day, G. Hastings, R. Sutton, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies received from Messrs. C. N. Smith, S. H. Davies, and R. Morris.

The President welcomed the new and old members and referred to the points raised at the Annual Meeting.

- (1) [BLANK]
- (2) Unsatisfactory loud speaker at ground.
- (3) Life memberships.

Election of Chairman.

The President then invited the Meeting to appoint their Chairman for the season, and Mr. Millington said he had much pleasure in again proposing the re-election of the Rev. H. M. Hughes, and Mr. Wadley seconded. This was carried unanimously. Rev. Hughes expressed his thanks for the continued confidence and looked forward to another successful season.

Election of Sub-Committees, etc.

Selection.

Messrs. T. Day, F. Wadley, R. N. Loveridge, and S. H. Davies, with Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

Finance.

Messrs. Millington, Loveridge, C. N. Smith, with officers.

Ground.

Messrs. G. Hudson, T. H. Millington, G. J. Dance, T. Day, R. Morris, L. H. Middleditch and officers.

Emergency.

Messrs. G. Hudson, S. H. Davies, C. N. Smith, R. N. Loveridge, T. Millington, and officers.

Programmes.

Mr. C. N. Smith.

Canteen.

Mr. L. H. Middleditch.



North Glos. Combination.  
Mr. F. Wadley.

Baggage Men.  
Mr. W. Cale - 1<sup>st</sup> XV  
Geo. Hudson - United XV

Insurance of Players.  
South Western Insurance Group, as previously, and R.F.U. for fatality.

Baggage Men - Grants for 1953/54.  
Mr. Balchin mentioned that as no grant was made to the Baggage Men at the Meeting when Grants were dealt with he has with the consent of the Hon. Sec. requested the previous years' donations of 1<sup>st</sup> XV £15 and United XV £10, and his action was confirmed.

T. N. Halls - Resignation.  
Letter of resignation as a player owing to business reasons was read and the Secretary was asked to send letter of thanks for past services and wish that the decision was not final.

Royal Air Force Association.  
Letter read from R.A.F.A. asking for permission to sell Battle of Britain Week programmes at the matches at Kingsholm on Sept. 11th and 18<sup>th</sup>. It was regretted permission could not be granted within the Ground.

Local Cancer Campaign Appeal.  
Letter from the local Chairman, Mr. Ben Cooke, was read. Regret unable to make grant; received too late for season's accounts.

Permali Sports - Cancellation of 3<sup>rd</sup> July.  
Letter dated June 21<sup>st</sup> received. Owing to lack of entries and interest Sports were cancelled. It was agreed no charge be made.

Exeter - Change of Hon. Secretary.  
Circular letter from Exeter re. change of Hon. Sec., (Mr. Coombes) after 33 years, to Mr. Jno. R....., [unreadable] with Mr. J. G. Harrison as Fixture Secretary, was read.

Wm. Jones - Payment on Account, Worcester Street Stand.  
Request from Wm. Jones for £950 payment on account for concreting the Worcester Street Stand was passed for payment. If necessary, from Deposit Account, West Midland Trustee Bank.

Teas at Ground after Matches.  
Mr. Middleditch was asked to see Mrs. [LEFT BLANK] and obtain quotation in good time for next season.

Fixture Lists.

In answer to enquiry of Mr. Voyce, the Secretary stated he had the new pocket fixture list in hand and was awaiting proof.

#### Sale of Season Tickets.

The President and Mr. Voyce raised the matter of the sale of season tickets and of the inconvenience to members if continued at the Bristol Tramways office, Northgate Street. They suggested, with special assistance given, they revert if possible to 58 Northgate Street, and the matter was left in the hands of the Officers.

#### Cardiff Fixture - 1956/57.

Mr. Burns again referred to the difficulties with the Cardiff fixtures 1956/57. They had after considerable pressure and with the assistance of Mr. Voyce now offered Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>., Home, and April 27<sup>th</sup> Away, both already booked and ignored those he had offered. The Chairman promised to contact if possible Mr. Spence for information and assistance.

