

## **GRFC COMMITTEE MINUTES 1900-1912**

These minutes are recorded in a minute book, the other end of which contains the minutes of GRFC AGMs 1900-12.

Pasted into the cover of the book and dated December 1901 is a document entitled "Gloucester and District Cup Competition – the rules and regulations under which the Gloucester City Rugby Union F. C. present a Fifteen Guinea Challenge Cup for competition between the Local Clubs subscribing to the Gloucester County Football Union, together with Fifteen Silver Medals for the members of the winning Team." Twelve rules are then set out above the signature of S. W. Bingle, Secretary for the Committee of the G. F. C.

Also pasted into the front of the book is a newspaper article dated 7 February 1902, entitled "Assaulting a Football Official – Magisterial Proceedings". Charles Hamblin had appeared at Gloucester Police Court on 7 February, charged with assaulting Charles J Woolf on 1 February; he pleaded guilty. GRFC were well represented in court by officials and players. The defendant attended a Gloucester v Lydney match at Kingsholm, where the complainant was touchline judge on behalf of Lydney. The Complainant was subjected to filthy language and threats for the sixpenny side, and 12 minutes before the end of the match, the Defendant climbed over the ropes and from behind the Complainant and struck him a savage blow behind his left ear, which knocked him down unconscious. Ten minutes earlier the Defendant had been heard planning to do this when the Complainant when he came near. The Defendant took refuge in the crowd when a Lydney supporter approached him, but a policeman arrested him. The Defendant apologised, but the Bench considered sending him to gaol for a month before deciding that his previous good character and military record should result in a fine of £2 plus £1-0-6 for the Complainant's travel expenses.

Names and addresses of Officials and Committee members are listed:

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Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV George Romans St Michael Sq

Vice Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV C Hall Lr Westgate St

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV B Hough Westgate St – G Barnes Nelson St

Hon Sec H W Grimes 11, Queen St

Treasurer C H Dancey Midland Rd

Secretary S W Bingle 41, New Jersey Rd

Committee:

C E Brown Montpellier

H G Brown Saintbridge

E Birmingham Hare Lane

H A Dancey Midland Rd

R Goddard Clare St (Players rep)

Jno Gurney Pembroke St

A Grey Conduit St

E T Huggins Linden Rd

A Kiddle Worcester St

F W Lovesy 6, Westgate St

R A Roberts 57, Stroud Rd

C Williams Westgate Bridge

A table records the attendances of each committee member at the 37 meetings held 1900-01; only the Secretary, S W Bingle attended every meeting.

Meetings normally held at Club offices every Monday during the season.

Some items of business which occur frequently are not recorded in these notes – appointment of committee man to accompany a team to away matches, appointment of touch judges, whether a saloon is booked on the train to an away match, season tickets issued at a reduced price to old players, and stockings supplied to 2<sup>nd</sup> XV players.

### **31 July 1900**

Two races to be held (120 and 220 yards) open to all players in football costume before the Poss v Prob match.

### **3 Sep 1900**

Sub-committee formed to handicap and manage races.

Club to take grazing from Ground Co on usual terms.

C E Brown to represent Club on County Union.

Trial of top gate by White Hart as members entrance.

Work would prevent G H Smith from playing this season.

A stretcher to be purchased at the suggestion of the Ambulance Society.

P O Club to be charged £10 to play midweek on a spare piece of Kingsholm.

Finance Committee appointed – Huggins, Gurney, H A Dancey, Romans.

### **10 Sep 1900**

PO Club had agreed terms.

Ground to be watered before Clifton match

### **17 Sep 1900**

Railway Co charging extra for saloons for team, so compartments to be used for shorter journeys. Ask GWR to run an excursion for the Richmond game.

Action to be taken to foil spectators watching games by climbing a tree outside the ground.

To investigate the cost of electric light for training.

Undecided whether committee members should not be required to pay for their season tickets.

### **24 Sep 1900**

No reduction could be obtained from Railway Cos for saloons.

### **1 Oct 1900**

Committee members would continue to pay for their season tickets.

Cost of lights estimated as £30 for two lights.

### **8 Oct 1900**

As regards electric light, the mains already runs to Sebert Stret so could be easily extended into the ground – a sub-committee of C E Brown, H A Dancey, Kiddle and Romans was formed to handle the project.

A second pair of boots to be bought for the First team for use on wet grounds.

### **15 Oct 1900**

Old Players tickets to be granted only to players who had First or Second team caps.

Saloon and refreshments to be purchased for the trip to Swansea.

Mr Sanders had persuaded the Committee that four light rather than two would be necessary, but his quote for £59-10-0 was felt to be more than the Club could afford, so the project was postponed.

### **22 Oct 1900**

The practice of sending a committee man to Second team out matches was revived for the Bristol match.

Second team caps awarded to J Spiers and Westbury, they having played the necessary number of matches.

### **29 Oct 1900**

Second team cap awarded to Day.

Very few of the Second team had been turning up for training – vigorous measures would have to be taken to improve fitness – the Captain to speak to the players.

Mr Russell Rea, MP for Gloucester, to entertain the Team and Committee when they travel to London to play Richmond.

### **5 Nov 1900**

B Hough had resigned as Captain of the Second team for lack of time; Geo Barnes to be asked to take it on.

Second team cap awarded to Bert Williams.

Huggins, Taylor and Cromwell to be included in the trip to Richmond, where a framed photo of the team would be presented to Russell Rea.

### **12 Nov 1900**

F Stout had offered to play in the Blackheath match, but he could not be given a place at the expense of a regular player, so would only play if the team was short.

The team to be sent to Cardiff by the 12.19 express.

### **19 Nov 1900**

Pioneer Club to be charged 5s to rent rooms at Kingsholm for supper.

### **26 Nov 1900**

H Manley moving to Swansea with Club's blessing.

First team players to have badges on their caps recording the seasons when they appear on the Record Boards.

C Hall, J Stephens and C Smith congratulated on selection for Rest of the South v London & Varsities [England trial].

Room in offices to be for three Gloster Assembly Dances for 5s each.

### **3 Dec 1900**

Six jerseys to be bought for the Second team, but Club would not supply socks.

Second team cap awarded to A Hall.

In response to a complaint about the policing of the ground, Secretary to write to DCC.

### **10 Dec 1900**

A Grant given Old Players ticket [Committee approved OP tickets quite frequently, but not normally recorded in these notes]

### **17 Dec 1900**

C Smith congratulated on selection for England v Wales.

Second team cap awarded to Abe Spence.

Second XV players given tickets for Blackheath match.

6 jerseys granted to Second XV.

Dovey given boots and knicks, having First team cap and willing to play again – a special case.

### **24 Dec 1900**

No business at this meeting.

### **31 Dec 1900**

Excursion being run to Birmingham for Old Edwardians match, so team to travel by train and have a brake at Moseley station.

Not resolved as to whether regular Second team players could play for local clubs in the Cup Competition.

Old Merchant Taylors were given £25 guarantee plus a dinner, but they had asked for more.

Not to play at Chepstow St Marys again – changing accommodation fearfully bad, stone wall within 3 feet of touch line and club not member of any union.

Knicks and boots to be recovered from B L Watkins who did not wish to play any more.

First team cap awarded to J Gough.

Blackheath had objected to Gil Evans as referee.

### **7 Jan 1901**

Problem with level of referee expenses for Second team matches, because not enough local referees available.

Saloon to be had for trip to Leicester.

### **14 Jan 1901**

Blackheath had complained about Gil Evans because of some of his decisions in the Barbarians game last year.

Gordon League granted use of Kingsholm for a match on condition that Gloucester members get in free.

Blackheath would not renew fixture next season.

First team cap awarded to T Spiers.

Representatives of local clubs were present. Several regular Second XV players were not allowed to play for their local club in the Cup Competition, and those who refused selection for the Second XV in order to qualify for their local team were also disqualified. Draw made for the Cup.

### **21 Jan 1901**

Old Merchant Taylors to be offered £35 and no dinner for future Boxing Day matches.

H Manley had resigned – his clothes to be returned.

W Day explained a misunderstanding over his non-appearance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, but he was still not allowed to play in Cup ties.

### **28 Jan 1901**

Matches were cancelled the previous Saturday because of the death of Queen Victoria. Northampton thought the fixture there next Saturday should be cancelled because it clashed with the funeral. Cup ties also had to be rearranged.

### **4 Feb 1901**

Northampton wanted to play midweek later in season, but declined because difficult to get a team together.

### **11 Feb 1901**

C Hall congratulated on his England cap v Ireland.

Second team cap awarded to A Smith; his request to play in Cup ties refused.

### **18 Feb 1901**

R Goddard congratulated on his cap for the South.

### **25 Feb 1901**

G Romans congratulated on his cap for the South.

Match at Llanelly was so rough and the changing accommodation so unsatisfactory that future fixtures were cancelled. Aberavon to be offered one of the Llanelly dates.

### **4 Mar 1901**

Season had been extended by a week, so hoped to get a fixture at Plymouth.

Old Edwardians refused a £2 guarantee for a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV match.

Mr Newth granted sheep grazing on Kingsholm.

Galvanised iron fencing and urinal to be considered for Deans Walk side, jointly funded with Ground Co.

### **11 Mar 1901**

Agreed that Club should pay up to £8 towards the urinal.

Northampton offering £20 for fixture on 27 Apr – agreed.

Llanelly insisted that fixtures must stand as originally agreed, but told that other matches had now been found.

