

1889 AGM

The following report appeared in the Gloucester Journal on 14th September 1889.

GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL CLUB

The usual general meeting of this club was held at the Ram Hotel on Monday evening, there being a large attendance of members. Mr C E Brown was elected captain of the first team for the ensuing season, with Mr E D Tandy as deputy-captain, and Mr T B Powell as captain of the second team. Mr T G Smith, the ex-captain, was elected secretary, vice Mr H S Simpson resigned, and Mr A W Vears was succeeded in the treasurership by Mr S S Starr. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs G Coates, A W Vears, H J Boughton, F Tandy, H W Bennett, F E Jones, N Phelps, T Bagwell, W G Roberts, G F Dere, H G Brown, and W C Bailey; and it was decided that the match committee should consist of the three captains and Messrs Coates, Bennett, Phelps, and Smith. It was announced that a list of 25 matches had been arranged for the first team, including fixtures with Huddersfield, Swinton, Cardiff (4), Swansea, Llanelly, Kensington, and Old Merchant Taylors. The second team list was incomplete. It was decided to make another effort to get permission to canvas the Spa round for the matches, or at any rate erecting stands for those inside so as to obstruct the view of those outside the ground. It transpired with reference to the negotiations to secure an enclosed ground that £4,000 would be required to purchase and fit up a ground at Kingsholm which had been thought suitable for the purpose, and while little difficulty was anticipated in raising the capital for the formation of a company, the question presented itself as to who was to be the second contracting party, as the club committee was a moveable body, elected every year, and unable to pledge their successors. It was stated that it would cost between £20 and £30 to ensure [sic] the players against accident for the season, and as it was felt the club could not afford this sum, it was resolved to raise it by subscription outside the club funds. Mr Vears said he would give two guineas towards such a fund, and he, with Messrs Starr and J W Goddard, was deputed to superintend the matter. It having been arranged that the first practice should take place on Sept 21st, a vote of thanks to the chairman, committee, and officers, terminated the proceedings.