#### Fixtures - The Army, 1955/56.

The Fixture Secretary said he was pleased to report the Army were prepared to play at Kingsholm Saturday, January [BLANK] 1956 for guarantee of £80, and this was confirmed.

#### Typewriter.

It was agreed a typewriter be purchased for use by the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Fixture Secretary.

#### Referees.

Lydney	Bristol official
Moseley	Bristol official
Stroud	
Cheltenham	Wales official Ivor Ward

#### Loud Speaker and Gramophone.

Secretary to ask G.E.C. to inspect and report.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed 9:25 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

Sept. 7, 1954.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday, September 7th, 1954.

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

Minutes of previous meeting read and signed.

Wm. Jones Account.

The Hon. Treasurer stated he had paid £300 on account of the request for £950. The Secretary reported his interview with Mr. Derek Jones re. the delay in completing the many jobs in hand and he promised the Car Park Gates to be completed by next Saturday, and if possible the capping on the end walls of the Worcester Street Stand. The delay in delivery of the material preventing him from completing the roof and the fence in front of the Stand.

Teas at Ground after Matches.

Mr. Voyce referred to the difficulties met with the local tradesmen in supplying teas after matches at Kingsholm. Factory Canteens, Ltd., Stroud, were prepared to do so at 4/9d per head, guarantee of 50 for 1<sup>st</sup> matches and 40 for United, and he submitted specimen menu. As it was a matter of urgency he with Mr. Middleditch had accepted the tender and their action was confirmed, with thanks for their efforts.

Lino in Kitchen.

The quotation of Lea & Co., to lay Lino in kitchen for 8 guineas was on the proposition of Dr. Alcock seconded by Mr. Millington, accepted.

Hot Plate and Hot Cupboard.

Mr. Middleditch was asked to visit Gas Co., to view the hotplate and cupboard, as mentioned by Mr. Voyce and given authority to order should he consider satisfactory. Proposed by Dr. Alcock seconded by Mr. C. N. Smith and passed unanimously.

Sale of Season Tickets.

The Treasurer reported for the sale of season tickets to date he had banked £300 and Mr. Hudson £400. Mr. Voyce regretted the absence of the Treasurer at Kingsholm last Saturday as it meant a selector, Mr. Loveridge, taking over the job. Mr. Balchin said he considered next Saturday his responsibility and would be at Kingsholm in good time.

To give assistance at 58 Northgate St.;

Wednesday evening	Mr. Loveridge
Friday evening	Mr. L. H. Davies
Saturday morning	Messrs. Millington, Loveridge, and Burns.

The Secretary expressed his appreciation of the assistance of Bill Smith who was giving so much time of his holidays to the sale of the season tickets.

Stan Walters - Application to join Club as a playing member.

Secretary read letter from Stan Walters of Cheltenham asking to become a playing member of the Gloucester Club for the coming season. After discussion, Mr. Dance proposed and Mr. Morris seconded we reply that we are unable to offer him a game and this was passed "Nem Con."

Cardiff Fixture - 1956/1957.

Mr. Burns said fixtures for 1956/57 had now been satisfactorily settled, thanks to the co-operation of the Newport club.

Accident to Newport's Captain, Mr. Thomas.

Dr. Alcock proposed letter of sympathy be sent to the Newport club on the misfortune to their Captain who had sustained broken leg, and to add our appreciation of their help in the rearrangement of fixtures. Agreed.

Typewriter.

The Hon. Treasurer reported the purchase of the typewriter.

Touch Judge.

Lydney Mr. Morris

Moseley Mr. S. H. Davies

Gramophone.

The Secretary reported that Mr. [LEFT BLANK] of King Street had inspected the gramophone at the Ground and considered it beyond repair for a place of such prominence. He offered a new up-to-date machine which he could recommend for about 10 guineas. With Mr. Voyce he agreed to purchase and their action was approved.

Loud Speakers.