Insurance about to expire – agreed £7 to cover remaining 8 matches.

St Catherines applied for Hickman to play in Cup match – he had been ill so had not played the necessary number of games – refused.

### **18 Mar 1901**

Saloon on excursion to Bristol.

Second team cap awarded to H Harris.

### **25 Mar 1901**

F Pickford had recently taken the team photo and offered a framed copy to be hung in Club office.

Complaint to Midland Railway Co – they had packed ordinary passengers into the GRFC saloon.

### **1 Apr 1901**

Mr Boughton to be asked to present cup and medals on Easter Tuesday.

Llanelly said they are still holding Gloucester to the fixtures next season and sent a report from the referee saying nothing in the match warranting cancellation of future fixtures. If Gloucester cancelled, Llanelly said they would refer the matter to the English and Welsh Unions and release the correspondence to the press. The Committee stood by the decision to cancel.

### **3 Apr 1901**

Met with Barnwood and St Catherines to discuss whether Marchant could play in the cup final – St Catherines claimed he had played three games for them and Barnwood could not prove otherwise, so he could play.

### **8 Apr 1901**

First team photo to be taken by Mr Pickford and the Second team by Paul Coe.

Mr Birmingham thanked for allowing the team to use his house and baths during the holidays.

### **15 Apr 1901**

Gate takings of £14-16-9 at cup matches to be made up to £16-10-0, to be divided as £4-10-0 to each of the finalists and £2-10-0 to each of the other local clubs.

Athletic Club to have use of office in July for 1gn.

Mr Volny of the Albert Hall to present medals to the team which had just defeated Swansea – two injured players to be included.

With Kingsholm vacant next Saturday a match was suggested between Barnwood and the rest of the cup teams.

### **22 Apr 1901**

R A Roberts appointed as the Committee's Auditor.

First team cap awarded to F Westbury.

Second match to be played for the Infirmary with members paying.

## 18 Jun 1901

Players attended in order to nominate First team captain – G Romans; Second team captain – W Gardner and G Barnes (to be voted on at AGM); Players Representative – R Goddard.

Some players had refused to turn out for the Good Friday match.

A change of doctor was suggested.

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G Davis Longlevens

R Goddard Clare St (players rep)

A Grey Conduit St

E T Huggins Linden Rd

A Kiddle Worcester St

Jno Minahan Worcester St ( in place of Jno Gurney deceased)

R A Roberts 57, Stroud Rd

C Williams Westgate Bridge (2, West End Villas)

Attendances at 1900-01 meetings tabulated – only S W Bingle, Secretary, attended all 33 meetings.

## **26 Aug 1901**

C E Brown elected chairman of committee.

Jno Minahan elected to committee to replace deceased Jno Gurney, being the first non-elected candidate at the AGM.

Huggins, Romans and H A Dancey re-elected to finance committee, and A Grey elected.

Empowered to sign cheques on behalf of the committee – C E Brown, H W Grimes and C H Dancey.

C Williams elected as Club rep on County Union.

Team to be insured through General Accident Assurance Corp.

Team wanted a change of doctor – Sec to agree terms with Drs Ancrum Jones and Grosvenor.

Grazing rights to be taken from Ground Co for £7-10-0.

Club would nominate Mr Grimes for the County Executive Committee, C Williams for the match committee and C E Brown as County Sec.

Players to choose their own boots up to 10/6.

Mr Kiddle elected to vacancy on selection committee.

Training quarters at White Hart for £7-10-0.

Bagwell and Cromwell to continue as trainers.

Sub-committee of C E Brown, Grimes, Romans, Barnes & Bingle to revise the rules for the Cup Competition.

## **16 Sep 1901**

Dr Ancrum appointed Club doctor for the season for 10gns.

Dyke [groundsman] granted extra piping for watering ground.

Post Office club to rent a spare piece of Kingsholm for matches @£10.

Complimentary season tickets granted to Auditors, Phelps & Vallender.

W H Taylor made a life member.

## **23 Sep 1901**

The Committee regularly granted Old Player Tickets [individual cases not recorded in this summary; likewise regular agreement to hire a saloon on train to away matches not recorded in each instance].

### **30 Sep 1901**

Ground hired by Chairman for Midland Counties match on 10 Oct for £3.

Bills to be printed requesting spectators not to walk on playing portion of ground.

Proposal to exclude dogs from ground.

Bristol referees charges varied greatly – a standard amount of 12/6 to be sought.

First team cap awarded to Westbury.

### **7 Oct 1901**

Two tickets to be sent to Western Mail, South Wales Daily News and Newport Argos to prevent so many bogus press men getting into ground free.

Stockings regularly given to second team players [individual instances not recorded in these notes] – in future only to be granted to players who have played in the first team four times in a season.

Cricket league granted use of office for a meeting.

Selection Committee to decide if an extra player should be taken to long distance away matches.

### **14 Oct 1901**

Gordon League complained about the number of players taken from them for the second team – second team reserves to be published early in the week.

Committee refused to consider an application for a lady's match with the Club.

Bristol Referees agreed to standard fee of 12/6.

### **21 Oct 1901**

Members to be allowed into the stand at starred matches without paying the 6 pence previously charged.

Richmond wanted a London referee for their match at Kingsholm, but appointment to be left to the Glos County Union, who would try to get a good man from Wales.

The referee had wrongly awarded Bristol a try in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV match when the ball was touched down over the dead ball line, which gave the match to Bristol 9-8 – an appeal to be lodged.

Second team cap awarded to C Goddard.

### **28 Oct 1901**

Richmond objecting to a Welsh referee and asking for two English refs to be nominated – still to be left to County Union, who would probably appoint Gil Evans from Somerset.

Committee agreed with a proposal from Bristol to play four matches next season.

Fred Goulding had sent a photo of the team he was playing with in South Africa.

It was suggested that the Club appoint trainers from amongst the Old Players to train local clubs.

Meeting to be held with players to discuss forward play.

#### **4 Nov 1901**

New Cup rules were approved, and a meeting to be held to discuss with local clubs.

#### **11 Nov 1901**

Offer accepted from A W Soul of the Saracens Head to give the team and committee a dinner if Cardiff defeated next Saturday.

Agreed to send 2<sup>nd</sup> XV to Stratford on Avon on Boxing Day subject to guarantee of £7-10-0.

It was decided that four matches over Easter would be too much for the team, so they would play on Saturday and Monday, and either Friday or Tuesday.

Two more benches to be put in front of the stand and marked “Committee only”.

#### **18 Nov 1901**

Matson would be let into the Cup competition now that they had joined the County Union.

The Cardiff match was not played because of frost so the dinner for the team and committee laid on by Mr Soul did not happen – dinner rearranged for 3 Dec, and the Cardiff match on 19 Apr by cancelling the fixture with Penarth.

Second team cap awarded to Rook.

Local clubs attended and agreed the Cup rules with the addition that the Committee draw up a list of whom they consider regular 2<sup>nd</sup> team players and send to the local secretaries by mid-January.

#### **25 Nov 1901**

Fixture at Cambridge University on 4 Dec to be confirmed if they agree to play at Kingsholm on 13 Dec next season.

Sub-committee set up to consider covering the ground as a hard winter expected.

An Emergency Committee was set up to cope with matters requiring urgent attention.

Difficulty in raising a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV led to their trainer being allowed two extra outfits for cases of emergency.

There was inconvenience resulting from the County taking so many Gloucester players, but thought that nothing could be done.

## **2 Dec 1901**

Rush mats to be tested to cover the ground rather than straw.

Since Plymouth could not play on Easter Tuesday, match with London Welsh to be arranged for Good Friday.

1gn towards testimonial for the late station master of the Midland Railway.

## **9 Dec 1901**

Lydney applied for fixtures with 1<sup>st</sup> XV – one match to be agreed if they resumes 2<sup>nd</sup> XV fixtures.

County Union asked to approve a benefit match for Tom Collins.

A Smith had just received insurance for an injured knee, but was back in hospital seriously ill with pneumonia.

## **16 Dec 1901**

A Smith had died – both teams played with black crepe armbands for 2 weeks – 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and Barnwood players would be bearers at funeral.

J Lewis was joining Bristol – asked to return everything he had belonging to the Club.

A committee man to go with any player selected to play in a representative match.

## **23 Dec 1901**

C E Miller had moved to Newbury and resigned as a player.

1<sup>st</sup> XV fixture list for next season had been completed.

## **30 Dec 1901**

Swansea asked for a midweek fixture to play the match abandoned through frost – agreed on condition that Swansea pay all expenses and match not to count in clubs records because Club would be unable to put out a full team.

An informal meeting was held at Mr Birmingham's on 6 Jan 1902 before a supper for both teams.

### **13 Jan 1902**

Swansea offering £20 to play on a Thursday – perhaps 20 March, but guarantee and date to be negotiated by Mr Grimes.

Post Office granted use of ground for match against Bath, provided pitch not damaged.

Appeal against a try by Bristol Seconds last October had been allowed by the County Union, which gave victory to Gloucester 8-4.

Ryecroft asked for financial assistance and were granted £2 out of their probable share of the Cup gates.

Ground Company to be asked to improve paths with cinders and put boards for spectators to stand on Ryecroft the Worcester Street Bank [later known as the Tump].

15 players were listed as regulars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and therefore disqualified from playing for their local clubs in the Cup competition.

### **20 Jan 1902**

Agreed to play second team matches against Cinderford next season.

Swindon were restarting rugby and asked for second team fixtures, but not to be arranged until the success of their revival can be judged.

### **27 Jan 1902**

Llwynypia unable to raise a team because of clash with Wales v Scotland international.

Match agreed with Lydney for £6 guarantee.

2 gns paid into subscription for Frank Jones, former Hon Sec of G'shire Referees Soc, who had been laid up for 2 years.

A Hawker was left out of team for shirking scrum work and rough play – to report to the committee.

### **3 Feb 1902**

Mr Woolf acting as touch judge for Lydney was attacked from behind by a spectator and knocked unconscious. Police arrested the assailant, Hamlin, who was not a member and was subject to fits – he had since apologised and the Club send a letter of apology to Woolf.

A Hawker promised to behave better in future.

### **10 Feb 1902**

Hamlin had appeared in court, where he was fined £2 plus costs of £1-0-6 for his assault of Woolf.

### **17 Feb 1902**

Woolf's solicitor, Berthon, asked Club to pay his fee of 2gns plus his railway fare – Club declined because they had not engaged him and felt his presence was unnecessary. The court had allowed 2/6 expenses for the witness plus his railway fare – Club to pay him 4/- extra.

G F Collett had been offered a place in the first team and had agreed to leave Blackheath to play for Gloucester.

The Rugby Union raised no objection to a benefit match for T Collins, but expected details to be approved by Mr Boughton and the County. Match to be played on 20 Mar between Gloster and a scratch County team.

### **24 Feb 1902**

F Tandy presented his ideas on arousing more interest in rugby by organising teams in each of the ten wards of the City for 14-16 year olds when they left school, to play in a league with medals. Sub- committee formed to see what might be done.

Arrangements for bathing at the White Hart were reported to be very bad.

### **3 Mar 1902**

Fixture agreed with Cardiff on 5 Mar in place of fixture cancelled for frost.

Plymouth offered £40 for a midweek match.

### **10 Mar 1902**

First team cap awarded to W Gardner.

County Union wanted Kingsholm for the G'shire v Durham match on 5 April – ground to be let free if County erected stands and left them in place until 19 April – otherwise £5 to be charged.

Chairs to be placed in front of pavilion, for which tickets would be 1/-; also 100 chairs on the 6d side for which 6d would be charged.

### **17 Mar 1902**

Players to have a cup of tea and bread and butter at the White Hart after matches, up to the price of a drink.

Stands for County match too expensive, so County and Club to each spend £5 lengthening the stands on the 6d side.

Second team caps granted to Purton, Essex and Cox.

### **24 Mar 1902**

County had decided to pay £10 for use of ground for Durham match. Club decided to pay £24 for stands.

Members to pay for entry to Cambridge University match on 2 Dec 1902.

Mr Woolf to be refunded the £2 he had paid his solicitor.

Mr Newth granted sheep grazing for £5.

### **27 Mar 1902**

Special meeting called on sudden death of Club's President, H J Boughton, the previous day. Funeral next Saturday, so matches against Treherbert and Cheltenham to be cancelled.

Gloucester jerseys to be by the County against Durham.

### **7 Apr 1902**

20 gns paid into a fund for a memorial to H J Boughton.

Match and subscriptions for T Collins benefit came to £39-2-6, which Club rounded up to £40.

£5 granted to A Collins whose wife had died leaving him with 6 children.

First team cap awarded to Lewis Smith, and second team cap to J Merchant.

### **14 Apr 1902**

Lydney cancelled 2<sup>nd</sup> XV fixtures next season, saying they wanted home and away 1<sup>st</sup> XV fixtures. They had only been given a 1<sup>st</sup> XV fixture at Kingsholm on condition that they play 2<sup>nd</sup> XV fixtures, so the 1<sup>st</sup> XV fixture to be cancelled and that date offered to Cinderford.

First team cap awarded to G F Collett.

### **21 Apr 1902**

Appeals by St Catherines over conduct of Cup final were rejected by both County and Club, which left Barnwood as winners.

The amount due for distribution to local clubs after expenses at Cup matches was very small and Club wished to support these clubs, so Club to pay £4-10-0 to each of the finalists and £2 to each of the other 4 clubs.

First team cap awarded to Jewell.

Cheltenham to be paid 3gns for expenses of postponed 1<sup>st</sup> XV game and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV game cancelled for Boughton's funeral.

Mr Roberts appointed Club Auditor.

### **10 Jun 1902**

C Hall resigned from Club as no longer able to play as now living near Wantage .

Three committee members to attend Coronation service at Cathedral.

Club had no Vice-Presidents, so sub-committee to consider names – this would strengthen finances.

A few players arrived and nominated G Romans as captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV, Geo Barnes as captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, and R Goddard as Players Representative on Committee.

Tabulation of attendances of all committee members at the 34 meetings held during 1902-03; only S W Bingle attended every meeting.

Officers and Committee listed for 1902-03 season:

President C E Brown

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV Geo Romans

Sub Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV A H Click

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV A Purton / G Bland

Hon Sec H W Grimes

Treasurer C H Dancey

Secretary S W Bingle

Committee:

H G Brown, E Birmingham, H A Dancey, A Grey, E T Huggins, A Kiddle, R A Roberts, W H Taylor, W J Vance, A W Vears, C Williams, F Goulding (Players Rep), W G Viel (Rep Junior Rugby League).

### **18 Aug 1902**

C E Brown elected as Chairman of the Committee; he noted that several players had migrated to the Northern Union.

W H Taylor to represent Club on County Union.

Sub-committee formed to deal with junior football.

Arrangements at the White Hart last season had been unsatisfactory of the players when training, so baths on the ground to be considered.

Committee to approve all orders for boots, knicks, etc for players.

Second team cap awarded to Tregar.

### **10 Sep 1902**

Plymouth had spent 360 on their baths, which was thought more than the Club could afford, so team to continue to use the White Hart, where Mr Birmingham would be going in October and would give proper attention to the teams.

Bagwell to have the second pair of boots for use as required.

Ground Company had appointed Grimes as their solicitor, so the Club needed to nominate another committee member as the Club's representative on the Company Board.

Grimes nominated for the Executive Committee of the County Union.

### **15 Sep 1902**

H G Brown to be Club rep on Ground Co Board.

District junior teams to be allowed to play on the spare piece of ground at Kingsholm, but boys not allowed to play for more than two years or over age 19, when they should transfer to local clubs.

A Purton appointed captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV.

### **22 Sep 1902**

Goulding had been selected by the players as their rep on the committee.

Post Office allowed to play on the ground for a further year, but their request for a reduction in the rent was refused.

Hoarding outside the Worcester St Gate to be used solely for Club bills.

### **29 Sep 1902**

St Georges association football club wanted to play rugby and had asked for help – Mr Holder to see what could be done.

Gordon League asked for more help for local clubs – a match to be arranged late in the season between the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and the pick of the Locals.

Sub-committee to be formed with the Traders Association, who sought better facilities for getting to Gloucester matches from the railway companies.

T Spiers granted stockings.

### **6 Oct 1902**

Badges for new committeemen.

### **13 Oct 1902**

West Hartlepool wanted the Club to go there on tour and offered £40 guarantee.

Newspaper reports of the Blackheath match charged Gloucester with unnecessary roughness – Blackheath to be asked to deny it.

### **20 Oct 1902**

Local clubs suggested the Club might provide more support by paying for grounds – deferred to end of season.

Three sandwich men to be hired to advertise matches on a Saturday, and perhaps to have bills on the trams.

### **27 Oct 1902**

West Hartlepool offered a guarantee of £35, with £15 from Westoe and £10 from Castleford for a tour at Easter – deferred until it was known how much guarantee would be offered by Devon Albion.

Exploring with Town Clerk and Surveyor to provide an additional space adjoining Priory Road ground for junior matches.

### **3 Nov 1902**

Berkeley pressing for a Bristol referee – to be resisted.

### **10 Nov 1902**

Pontypool prepared to come to play 2<sup>nd</sup> XV on Easter Monday for very small guarantee.

### **17 Nov 1902**

Possibility of match against New Zealand – Club rather than County preferred.

West End allowed to use Club jerseys for a match.

Some newspapers continued to attack Gloucester team – decided to ignore it rather than react.

### **24 Nov 1902**

For the Clifton match decided to have a brake from the hotel to the ground and back.

A report of W Gardner had signed for a Northern Union team – he denied it, but it was to be checked with the NU before he was selected to play.

### **1 Dec 1902**

Last season Cambridge had entertained team to dinner, so this to be reciprocated when they come to Gloucester.

NU confirmed that W Gardner was not registered for Salford or any other team.

Mr Volney had not paid for the medals presented to the team for beating Swansea, so the Club would pick up the bill for £5 from Fattorini and Sons.

First team caps were awarded to Purton & Essex, and second team cap to E Keys.

Jones of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV had bought two pairs of knicks this season and both had been ripped off him, so Club to pay for another pair as an exceptional case.

Rules for a junior league were agreed – if a secretary could be found for this league, he could attend Club committee meetings.

### **8 Dec 1902 NTR**

### **15 Dec 1902**

Cambridge did not want a dinner but wanted a portion of the gate – denied because they had moved the fixture from Saturday to Monday.

Mid & GWR station masters to be thanked for efforts in getting excursions run and fare and a quarter tickets issued to Gloster for matches.

Voted 7-5 in favour of playing on Good Friday.

A junior league committee had been appointed and W G Viel elected secretary – he attended this Club meeting.