Mr. Gordon Hudson said he went to the Ground with the G.E.C. experts who could find no fault except that they considered the speakers in the small Stand should not be used.

St. John's Ambulance.

Letter read from Mr. J. W. Clark, Div. Supt., suggesting a little publicity be given in the programmes to assist them in obtaining recruits. This was agreed, and passed to Mr. C. N. Smith.

Lydney Town Band at Kingsholm.

Offer of Lydney Town Band to play at Kingsholm on Saturday next was to be gracefully declined.

Mr. Dawes - Infirmary.

Agreed that friend of Mr. Dawes could accompany him to seats at end of Committee Bar to give him assistance on staircase.

Draw for Out Matches.

Bristol	-	Mr. G. Dance
Newport	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Oxford University	-	Mr. Middleditch
Leicester	-	Mr. G. Hudson
Moseley	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Cardiff	-	Mr. T. Day
Coventry	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge
Wasps	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Neath	-	Mr. C. N. Smith
Bath	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
Swansea	-	Mr. C. N. Smith
Northampton	-	Mr. R. Morris
Stroud	-	Mr. G. Hudson
Harlequins	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Cheltenham	-	Mr. F. Wadley
Lydney	-	Mr. G. Dance

United.

v. Bream	-	Mr. G. Hudson
v. Drybrook	-	Mr. G. Hudson
v. Bristol Aero	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
v. Cleve	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
v. Hereford	-	Mr. R. Morris
v. Newport H.S.O.B.	-	Mr. G. Dance
v. Worcester	-	Mr. G. Dance
v. Bath Utd.	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
V. Cardiff University	-	Mr. C. N. Smith
v. Malvern	-	Mr. L. H. Middleditch
v. Berry Hill	-	Mr. F. Wadley
v. Bromsgrove	-	Mr. T. Day
v. Chepstow	-	Mr. R. N. Loveridge

N. G. Combination v. Gloucester United.

Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> accepted.

Use of Committee Room granted for Meeting to select teams. Mr. Millington expressed N.G.C.'s thanks for gifts to the Club.

Meeting closed 10:00 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

21 / Sept / 54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1954.

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

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Wm. Jones.

The Secretary stated he had given Wm. Jones cheque for further £600 and emphasised the urgency of completing the work.

Teas at Ground - Hotplate and Cupboard Quality.

Mr. Middleditch reported the Hotplate and Cupboard offered by Gas Co. was satisfactory and that he had purchased same and this was approved. Mr. G. Hudson suggested that end of each table have beer ready for those who preferred drink to the meal. Agreed that comments on quality of teas by the new firm be deferred for few weeks.

Stan Walters.

The Secretary said he had written as directed to Stan Walters and had nothing further to report.

Newport Captain's Accident.

Letter from Mr. Bill Everson, Newport Secretary, was read, much appreciating the message of sympathy re. the accident to their Captain, Mr. M. C. Thomas, and also stating their pleasure of being of assistance over fixtures.

North Gloucester Combination v. United.

Owing to summer time ending, it was approved match be brought forward to Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. E. Cumming, Chairman N.G.C. - Complimentary Talk.

Letter of thanks for Complimentary Talk was read.

Officials Appointed.

Touch Judge (or C/M/C)

v. Cheltenham	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes
v. Bristol	-	Mr. Dance
v. Bristol United	-	Mr. Day
v. N. G. Combn.	-	Mr. L. Middleditch
v. Stroud (5:45 p.m.)	-	Mr. G. Hudson
v. Bedford	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
v. Bristol Aero	-	Rev. H. M. Hughes

Referee.

v. Cheltenham - Ivor David. (Sub. in reserve)

#### Paining and Repairing Pavilion.

The quotation of W. G. Alder, 34 Sisson Road, for burning off, where necessary, and painting 3 coats of pavilion and making good decayed woodwork and broken windows for £73 0s. 0d. was accepted.