### **22 Dec 1902**

F M Stout to be thanked for his services to the team last Saturday.

### **29 Dec 1902**

W Spiers and A White to be thanked for turning out at short notice against O M Taylors and Cheltenham when Club struck by injuries.

### **5 Jan 1903**

Only four towels were provided for the whole 2<sup>nd</sup> team at Naunton Park.

Second team cap awarded to L Vears.

### **12 Jan 1903**

Since Purton was playing regularly for the 1<sup>st</sup> team, T Spiers to be asked to take over as 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain.

First team cap awarded to L Morgan and second team cap to W Phelps.

### **19 Jan 1903**

T Spiers unable to become 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain- G Bland appointed.

### **26 Jan 1903**

First team cap awarded to F Keys.

### **2 Feb 1903**

First team cap awarded to F Rook and second team caps to A Goddard & G Bland.

15/- paid for poor baths at Newport, but only 5/- charged at the Ram, so suggested that each Club pay for baths at home.

Cup competition draw made; local clubs agreed that all their members except for the 15 playing should pay entry. Regular 2<sup>nd</sup> team players listed as ineligible to play.

### **9 Feb 1903**

C E Brown replaced by A Kiddle on Selection Committee.

### **16 Feb 1903**

Second team cap awarded to Pyart.

### **23 Feb 1903**

F Goulding resigned as playing member owing to effects of accident.

Stroud applied for use of Kingsholm on 18 Apr for their match against Cheltenham – approved with charge of 3gns.

Bad language at Cup matches, especially from the West End trainer, Martin, resulted in Martin being banned from the ground and the threat of withdrawal of use of Kingsholm for future matches.

### **2 Mar 1903**

Second team cap awarded to W Jones.

Medals to be presented to the winning teams of seniors and juniors in the junior league within a budget of £4-10-0.

### **9 Mar 1903**

G A Baker donating a shield for the winners of the junior league and medals for the runners up.

F Oswell resigned as a playing member, finding it too tiring.

Second team cap awarded to A Hudson.

Goddard denied an extra pair of knicks, but an extra pair granted to Cromwell, who could lend them to him.

Stroud dropped the plan to play Cheltenham at Kingsholm.

### **16 Mar 1903**

Junior league organising a tea where shield and medals would be presented, hopefully by the Club President, to be funded by a midweek match. League Sec to be given 60 tickets for Junior teams to be admitted to Club matches.

Second team cap awarded to W Johns.

### **23 & 30 Mar 1903 NTR**

### **6 Apr 1903**

P O FC had a poor season so rent reduced from £10 to £8.

Newth again granted grazing rights for £5.

Martin apologised so allowed to attend the Cup final.

For the Club tour, Cook & Sons had quoted 19/- Fare and 9/6 for Bed Lights Attendance Breakfast and Lunch and £2 for Saloon – accepted and Mr Burmingham to fund supper on way down.

Junior league granted use of pitch on two dates.

Second team cap awarded to G Vears.

### **16 Apr 1903**

Total taken at Cup matches was c£24 - £6 to be given to each of the finalists and £3 to each of the three others.

First team cap awarded to F Pegler.

### **19 May 1903**

Players present to elect George Romans as 1<sup>st</sup> team Captain, F Oswell as 2<sup>nd</sup> team Captain, and G H Smith as Players Rep.

Players were disappointed not to have received a team photo this year; Committee agreed that a photo of a group of 21 should be taken by Paul Coe and a copy to be given to each.

Tabulation of attendees at each of the 28 committee meetings in 1903-04; only S W Bingle attended them all.

Officers and Committee listed for 1903-04:

President C E Brown

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV G Romans

Sub Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV B Parham

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV F Oswell, then T Spiers

Hon Sec H W Grimes

Treasurer C H Dancey

Secretary S W Bingle

Committee: H G Brown, H Carter, H A Dancey, E T Huggins, T B Powell, R A Roberts, W H Rasbach, H M Taynton, W H Taylor, A W Vears, C Williams, G H Smith (Players Rep), W G Viel (Rep of Junior League)

### **31 Aug 1903**

C E Brown elected Chairman of Committee and H G Brown Deputy Chairman; W H Taylor as Rep on County Union and for County Selection Committee.

Romans had appointed B Parham as sub-captain.

Hockey club requested use of spare piece of ground at Kingsholm – depended on what the Post Office club decided to do.

Bagwell and Cromwell re-appointed as trainers

### **7 Sep 1903**

Renewed insurance of each team for £30-5-0 for the season.

Neither Hockey nor PO were going to take the spare piece of ground.

Dr Ancrum appointed as Club Doctor.

### **14 Sep 1903**

Bristol wanted Nicholls to referee all four matches with them – agreed for two, but J H Bowen or Gil Evans proposed for other two.

Emergency and finance committees appointed.

Goal posts to be supplied to newly formed St Marks team in Junior League.

Removal of the bank at the Worcester Street end allowed the dead ball line to be extended.

G H Smith resigned as Players Rep.

### **21 Sep 1903**

Still no agreement with Bristol on referees.

C Smith elected by Players as their rep.

First team cap awarded to W Johns.

### **28 Sep 1903**

Club would only enter the County Cup competition if own members allowed free entry to matches at Kingsholm.

First team cap awarded to L Vears.

Club would play on Good Friday.

Congratulations to be sent to G Bland “being about to commit Matrimony”.

### **5 Oct 1903**

Use of Kingsholm was granted to Barnwood for a few weeks because they had been unable to get a ground.

Concern that local clubs would join the Junior County Cup in preference to the local Cup competition and then refuse to release their players to play for Gloucester – County to be asked to rule that any player who refused to play for their Premier club to be banned from the Junior County Cup.

Three West End players had not turned up to play for Gloucester 2nds, so they were barred from the City Cup.

Try to get baths for training on Wednesday nights.

Rugby Union had applied to use Kingsholm on 5 March for North v South or England v Rest match and provide stands, etc, it but clashed with Leicester fixture.

### **12 Oct 1903**

Leicester agreed to reverse fixtures, so Kingsholm available to RU on 5 March.

T Spiers granted a pair of stockings - a special case as he was sub-captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

Bills to be put up in pavilion and around ground warning spectators of their conduct when smoking.

### **19 Oct 1903**

RU payment for the North v South game would depend on the gate but expected to be between £20 and £100.

St Catherines Rovers had folded.

A Hawker to be given a small wedding present.

### **26 Oct 1903**

Oswell had resigned as captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team – T Spiers elected to replace him.

Expenses for a Welsh referee for the matches against Devon Albion to be divided between the clubs; Farley Hotel and a brake to be booked for away match.

Lydney applied for 1<sup>st</sup> XV fixture next season – agreed if it could be fitted in.

Suggestion that County matches should be played midweek.

Yorkley thanked for the loan of J Thorne and if he came for rest of the season, Yorkley to be offered a midweek match later in season.

One of West End players to be allowed into Cup competition but not the other two.

### **2 Nov 1903**

Westbury suspended for a month by the County Union.

First team cap awarded to Hudson.

### **9 Nov 1903**

Stroud Athletic asked to be regarded as a local club and willing to let their players turn out for the Club.

### **16 Nov 1903**

West End rejoined the Cup competition, but their two player still barred.

### **23 Nov 1903**

Gordon League took a gate of £1-8-0 when they played at Kingsholm.

### **30 Nov 1903**

Many objected to playing County matches on a Saturday.

Mittens to be provided for 1<sup>st</sup> team backs.

### **7 Dec 1903**

The committee thought that the present method of scoring should be altered so that a penalty goal should score only two points, and that two points would be a sufficient score for all other field goals.

A sub-committee formed to ascertain the feeling of other clubs in the county as regards moving county matches to midweek.

**14 Dec 1903**

County wished to use Kingsholm for the Junior Cup final on Boxing Day morning – to be granted if no fixture could be arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

**21 Dec 1903**

Statements made in the Sportsman attacking George Romans were said to be absolutely untrue and unjust, so a protest would be written.

Strong notices to be printed in response to barracking by spectators.

**28 Dec 1903**

Asked to play a match v Cheltenham to raise funds for the County, but not thought practicable.

**4 Jan 1904 NTR****11 Jan 1904**

Second team cap awarded to Taylor.

So little business that committee meetings to be fortnightly rather than weekly.

**25 Jan 1904**

Difficulties having arisen in barring 2<sup>nd</sup> XV players from playing for their local clubs in the Cup competition, this rule was discarded.

Club was against a proposal from Bristol for a knock out competition between clubs in the Western Division.

**8 Feb 1904**

2<sup>nd</sup> XV caps were awarded to Jesse and Howard Romans.

Proposal to form a Schools Union in Gloucester to be discussed with headmasters.

**22 Feb 1904**

Appeal from Gordon League to be considered over eligibility of a player.

### **7 Mar 1904**

2<sup>nd</sup> XV cap awarded to J Webb.

Appeal from Gordon League was upheld, so their Cup match v Hucclecote was replayed, but ended in a draw, so further replay organised.

Charity match approved at Kingsholm in aid of Infirmary – George Romans Gloucester v Cecil Biggs Cardiff.

### **21 Mar 1904**

G Matthews of Stroud to join the Club.

2<sup>nd</sup> XV caps awarded to R Sly, G Foulkes and Quixley

1<sup>st</sup> XV caps awarded to G Williams and J Harrison

### **11 Apr 1904**

Future matches v Berkeley cancelled because of their recent behaviour at Kingsholm.

A George had attended a meeting at Leicester to discuss formation of a Schools Union, but could learn nothing definite about what the Rugby Union would allow for each school.

Gordon Vears about to leave the City and was thanked for his services to the Club.

### **16 May 1904**

For the Schools Union, the Rugby Union would grant 18 jerseys, one set of goal posts and a match ball to each school, but would not make a monetary grant in lieu of these. This would not suffice, so the probable cost to the Club for the first year would be £25-30. Sub-committee to meet with masters to put this into effect.

Grimes, Hon Sec, and Dancey, Treasurer, were not standing for re-election. Sub-committee formed to consider replacements.

The charity match for the Infirmary raised £62-4-6, and the Comic Match produced £19-10-3.

T B Powell appointed Committee's Auditor.

Gates at Cup ties to be divided – West End £6, Hucclecote £6, Gordon League £5, Barnwood £4. London Welsh could not play here on Good Friday, but would play on Dec 28 if Club played them in London on 7 Jan.

### **15 June 1904**

Nigel Haines proposed as Hon Sec and W H Worth as Treasurer. Treasurer to be guaranteed by an Insurance Co for which the Club would pay.

Players attended and G Romans proposed as Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV, W Johns as Players Rep.

Grimes and C H Dancey proposed as Vice-Presidents – this to be achieved by a change to the Club rules at the AGM.

Tabulation of each member's attendance at the 35 committee meeting in 1904-05; nobody attended every meeting, but W Johns missed only one.

Officers and Committee for 1904-05:

President C E Brown

Vice-Presidents H W Grimes, C H Dancey

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV G Romans, later W Johns

Sub-Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV F Goulding, later C Smith

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV F Pyart

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary S W Bingle

Committee: H G Brown, H Carter, H A Dancey, E T Huggins, A F Hughes, T B Powell, R A Roberts, W S Rasbach, H M Taynton, W H Taylor, A W Vears; Players Rep -W Johns, later G Vears.

## **26 Jul 1904**

Treasurer and either one of the guarantors (Grimes, C E Brown, C H Dancey) empowered to sign cheques.

Grimes and C H Dancey elected Vice-Presidents, and A H Click a Life Member, as recommended by the AGM.

Treasurer to be guaranteed for £200 through General Accident Assurance Corp.; both teams insured.

Agreed to terms offered by Rowland [Rugby Union] for a fixture with the New Zealand team during 1905-06 season; terms being they take 70% of all receipts from gates, stands etc after deducting ground printing and advertising expenses but not dinner, luncheon or travelling expenses of home players and a minimum guarantee of £50.

Deputation of school masters assured that the Schools Union would be a permanent arrangement not for single season.

R Sly appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain.

Ground Co asked to improve spare piece of land for use by Schools Union.

## **24 Aug 1904**

The Insurance Co would not renew under the old system, but would under the Schedule System, which would mean a considerable reduction in the premium, but Club would try again to get them to renew as before.

Sly had refused the captaincy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, so F Pyart to be asked to take it.

W H Taylor nominated for

W H Taylor nominated for County Executive Committee with Grimes not wanting to continue. Nigel Haines to be Club rep on County Committee. W Johns had lost his first team cap along with all his outfit after the Charity match -to be supplied with a new cap.

## **12 Sep 1904**

Spare piece of ground to be let to the PO on Thursdays for £6.

Boots not to be supplied to second team players.

Rowland Hill, RU, said that if the Gloucester v New Zealand match was not played on a Saturday the guarantee would be £35. Club accepted RU scheme of insurance – if the match was abandoned through fog or frost etc the guarantee would be secured the Club paying half the half the premium and receiving half the amount and the New Zealand team likewise.

Finance Committee to be Carter, Taynton and Powell.

## **19 Sep 1904**

H G Brown appointed Vice-Chairman.

Second team cap awarded to E Hall.

Emergency Committee to be Powell, Carter and Officers.

## **26 Sep 1904**

Club declined to play in a South Western League proposed by Bristol.

First team cap awarded to D Gent.

Second team cap awarded to H Smith

Club would play a match on Good Friday next season.

Lovesy presented a photo of 1897-98 team.

Ground to be let for 5gns to the County Union for a match against Glamorgan.

A committee was appointed of W H Taylor, Huggins, Carter and Rasbach to attend training each week.

### **10 Oct 1904**

Sub- committee appointed to look into providing accommodation for training and baths at the ground. With a view to making the training more attractive, the skittle alley at the White Hart to be booked for two nights a week and a punch ball, skipping ropes and 2 pairs of dumbbells to be provided.

For the Schools Union, 15 tickets to each team to be sold weekly to the players for 1d.

First team to be provided with a tea at White Hart on Saturdays after the match in lieu of drinks.

### **17 Oct 1904**

In future old player tickets to be granted only to those with first or second team caps.

Skittle alley at White Hart booked for two nights a week for 4/- per week.

In future all matches at Kingsholm to be played with two 40 minute halves – RU to be asked to enforce this in general.

### **24 Oct 1904**

Club had met with local clubs – West End, South End, St Marks and Gordon League. \the clubs wanted the Cup competition to continue, but proposed nine rules, mostly concerning release of players to the Club 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and allocation of gate money. Sub-committee set up to draw up an alternative scheme.

The sub-committee on training quarters reported that proper quarters were essential – last season the Club paid £40 for baths, office and visitors baths, so expenditure of £600-700 on buildings and fittings would be justified. H A Dancey to prepare sketch plans of office, bath rooms and gymnasium, 60ft x 36ft, between stand and Worcester St. Ground Company to be asked to fund and build on condition that the Club pays a rental of 5% of the outlay. Sub-committee of Haines and Taynton to meet with Ground Co.

### **31 Oct 1904**

Card to be sent to players of both teams requesting them to pay more attention to training on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Agreed to play Bristol on Easter Monday for a guarantee of £10 on condition that they will play alternately at Bristol and Gloster from next season.

Match at Kingsholm against Penarth was so unpleasant that it was decided not to play them again.

Mr Russell Rea's offer to provide a scoring board was accepted.

Second team cap awarded to H Cook.

Russell Rea to entertain team and committee on their visit to London to play London Welsh 5  
Knicks were granted to Voyce his own having been torn off.

**7 Nov 1904 NTR**

**14 Nov 1904**

Training system thought unsatisfactory.

G Romans resigned captaincy of first team for business reasons but would play out the season except for long distance matches.

Thought to be dissatisfaction amongst the players, so a sub-committee formed to meet with them.

RU was proposing changes to the scoring system – try 3 points, penalty goal 2, goal from a try 5, any other goal 3. Club agreed these changes with the exception that they thought 2 points sufficient score for any goal.

Plan for scoring board approved at 14 ft high.

**21 Nov 1904**

Sub-committee had a long conversation with players; G H Smith suggested that when a regular player was dropped the Selection Committee should send a note explaining.

Players wanted W Johns as Captain and the Committee confirmed.

Players elected Gordon Vears as their representative on the committee I place of F Goulding who had left Gloucester.

Pasted into the minute book is a cutting from the Daily Mail dated 21 Nov 1904, entitled “Rowdyism at Gloucester – Devonport Player taken to the Infirmary – Spectators pelt the Touch Judge”. The game against Devonport Albion at Kingsholm had resulted in a scoreless draw. The Gloucester forwards were reported to get very rough towards the end of the game and one had his name taken for striking an opponent, who was taken to the Infirmary to have his eye sewn up. Some spectators thought a Devonport player had stepped into touch and were abusive to the touch judge who judged differently; when they resorted to throwing missiles, the referee stopped the game.

The committee were indignant about this report – some of the Devonport committee had agreed that the player did step into touch and C H Dancey stated that nothing was thrown at the touch judge, so Devonport were to be asked to contradict the report.

It was felt that the Club might go up to 7 ½ % rent on the proposed training quarters.

Another cutting from the Daily Mail dated 24 Nov 1904 is pasted into the minute book – “Gloucester Football Row – Mr E J Vivyan repeats his Allegations of Rough Play” – in which the touch judge stuck by his version and said handfuls of gravel or cinders were thrown at him.

### **28 Nov 1904**

Pasted into the book is the correspondence between Devonport Albion and Gloucester. Gloucester comment that the reports in the Daily Express and other papers are totally different to that in the Daily Mail and the Club disputes Vivyan’s account.

### **30 Nov 1904**

Devonport had written to say that there was no justification for the Daily Mail headlines and no accusation from them of roughness by Gloucester, although their full back confirmed that something was thrown at the touch judge. This did not satisfy the Gloucester committee, who thanked Devonport but asked them to go further as regards the touchline incident.

### **5 Dec 1904**

Use of the office to be granted to NSP Cruelty to Children for a dance on 11 Jan.

Tram conductors felt they should be allowed into matches free if in uniform – denied.

C Webb had helped with the design of the Scoring Board, but was “in low water” – to be given £1.

### **12 Dec 1904**

Recommendations of the sub-committee on the Cup competition were accepted.

Devon Albion would not admit the touch incident. Letters between the clubs were to be copied to the Citizen and Echo, and then the matter dropped.

### **19 Dec 1904**

Treasurer reported that the Club would probably be £60-70 to the bad on the year.

Schools Union to be granted use of Kingsholm for a North v South match on 29 Dec.