#### Schools Application for use of Kingsholm.

Letter read from Mr. Arthur Harris for use of Kingsholm (1) October 16<sup>th</sup> or November 6<sup>th</sup>; (2) 5<sup>th</sup> March; (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1955 - the games to precede United matches. It was agreed to offer October 30<sup>th</sup> in lieu of (1) and also grant (2) and (3). The Secretary to discuss with Mr. Harris the several points raised (a) the numbering of tickets sold in advance and more supervision; (b) a Statement of Accounts to be rendered within a prescribed time and (c) a more definite payment to the Club to cover the expenses of the United games.

#### Cheltenham Match.

Mr. Hastings raised the question of advisability of playing Cheltenham match on Thursday before the Bristol game. Mr. Burns explained difficulties of arranging fixtures but promised matter would be borne in mind.

#### Drybrook Match and Dinner.

Mr. Wadley reported the good meal supplied by Drybrook and the disappointment expressed that more Gloucester officials were not present at what was intended to be their Annual Dinner. Mr. Gordon Hudson said the invitation was sent through him and was only received late in the week. He had sent a letter of regret [for] the misunderstanding.

#### Programmes.

The Secretary raised point of a Committeeman being in charge of sale of programmes in the manner previously done by the late Mr. Sid Taylor. Mr. Dance offered to give a hand. Mr. Smith hoped that the programmes would be at the ground earlier than of late.

#### Badges - Club and Captains.

Several members spoke of the delay in obtaining Club Badges and ties, and the Secretary said he would get in touch once again with Mr. Vance and have something to report at the next meeting.

#### Car Park for United Matches.

The President said he hoped the car park would be open this season for United matches and Mr. Voyce asked that all sections of the Grand Stand be accessible from the rear, and also suggested that Deans Walk be used as an exit for cars at 1<sup>st</sup> team matches. On points 1 and 2 Mr. Balchin said he would make the necessary arrangements but reminded the Committee of the extra expense involved. As to Deans Walk exit for cars, he asked that the matter be left to the Secretary and himself to consider.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

Oct. 5, 1954

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1954.

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

Apologies from Mr. T. Burns and Mr. R. Sutton.

Minutes of previous meeting read and signed.

Tea Room - Hot Plate.

Mr. Middleditch said he expected the Hot Plate to be fixed this week.

Beer, etc. after the game.

Mr. G. Hudson suggested that small table be reserved for beer so that those players who eat first can have a drink without waiting too long.

Mr. Millington proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded that beer and lemonade be continued in Home and Visitors dressing rooms after the game.

Quality of Meal.

Agreed criticism be waived until hot meals start in few weeks time.

Schools Union - Matches at Kingsholm.

The Secretary reported his interview with Mr. Arthur Harris, Schools Union Secretary, who has noted the points raised in AoB (previous Minutes). No charge for ground. Mr. Voyce proposed and Mr. Smith seconded a charge of £10 per match be made to cover loss of gate at the United matches. This was agreed to unanimously for this season and to be reviewed next season.

Kingsholm Lodge Complaint.

Letter of complaint from Kingsholm Lodge, Sebert Street, re. parking of cars, motor bikes and cycles was allowed to lie on table.

Badges and Ties.

Letter from Messrs. W. Vance & Son, was read. They regretted the delay which was due to the very few skilled craftsmen left in this trade. They had again contacted their embroideress and expected delivery in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Car Park - United Matches.

Mr. Balchin reported this was in operation at the Bristol United match.

Car Park - Exit to Deans Walk.



The use of exit at Deans Walk was fully discussed and Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Loveridge seconded that exit at Deans Walk be used for cars so wishing, and one of police at ground be asked to supervise when in operation.

Touch Judges, etc.

Richmond	-	Mr. T. Day
Cleve (away)	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Newport (away)	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
Newport United, at Kingsholm	-	Mr. G. Hudson

Ground levelling behind Worcester Street Stand.

The President suggested that space behind Worcester Street Stand be bulldozed, levelled and cleared, and agreed that estimate of cost be obtained.