### **2 Jan 1905**

The Rugby Union had passed a resolution – “That if in the opinion of the Referee it was possible to play two 35s he should order the game to be played for two 35s and if one side

selected to play two 40s then the Referee shall order two 40s if in his opinion it were possible (as to light, frost, etc).

Schools Union to be granted use of ground on two dates, and move 2<sup>nd</sup> XV matches to accommodate.

Second team caps awarded to C Voyce and E Hook.

Four matches to be arranged with Cheltenham next season if possible.

### **9 Jan 1905**

Russell Rea thanked for so generously entertaining the team and friends in London.

### **16 Jan 1905 NTR**

### **23 Jan 1905**

Use of ground granted for a charity match – Old Crocks v Pantomime Co.

Ground Co disposed to erect a building comprising gymnasium, bath rooms, dressing rooms, etc, and to let it to the Club on the following terms:

1. Rent to be 7 ½ % per annum of the cost of the building.
2. Letting to run concurrently with letting of ground and on same terms, including sub-letting for non-football purposes.
3. Co to keep the building in structural repair and painting; Club to keep interior in good repair.
4. Club to provide and pay for light, water, fuel and cleaning.
5. Fresh tenancy agreement covering ground and buildings.

Only players barred from Cup matches to be those who have played 4 matches for the firsts.

Agreed to enter Senior Cup competition in 1905-06.

### **30 Jan 1905**

Second team caps awarded to W Hyam, H Hughes and H Lane.

Club thought terms suggested by the Ground Co for the training accommodation were reasonable but could not be agreed until the total outlay is known, so Club to provide plans and Ground Co asked to obtain tenders.

### **6 Feb 1905**

South End and Tredworth were not included in the local Cup because they had applied too late.

PO given permission to play a match at Kingsholm, and a charity match to be played in aid of the new Operating theatre at the Infirmary.

### **13 Feb 1905**

First team cap awarded to H Collins.

1gn donated to memorial for Miss Waddy of Gordon League who had died recently.

### **20 Feb 1905**

Hyam would prefer to play for Stroud 1<sup>st</sup> XV than Gloucester 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, But stroud would not stop him returning to Gloucester to play for 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

### **27 Feb 1905**

Schools Union had got two boys into the England team.

### **13 Mar 1905**

Club to propose T G Smith to represent G'shire on the RU Committee.

Members to be allowed into the stand free at future County Cup matches.

Rasbach, Davies and Dilloway had recently entertained the first team to supper.

Kick off against Northampton to be 2:45 to allow them to catch an early train back.

### **20 Mar 1905**

Second team caps awarded to A White and H Wixey.

First team cap awarded to E Hall.

St Bartholomew's Hospital to send a team to play the Club on 30 March in aid of the Infirmary.

Sub-committee formed to work on the detail of the plans for the training accommodation.

West of England v South Wales

### **27 Mar 1905**

Having won the County Cup, it was to be displayed in Mr Baker's window and then deposited in the bank.

Committee to be included in a photo of the team.

Medals to be given to A Hall who had played in two Cup matches, to H Collins who was seriously injured in a Cup Match, and to Bagwell the trainer.

Club wished that D Gent and A Hudson should not play for West of England v South Wales because of the heavy schedule of Club matches.

Club to supply 18 jerseys in Gloster colours for the Boys Gloster team, and 2 caps for the boys who won international honours.

### **3 Apr 1905**

Committee approved the rules proposed for the Gloucester Rugby Football Club League – ie the local Cup.

### **10 Apr 1905**

Committee proposed several changes to the rules for the County Cup competition.

### **17 Apr 1905**

Agreed to support a resolution put forward by the Lennox Club to the RU that any players reporting matches for the paper be declared professionals – Gloster suggested this should be extended to officials.

Newth again given grazing rights for £5.

Local clubs had agreed the rules for the league.

First team cap awarded to H Quixley.

### **1 May 1905**

Club complained about the conduct of home spectators at Stroud, but also concern about bad behaviour of Gloster supporters during match against Leicester at Kingsholm.

Meeting to be called of clubs at northern end of G'shire to discuss representation on the County Union.

Blazers with City Arms on them to be presented to team to celebrate winning the County Cup.

£21 to be divided between local clubs – West End and Gordon League £6 each, St Marks £5 and Old Boys £4.

20 members of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV to be presented with unframed copies of team photo.

Plans as submitted by Mr Dancey were adopted.

### **31 May 1905**

H A Dancey explained the plans for the proposed gymnasium building and reported on the various tenders which the Ground Co had received. AW Vears stated that the Ground Co would require an extra rental of £100 per season from the Club, that being about 9% of the outlay. The Ground Co would do any structural repairs and paint the outside; The Club would be responsible for the interior and pay for light, water and fuel. The Club could sublet the building. A new Tenancy Agreement would be drawn up. The Committee agreed all these terms.

A sub committee would consider the erection of a covered stand on the cheap side of the ground.

H G Brown resigned from the Committee and from the Board of the Ground Co.

First team cap awarded to A Hall.

A tabulation of attendances at committee meetings in 1905-06 showed 26 meetings; Only S W Bingle and C Williams attended every one.

Officers for 1905-06:

President C E Brown

Vice Presidents C H Dancey & H W Grimes

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV W Johns

Vice Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV C Smith

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV F Pyart

Hon Sec Nigel D Haines

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary S W Bingle

Committee: H A Dancey, C Hall, E T Huggins, A F Hughes, J Little, T B Powell, W H Rasbach, R A Roberts, W H Taylor, A W Vears, C Williams G Vears (Players Rep), W G Viel (Rep Junior League), A James (Rep Schools Union).

### **31 Jul 1905**

Ground let to County Union for trial match for 3gns.

Sheep needed to be removed from the ground immediately.

Committee to meet in new building on Tuesdays rather than the office on Mondays.

Taylor nominated for seat on County Committee, and Haines to represent club at AGM of County Union.

### **11 Sep 1905**

Russell Rea to open the gymnasium on 23<sup>rd</sup> and would provide tea for the Directors, Committee and Gloster and Clifton teams.

Sheep had been cleared off on 1 Aug and Newth paid 25/-.

Insurance renewed.

A James to represent Schools Union on Club Committee, and C H Dancey, Huggins, Worth and Bingle to represent Club on Schools Union Committee. St Marks School admitted to Schools Union.

H A Dancey to represent Club on the Directorate of the Ground Co.

Spare piece of ground at Kingsholm let to PO Club for £6.

Tredworth FC admitted to new league started by Club.

### **18 Sep 1905**

Shareholders in Ground Co to be admitted free to the gymnasium opening ceremony.

Huggins appointed Vice Chairman for the season. Finance and Emergency Committees set up.

L Vears given permission to train at Kingsholm. Devon Albion agreed to pay £15 guarantee for last season and £20 in future.

### **25 Sep 1905**

Mr Arnold, Russell Rea thanked for their contributions to the opening of the gymnasium, and H A Dancey for designing and oversight of the work on the building.

Usual charges of 1/- and 6d for the New Zealand match.

County Union charged 5gns for hiring Kingsholm for the match against Cumberland.

Subcommittee to consider the fittings required in the gymnasium.

The 8 schools in the Schools Union to join the County Union.

The President, two Secs, Treasurer and Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV to be added to the Finance Committee, which would consider all expenditure recommended by the General Committee over £5.

Selection Committee asked to reconsider their selection of F Oswell.

### **2 Oct 1905**

Permission refused for sale of cakes on the ground.

Second team caps awarded to Watts and Ewers.

### **9 Oct 1905**

Finance Committee to make all the arrangements for the New Zealand match.

### **16 Oct 1905**

For 1gn, Chance and Bland granted right to issue the official programme for the New Zealand match.

### **23 Oct 1905**

Two police to be present at all 2<sup>nd</sup> XV matches.

### **30 Oct 1905**

Worth and Bingle awarded 5gns each for services rendered at the New Zealand match.

South End admitted to the Gloster League.

Club agreed to fund cupboards in the gymnasium, but Ground Co asked to reconsider supplying washbasins.

County Union suspended E Hall 30 Oct – 6 Nov.

First team cap awarded to A Hall, and second team caps to R Craddock & J Meadows. Goddard to be warned about his conduct in the stand and unless it changes his membership and admittance to ground will be refused. Paragraph to be inserted into local papers about the language used by spectators and that the Committee intend to prosecute if an offender can be caught.

The question of neutral touch judges to be raised with the County Union with a view to them bringing it before the Rugby Union.

### **6 Nov 1905**

A J Dolman tender of 5gns accepted for cupboard.

Repair of turnstiles referred back to the Ground Co, the Club having recently paid £2-10-0 for making steps in front of gym.

Gym floors to be relaid.

No balls to be allowed in gym after kicked a ball and broke window and arc lights.

### **13 Nov 1905**

H Bennett had sent two sets of photos of the New Zealand match to the Club – to be framed.  
Quotation from Farley's Hotel in Plymouth accepted for 25/- per man for three days.  
H Taylor granted new knicks in place of those torn off on Saturday.

### **20 Nov 1905**

First team to be sent to Cheltenham on 6 Dec to see match against New Zealand.

### **27 Nov 1905**

Devon Albion wanted to withdraw from match and guarantee on Saturday when they found Gloster had a fixture against Plymouth on Monday because they thought it would detract from their gate. Gloster offered to reduce guarantee if the gate was down on the previous year, but Devon would not agree, so Gloster insisted on agreed terms. Devon cancelled both their matches with Gloster, so Gloster decided not to arrange any future fixtures with them.