International Match Tickets.

The Secretary referred to the 2 International matches at Twickenham this season, closing date for tickets being Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1954. Mr. C. N. Smith proposed and Dr. Alcock seconded that 6d be added to cost of tickets to cover postage, etc., due notice to be given in programmes. This was approved.

British Legion Poppy Day Appeal.

Letter read from Mr. Hemmings, British Legion Chairman, suggesting their band play at Kingsholm on Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, before and during interval of match and collectors with poppies make collection also before and during the interval. It was agreed to adhere to the rule and decline the request although it was pointed out the 1<sup>st</sup> Team were away on this date. It was further agreed to send the usual donation of 5 guineas to the Poppy Day Appeal.

Referees.

Request from Major Buckwell to consider Somerset, Warwick, and Notts, Lincs., and Derby referees to help Gloucester Socy. on a reciprocal basis. It was agreed to suggest;

v. Aberavon	Somerset Society
v. Neath	Warwick Society
v. bath	Notts., Lincs., Derby Society

The Chairman asked why Welshmen attached to English societies were barred from officiating at County Championship matches. Mr. Voyce said it may be because the Welsh Union would not approve English referees to their club matches.

County Matches clashing with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Club fixtures.

The Secretary raised the advisability of arranging strong fixtures like Richmond and Coventry at Kingsholm on County match dates. After discussion it was agreed matter be deferred to next meeting when Mr. Burns would be present.

Hon. Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treasurer stated members tickets and gates were slightly down on last season and expenses were likely to be higher.

New Rules.

The President suggested that a lecture on the New Rules by the Referee's Society to Gloucester and the four [WORD UNREADABLE] Clubs at Kingsholm might be of value. Consideration deferred.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

19 Oct. '54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 1954.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, L. H. Middleditch, T. Day, G. Hudson, C R. Morris, F. Wadley, G. J. Dance, T. H. Millington, S. H. Davies, R. Sutton. H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Secretary, A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies received from Messrs. T. Voyce, C. N. Smith, R. N. Loveridge, and G. Hastings.

Mr. Norman Smith.

The Chairman said they would all be pleased to hear Mr. Smith had returned home after his operation and they wished him a speedy recovery and an early appearance at Kingsholm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were read and signed.

Tea Room.

Mr. Middleditch reported the Hot Plate had been fixed and was quite satisfactory. Also the quality of the meal (so far).

Schools Union.

It was mentioned that the Schools Union representatives were desirous of a meeting prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> match at Kingsholm on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

Car Park - Deans Walk Exit.

The Secretary reported he was awaiting big card notices pointing to the Deans Walk exit, and he hoped it would be operative next Saturday.

Levelling behind Worcester Street Stand.

Under investigation.

Fixtures on County Match Dates.

The Fixture Secretary Mr. Burns explained that the chief reason for the strong fixtures on County Match dates was due to the re-grouping of the South Western Section. He endeavoured to arrange with teams of lesser strength and his action was endorsed.

Officers Appointed.

Touch Judges.

v. Coventry	-	Rev. H . M. Hughes
v. Oxford University (away)	-	Mr. Middleditch
v. Worcester (home)	-	Mr. Day

Penzance Appeal.

Letter received from Penzance appealing for subscription towards purchase of "Westhouse Lodge" as a Club and Headquarters of the Penzance & Newlyn R.F.C. It was [agreed] letter be acknowledged but "lie on the table."

Letter from O.C. RAF.

Letter from OC R.A.F. [word unreadable] re. Roy Blair [or Blairs] was read.

Corps of Commissionaires.

Letter from Bristol HQ stating Commissionaires were now available for certain duties at sporting locals in Gloucester was read and passed to the Hon. Treasurer.

Memorial Ground.

The President, Dr. Alcock, gave financial position of the Memorial Ground and said the levelling had now been completed but owing to delay due to the bad weather the seeding had been put off to next spring. The Contractors account was [BLANK]. He asked for a grant of £200 and loan of £300. After discussion Mr Millington proposed and Mr. Middleditch seconded that £500 be loaned immediately and the Grant be considered at the usual time, the end of the season, and this was agreed to.