Committee would pay for dinner for the Schools Union boys when they played at Bristol.

Schools Union North v South match to be played at Kingsholm.

Committee agreed to meet fortnightly.

D R Gent congratulated on being selected to play for England v New Zealand.

### **12 Dec 1905**

10/- to be paid for damage to Farley's Hotel, Plymouth.

A H Pitcher presented Club with a large framed photo of the match v New Zealand.

Players warned they would have to pay for any damage done to the gymnasium.

Seats to be reserved in the front of the stand for committee only.

### **19 Dec 1905**

Hughes and Powell asked to explain why they had attended so few committee meetings.

First team cap awarded to J Merchant.

### **2 Jan 1906**

Stroud offered any of their players next Saturday because they had no match.

Bagwell permitted to go to Cornwall with the County team.

The Ground Company were issuing another 150 shares, and offering two-thirds to the Rugby Club and one-third to the Athletic Club, who agreed to the Rugby Club buying them all.

Dyke's wages increased by 3/- a week, but he had to wash all the towels.

### **16 Jan 1906**

T G Smith had raised the question of neutral touch judges with the Rugby Union, who thought it might be carried out in the County but unnecessary for the Country as a whole.

H A Dancey presented photos of the gymnasium to the Club.

A Hudson congratulated on his selection for England v Wales.

McGregor, Seeling and Mynott of the New Zealand team thanked for their help in playing for Gloster v Leicester.

### **20 Jan 1906**

Barnwood wanted to join the Schools Union but could not do so this season – given a ball and 1d tickets for the rest of the season, same as the other schools.

100 shares in Ground Co to be sold – H A Dancey to buy them on behalf of the Club, not to exceed 1/- over par. Treasurer authorised to buy small lots of shares, not exceeding 10 at a time and not over par.

### **13 Feb 1906**

Second team cap awarded to J Goddard.

Gough of South End had failed to turn up for the Seconds several times – South End asked to explain and warned that their subsidy would be considered.

### **27 Feb 1906**

Walking Association granted use of Kingsholm on Easter Tuesday – 5gns for ground, 1gn for gymnasium, and for an evening meeting 2gns and 1gn for the gym.

Club to buy 72 shares @ 21/- from D Beale.

South End deputation attended – told they should not select Gough if he refused to play for Gloster. Other local clubs to be told on Tuesday evening if their players required for following Saturday.

### **13 Mar 1906**

Tea and coffee to be provided for teams at the Cup Match v Bristol.

Ground Co had let the ground to Sangers Circus on 27 Mar for £10.

Four Gloster Schools boys had been selected for England v Wales on 7 Apr.

### **27 Mar 1906**

Haines would not stand as Hon Sec next season because he objected to Cup Ties.

Resolution to be sent to Rugby Union AGM seconded by Bristol – To amend rule 3 of the laws of the game by leaving out the words “the former” and substituting the word “all”. The rule will then read “In all matches a Referee and two Touch Judges must be appointed all being mutually agreed upon etc”.

F Pyart had been suspended for one week and Holland cautioned by the County Union for their conduct in in the Bristol A match.

Sub committee formed to consider with the Schools Union how to deal with boys after they had left school but were not old enough to join local teams.

Seeling and Johnson of New Zealand had written to say they intended to come back to England and would like to play for Gloster next season.

Ground Co complained about damage to the gym – anyone except players and officials to be stopped from entering gym on Saturdays.

### **10 Apr 1906**

Haines to attend RU meeting. Club to apply to RU for England v Wales match in 1908.

Haines withdrew his intention to stand down as Hon Sec.

Second team caps awarded to Holder and F Welshman.

### **27 Apr 1906**

Jones to take a photo of the second team – up to 20 copies @ 2/6 unframed; Paul Coe to take photo of first team – 18 or 20 copies.

The referee at the Bristol Cup match had reported the Club to the County Union for the conduct of the spectators towards him, and the Committee had decided “that for the first four home matches (1<sup>st</sup> XV) for season 1906-07 as at present arranged the prices for admission be as follows: Non-members Worcester St side 2/- boys 1/-, Deans Walk 1/- boys 6d. Members on production of membership card Worcester St 1/- boys 6d, Deans Walk 6d boys 3d. Charges to ladies as usual, ordinary arrangements for the pavilion. The County to take half net gate exclusive of pavilion, the money received by the County to be disposed of at the discretion of the County Committee. The following resolution was also passed: The County Committee desire to exonerate the Gloster officials, committee and players from any blame in connection with the unfortunate treatment received by the Referee.”

The Gloster committee thought that it would be hard for their members, who in addition to the above would have to pay for two County matches and two or possibly three Cup matches, making 8 or 9 matches in total. This would be detrimental to the sale of membership tickets. County Union asked to reconsider and to receive a deputation of Haines, Huggins and Grimes from Gloster.

### **12 Jun 1906**

The County Union reduced the sentence so that the extra charges should be for the first two matches only and visitors from other towns should be admitted at the ordinary prices on production of their return railway tickets.

Club to pay the Gloster Rugby League capitation fee for any man for 8 matches before considering him a regular player. Payments for last season – South End £4-17-6, Gordon League £5-10-0, Tredworth £4-7-6, West End £5-15-0, St Marks £5-15-0.

In response to complaint about the conduct of boys in the stand at 2<sup>nd</sup> team matches, it would be stopped by putting a policeman there next season.

### **29 Jun 1906**

Little appointed committee's auditor.

Voting by the Committee on making A Hall

Voting by the Committee on making A Hall a life member was For 14 Against 6, and he was therefore not elected.

The players attended and D Gent was elected Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV, H Smith Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, and W Johns Players Rep.

A tabulation of attendances by Committee members at meetings held during 1906-07 shows J T Brooks as the only one present at every one of the 29 meetings.

Officers and Committee for the 1906-07 season:

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Vice Presidents C H Dancey & H W Grimes

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV D R Gent

Vice Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV B Parham

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV H Smith

Hon Sec Nigel D Haines

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary S W Bingle

Committee: G Bland, J T Brookes, H A Dancey, C Hall, E T Huggins, F W Lovesey, J Little, W H Rasbach, W H Taylor, A W Vears, C Williams, W Johns (Players Rep), A James (Schools Union Rep), W G Viel (Junior League Rep).

### **17 Jul 1906**

Huggins elected Chairman.

The Club had been assessed for Income Tax and the Club would pay an amount agreed by the Sec with the Surveyor of Taxes.

A proposal by the County Committee was agreed, which would divide the County into Districts, which would be directly represented on the County Committee. The Districts would be Bristol Gloucester, Cinderford, Cheltenham, Lydney and Stroud. Prior to the AGM, the County would call a meeting of clubs in each of the Districts – clubs having a membership over 50 and subscribing one guinea may send two representatives, clubs under 50 members and subscribing 10/6 would have one rep. These meetings would elect reps onto the County Committee – Bristol 5, Gloucester 3, others 1.

### **12 Sep 1906**

Both teams insured with the General Accident Ins and make their players available urance Co.

Post Office Club granted use of spare piece of ground for £6.

Cricket match v Bristol on the Spa had been a success.

Screens to be installed in the gym to hide players changing.

Old Boys FC did not wish to join the local league but would assist the Club by making players available (but they would not qualify for a capitation grant).

### **18 Sep 1906**

£4 paid to Sec Schools Union to meet expenses.

### **25 Sep 1906**

With no match on 13 Oct, to advertise in the S Wales papers for an opponent.

### **2 Oct 1906**

Linden Road FC admitted to the local league.

No players not playing in the match to be taken to any out matches without the consent of the Committee.

Pennyland would fill the 13 Oct slot for a guarantee of £12.

Junior League to be restarted now that schools had decided not to play boys of 14 or more, in order to bridge the time between that age and when they are fit to join local clubs.

### **9 Oct 1906**

Screens in gym costed at £10 so put off.

Two committee men to be appointed each week to keep strangers out of the gym.

Players offered to curtail other expenses if they were allowed to take injured players to out matches. Committee agreed to dispense with refreshments on training nights and teas at Jordan's after matches and then allow no more than two injured players to be taken to out matches.

Tea, coffee and bread and butter to be provided for first and second teams after matches.

County Union charged £20 for use of the ground for South Africa match.

Barnwood to be admitted to Schools Union if cost does not exceed £6.

### **16 Oct 1906**

Gloster Coffee House tender of 7/4 for tea, coffee and bread and butter was accepted.

County wanted the charge for the South Africa game to be reduced from £20 to 15gns – refused; but the rent for the Cornwall match on 6 Jan was agreed at 15gns.

Finance Committee appointed – Brooks, Little & H A Dancey.; Emergency Committee – officers plus Rasbach & Hall.

Second team cap awarded to S Hayward.

First team cap awarded to W Holder.

Entrance to gym limited to players and officials.

Ground Co had decided to erect a permanent stand between the pavilion and gymnasium.

Cinderford offered £10 to play at Gloster on Mop Monday, and to play Artillery on Good Friday with a guarantee of £15 with an additional £5 if they bring an excursion train.

### **23 Oct 1906**

Concern at the number of people gaining free entry to matches – to be confined to police and soldiers and sailors in uniform.

### **30 Oct 1906**

Norton applied to join the local league, but not thought strong enough this season.

W Johns presented with a dinner service as a wedding present from the Committee.