Financial Arrangements for Away Match Expenses.

Mr. Davies raised the point of money to be made available for the Committee Man in Charge of away matches and it was agreed that the Hon. Treasurer have the money in envelope at 58 Northgate Street on the previous Friday.

Billy Nield's Accident.

Dr. Alcock reported on the condition of Billy Nield, injured in the game v. Richmond. He said it was not a "satisfactory fracture." The President also stated he had lodged a complaint at the long delay in attending to Nield after his arrival at the Infirmary.

Committee Men and local matches.

Mr. Gordon Hudson suggested that with a view of finding players of promise, Committee men go into a ballot to watch local clubs. Agreed to defer until next meeting.

Chairman and Players.

The Chairman raised point of what was in his view decline in spirit of some of the players and thought disruptive elements were causing friction. He deplored rough play creeping into the side which if unchecked might give the club a bad name. He had mentioned the matter to the Captain.

Mr. Sutton said it had been suggested the Committee meet the players and he thought points raised by either side could be aired. It was agreed matter be discussed in Committee before decision made.

Mr. Gordon Hudson considered a pep talk would be of more value and Mr. Middleditch hoped that the Committee would meet the officials and executive of the North Gloucester Combination and provide refreshments, with a view to finding new players.

Meeting closed 9:50 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

2 Nov. 1954.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, [1954].

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

Apologies from Messrs. C. N. Smith, R. Sutton.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Tea Room.

Report on quality of meal; v. Coventry - Fair, Worcester - Good.

Mr. Voyce said he would suggest if a meal was not up to standard the caterers should be promptly advised.

Gloucester Schools' Union.

The Secretary reported his interview with the Schools delegation - Messrs. Langston, Harris and Stan Groom re. the Club's proposed fix sum of £10 for each match. They thought this rather too high for some of the teams they would be playing, as away expenses had also to be met. It was pointed out to them that where a Balance Sheet would be helpful in assessing the charge. They agreed in future all tickets printed in advance should be numbered.

On the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. Millington, the Secretary's action was approved.

Car Park - Deans Walk Exit.

The Secretary stated it was not possible to use the Deans Walk exit at the Coventry match owing to ground depression through the gates. The Groundsman had promised to fill in the holes.

Matches on County Match Dates.

The Fixture Secretary, Mr. Burns, reported that Oxford Town who were playing good rugger was anxious to arrange fixtures. It was the opinion of the Committee that the Old Blues and Old Paulines were preferable as their names were much better known.

Expenses for Committee-man.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was making the necessary arrangements for the money to be left at 58 Northgate Street.

Billy Nield.

The President read letter of apology from Secretary of the Royal Hospital, Southgate St., and deep regret that Mr. Nield was delayed so long in the Casualty Department and that steps were being taken to prevent a recurrence.

Committeemen at Local Matches.

Messrs. T. Millington, S. H. Davies, R. Morris, F. Wadley, and T. Day agreed to attend local matches Saturday next.

Players' Meeting with Committee for 'Pep Talk.'

Mr. G. Hastings, Captain, suggested a players meeting with Committee for purpose of a pep talk on Tuesday next and this was approved. Refreshments to be provided.

Meeting with the Gloucester Combination.

Mr. Voyce proposed and Mr. Middleditch seconded the Committee meet North Gloucester Combination for friendly talk at convenient date in December with refreshments provided was also approved.

Roy James' Letter in 'Citizen.'

Reference was made to the letter in Citizen from Mr. Roy James. This was briefly discussed and agreed no action be taken.

Club Room.

The question of Club Room was again raised and considerable discussion took place. The majority favoured investigation of a layout underneath (the near end of) the Grand Stand and it was agreed the Ground Sub-Committee meet to view the site, after the Aberavon match on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

It was proposed that Captain, Players' Representative, and Mr. S. H. Davies be co-opted to the Sub-Committee.

Officials Appointed.

Touch Judge

v. Leicester 'A'	-	The Chairman
v. Moseley Away	-	Mr. Loveridge
v. Hereford	-	Mr. Morris

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:45 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

16 Nov. 1954

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1954.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Chairman, Dr. Alcock, President, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, C. N. Smith, T. H. Millington, G. Hudson, S. H. Davies, T. Day, C R. Morris, F. Wadley, L. H. Middleditch, H. J. Balchin, Hon. Treasurer, R. Sutton, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Secretary, A. Hudson, Hon. Secretary.

Apologies from Messrs. G. J. Dance, R. N. Loveridge, and G. Hastings.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Death of Mr. W. Bailey - "W.B."

The President referred to the death of Mr. W. Bailey - "W.B." - and paid tribute to his great service to the Club. It was agreed letter of condolence be sent to the daughter.

Tea Room.

Nothing to report.

Schools Union.

Balance Sheet for March at Kingsholm, October 30<sup>th</sup> not yet received.

Car Park - Deans Walk Exit.

Secretary reported the Car Park exit through Deans Walk was used on Saturday last and worked satisfactorily.

Committee at Local Matches.

A number of Committee Members reported attending local matches on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, and were thanked from the Chair.

Players' Meeting for Pep Talk.

The Chairman referred to the meeting with the players last Tuesday. There was quite a good attendance. Players were invited to state their views and the gathering could be considered quite successful.

Proposed Club Room.

Reminder to Ground Committee to view under the Grand Stand after the Aberavon match next Saturday.

Touch Judges etc.

v. Aberavon	Mr. R. Morris
v. Newport High	
School Old Boys	Mr. Dance
v. Cardiff	Mr. Day
v. Cardiff Athletic	Mr. S. H. Davies

Evangelical Crusades - per. Mr. Don Summers of Bristol.



Letter dated Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> was read from Mr. Don Summers of Bristol applying for use of Car Park at Kingsholm Ground for United Churches Evangelical Crusade 1956. Large Marquee, to be erected from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Also the use of the playing pitch for a Rally on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. After discussion the Chairman's suggestion that we ask for any local contentions and if any local Minister, or Church, was so far interested, was approved. The Secretary stated Mr. Don Summers, who was now in North Wales and had been on the telephone and was ringing him up again Wednesday morning, as the matter was of some urgency.

Referees for January 1955 was left to the Secretary.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 8:40 p.m.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

28 / Nov / 54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> [sic] 1954.

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

Apologies from Messrs. G. Hudson and G. Hastings.

Minutes of Previous Meeting read and signed.

Late "W. B."

Acknowledgement and thanks received from Miss Bailey.

Proposed Club Room.

Reported that members of Sub Committee had inspected proposed site under Grand Stand. Considerable discussion took place. Mr. Balchin proposed and Mr. Day seconded that four or more builders be approached with a view to getting plans and tenders. An amendment proposed by Mr. Voyce seconded by Dr. Alcock that Mr. Minett be contacted to draw up a plan for consideration by the Committee was carried.

Roy Summers - Evangelist.

Letter from Mr. Don Summers giving further information was read. The Chairman stated he had contacted the Rev. Tudor James who confirmed it was a genuine Crusade. It was unanimously agreed to the letting of the Ground. Mr. Dance proposed and Mr. Balchin seconded that the charge be £125 and to explain this was a considerable concession. This was approved, and also to make the following suggestions;

- (a) Ground to be closed other than Car Park, except the "big day".
- (b) Public Liability Insurance to be obtained.
- (c) Guarantors.
- (d) Supervision.

Officials Appointed.

v. Neath	Mr. Day
v. Worcester	Mr. Dance
v. Bath	Mr. Morris
v. Bath United	Mr. Loveridge, for the Chairman

North Gloucester Combination.

It was agreed to meet the North Glo'ster Combination on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m., and to provide refreshments.

Grand Stand Guttering.

Mr. Smith mentioned that the guttering at the front of the Grand Stand was stopped up and rain overflowed at the last match. The Secretary stated he would get in touch with Mr. Jones and hoped a clearance would be effected by next Saturday.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Next Meeting; Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

21 / XII / 54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Office on Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1954.

Present: Dr. Alcock, President, T. H. Millington, G. J. Dance, F. Wadley, G. Hudson, T. Day, S. H. Davies, L. H. Middleditch, T. Burns, Hon. Fixture Sec., A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

Apologies from The Chairman, Rev. H. M. Hughes, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Vice President, Messrs. R. N. Loveridge, C. R. Morris, C. N. Smith, G. Hastings.

In the absence of Rev. H. M. Hughes, unwell, the President was voted to the Chair.

Minutes of Previous Meeting read and signed.

Proposed Club Room.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Minett had viewed the proposed site and would submit his plans as early as possible in the New Year.

Roy Summers - Evangelist Crusade.

The Secretary reported his telephone talk with Mr. Summers. Mr. Summers accepted the fee of £125 as very reasonable. He stated it was usual to take out Public Liability Insurance. As to supervision, he had ample stewards and had co-operation of the police.

Meeting with North Gloucester Combination.

Mr. Middleditch expressed the thanks of the Combination for the Meeting with the Committee last Tuesday.

Grand Stand Guttering.

It was reported the cleaning of the gutting on the Grand Stand had been done in good time for the Saturday match.

Officials Appointed.

Touch Judges

v. O.M.T.'s	-	Mr. G. Hudson
v. N...	-	Mr. S. H. Davies
v. London Scottish	-	Mr. T. Day
v. Cheltenham United	-	Mr. Fred Wadley
v. The Army	-	Mr. G. Hudson
v. Leicester	-	The Chairman or Mr. Morris
v. Leicester "A"	-	Mr. G. Hudson

Glyn Williams - Broken Tibia at Moseley.

The Secretary reported receiving letter and medical certificates from Mr. Glyn Williams (from his home, Penlyrch, Cardiff) and stating he would be unable to follow his employment for probably 3 months, which was on a Commission basis only. The Committee were satisfied it was a genuine case for S.W. Group Insurance benefit.

The Late Charlie Williams.

The President referred to the death of Charlie Williams, oldest Life Member of the Club.

The Late Albert Cook.

Also of Albert Cook, a player for many seasons.

The Secretary stated he had sent letters of sympathy and floral tributes. Letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Phylis Williams.

U.A.U.

Letter from U.A.U. re. their [word unreadable] on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, was read.

Conservative Assn. Rally.

The Hon. Sec. reported the fee £40 for use of Ground had not yet been paid, and he was in contact with the Association Secretary over the matter.

Gloucester Schools' Matches - Kingsholm.

The Secretary read letter received from Mr. Hanley Langston and enclosed balance sheet for the match Gloucester Boys v. Hereford and Worcester Boys on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Langston referred to the loss of £7 9s. 9d. on the match and suggested that the amount of £15 14s. 0d. paid to the Club (about 1/3 of total receipts) appears to be too high a proportion and asked if the Gloucester Club would consider making a charge of £10 to include sums to Gateman, Groundsman, Referee, etc. Mr. Dance proposed and Mr. Davies seconded that we adhere to the original ruling for this season, but any request for assistance at the end of the season will be sympathetically considered. This was carried.

Dublin Wanderers Fixture - 1955/56.

The Fixture Secretary, Mr. Burns, reported Dublin Wanderers were prepared to play at Kingsholm on Tuesday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> next, and suggested a Guarantee of £75. Mr. Dance proposed and Mr. G. Hudson seconded that the offer be accepted and that Stroud be asked to change the date of their match at Stroud from Thursday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to a date later in the month. Mr. Burns said he would contact Stroud without delay.

Teams for Saturday next were read.

Meeting closed 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> 1955.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes

11 Jan. 1955