Junior League to be restarted, including Linden Road, Deacon St, Tredworth and St Marks. Expenses estimated as £16, including £6 for medals. These teams will be attached to the local clubs already in the Union. Jerseys and balls to be supplied, and Huggins & H A Dancey to join the JL Committee.

A copy of the rules of the Junior League is pasted into the minute book – includes no players over 16 years of age and matches to be 35 minutes each way.

### **6 Nov 1906**

10/- per week now charged for displaying bills on trams, so only to be done for special matches.

Cinderford & Lydney thanked for offering to lend players and two used from each.

### **13 Nov 1906**

Cromwell allowed to go with the team for his annual outing to London (but then could not go).

### **20 Nov 1906**

Second team caps awarded to T Guy & J Smith.

### **27 Nov 1906**

Deputy Cap to be appointed for 2<sup>nd</sup> XV.

Second team to be allowed to take one injured player to out matches.

### **4 Dec 1906**

Bristol asked if Gloster would continue in Cup competition if it was reformed under League rules – would need to be discussed at AGM.

Moreland's Excelsior had loaned one player, but too late in the season to join local league this season – they would probably be given a grant at the end of this season and should apply to join league next season.

Prison warders denied free tickets.

### **11 Dec 1906**

Sports event to be held at Kingsholm on Whit Monday in conjunction with the Licensed Victuallers.

Future fixtures with Stroud cancelled because of very bad conduct by their players, officials and spectators.

**18 Dec 1906 NTR**

**1 Jan 1907 NTR**

**8 Jan 1907 NTR**

**15 Jan 1907**

Because the Club had decided to alternate Romans and Wood, Romans resigned as a playing member. Committee accepted his resignation, but thanked him for his past services and hoped he would turn out for the Club if required.

A Hall elected sub-captain for remainder of season.

**22 Jan 1907**

Committee to meet fortnightly for rest of season.

**5 Feb 1907**

Second team caps awarded to Welshman & Bloxsome.

Sub-committee set up to organise a Popular Concert in the Corn Exchange.

**19 Feb 1907**

Instead of the concert, accepted offer from C W Poole to have a Football night at the Palace with Club receiving 1/3 of takings at all three shows.

**5 Mar 1907 NTR**

**19 Mar 1907**

Pinnock of PO Club given permission to train at Kingsholm.

Club asked by County to reconsider decision not to enter County Cup next season but no change.

Bristol called a meeting of Clubs to consider a County League.

## **2 Apr 1907**

It had been decided to set up a Gloucestershire League, but Gloster to bring the issue before the AGM before any commitment made.

Gloster ACC had been formed to keep the Club's players together in the summer – granted use of Kingsholm for a Comic Football Match.

Second team caps awarded to Arthur, Butler, Hollands & Wyburn.

## **16 Apr 1907**

Rep to be sent to RU meeting supporting resolutions from Bristol to have fixed dates for County matches, qualifications of County players, and declaring teams to opponents four days in advance.

The Football night at the Palace raised £27-15-3.

## **30 Apr 1907**

Meeting called to discuss a letter dated 25 Apr 1907 received from the Rugby Football Union:

“Some time ago this Union appointed a Commission to enquire into alleged cases of professionalism.

Allegations have been made to them that your Club about 1904-5 made illegal payments to one Arthur Smith. The persons implicated are a Mr Busbatch and Mr Walker Taylor.

The Commission propose to meet at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol on Friday 3 May at 12.30 pm to investigate the charges, when they will require the attendance of Messrs Busbatch and Walker and the production of all your club books, vouchers and fixture lists from 1900 to present time.

Your Club may be represented by one of its officials, President, Secretary or Treasurer, but not by a Solicitor unless he holds one of the above Offices.

Kindly own receipt of this and let me know that Messrs Walker and Busbatch will attend.

Yours faithfully, William Cail”

It was decided that Mr Haines should go to the meeting to represent the Club and that all books and vouchers should be taken to rebut the charge.

## **11 Jun 1907**

A new agreement with the Ground Co covering the tenancy of Kingsholm had not been arranged although it should have been done two years previously. Finance Committee to sort it out.

Capitation fees due to local clubs for players supplied to the Club last season were to be paid – Linden £4-0-0, Tredworth £4-0-0, St Marks £10-1-0, Gordon League £3-17-6, West End £4-15-0, South End £5-5-0. Total £31-18-6.

Photos of each team to be taken, with 17 in each team and an unframed copy to be supplied to each player. Various photographers to be asked to quote.

## **28 Jun 1907**

Draft of the new agreement with the Ground Co was discussed.

Players joined the meeting and elected:

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV G Vears

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV F Arthur

Players Rep A Hudson

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Secretary H G Brown

Hon Sec Nigel D Haines

Committee: S W Bingle, Geoff Bland, J T Brookes, H A Dancey, Rev O E Hayden, E T Huggins, J J Little, H M Taynton, A W Vears, L Vears, C Williams, A Hudson (Players Rep).

## **7 Aug 1907**

Example of Club notepaper inserted in minute book.

Huggins appointed as Club Rep on County Committee.

Secretary to get quotes for insuring both teams and the Servants of the Club.

The Masters of the Schools and Junior League teams to be informed that the Club originally gave financial aid but they were expected to be self-supporting after a year or two, so Club proposed to give no further financial aid.

Local clubs to be met and told that the Club offered £3 per club as previously and a capitation grant of 1/- instead of 2/6 as in previous years.

Basket to be purchased for trainer to convey boots, jerseys, etc to out matches – record to be kept of all kit issued to each player.

Training to commence on 3 Sep.

A Hudson said he would be willing to join the team to tour New Zealand.

Club nominated C E Brown as County Hon Sec and supported nominations of Jas Hart as Treasurer and E S Bostock Smith as President.

Bland, H A Dancey and Officers appointed to Emergency Committee, and Brookes, Bingle and Taynton to Finance Committee.

### **3 Sep 1907**

A ballot of the Committee resulted in For 9 Against 11 Blank 1, so C Hall was not elected as a life member.

Local clubs attended and were told that in future the grant to each club would be as in the past £3, but that the capitation fee would be reduced from 2/6 to 1/-. The clubs wished to report to their committees before responding.

A draft of the proposed agreement with the Ground Co was read and a sub-committee formed to go into the detail and report back.

### **10 Sep 1907**

Referee's Society objected to pay for use of the Club's Committee Room – the Club would ask for payment of the £1 for last year and the same for this year.

Swansea wanted Rudway referee their game at Kingsholm – agreed if he also refereed the game at Swansea.

Of the local clubs, Linden said they would not be running a team this year; Tredworth and Gordon League accepted the Club's terms and St Marks expected to; nothing heard from South End and West End.

Club to purchase boots from G Harris & Son @ 8/4 & 9/6.

### **17 Sep 1907**

Coffee, tea and bread and butter to be supplied by the Gloster Coffee House Co for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams after matches.

Messrs Kiddle to make nicks @ 5/6.

Second team cap awarded to W Blackford.

### **24 Sep 1907**

Office to be let free of charge to the Referee's Society, but charge of 2/6 to be made for lighting, heating and cleaning.

Objection to appointment of any Welsh referee for match at Bristol.

Spare part of ground let to Glos Col Ladies Hockey Club for £5.

Decided not to have telephone to ground.

### **1 Oct 1907**

Guarantee of £15 to be sent to Cinderford.

Moreland's Club put on same footing as other local clubs.

County Union asked to reintroduce transfer laws – in response to Stroud wiring for Gloster players.

Deputation from Schools Union asked for further financial support – referred to a sub committee.

### **8 Oct 1907**

Change of policy on Schools Union - £20 granted and use of ground for two midweek matches.

Second team cap awarded to L Meek.

### **15 Oct 1907**

Letters to Schools Union pasted into minute book, setting out agreement on support by the Club.

Bristol not responding to objection to their choice of referee.

### **22 Oct 1907**

One complimentary ticket given to each school in the Schools Union.

Agreed Referee Society to pay 10/6 for hire of office for season.

50 Ground Co shares to be purchased @ 20/6.

Club will not join the County Cup competition in 1908-09 owing to strong opinion expressed at AGM.

### **29 Oct 1907**

Agreed that 3pm to be fixed as time for kick-off, and 6 policemen to be on ground for important matches, but issue of some detectives entering ground with no tickets to be taken up with DC Constable.

Players had not been paid their expenses from the County match.

### **5 Nov 1907**

Stroud request for fixture rejected, but home and home dates to be fixed with Neath.

### **12 Nov 1907 NTR**

### **19 Nov 1907**

17 names to be put on the record board for 1905-06 and 1906-07.

Hire of ground in 1907-08 to be £15 on Saturdays and £10 midweek.

30 Ground Co shares to be purchased @ 20/6.

### **26 Nov 1907 NTR**

### **3 Dec 1907 NTR**

### **10 Dec 1907 NTR**

### **17 Dec 1907**

Wood congratulated on winning cap for the South.

100 tickets to be taken for excursion by rail to London on 10 Jan.

### **23 Dec 1907**

Hudson & Wood congratulated on gaining their international caps – Wood given a blazer and Hudson a gold medal.

First team cap awarded to Craddock.

A weakened team had won against Plymouth, every player being Gloucester born and trained.

### **31 Dec 1907**

E S Bostock Smith attended with suggestions for future working of Schools Unions. Club agreed to support a scheme whereby the Club would be given the minimum sum of £15, also the takings of one match, the funds to be kept separate from the County, 12 months notice to discontinue the scheme.

### **14 Jan 1908**

Second team caps awarded to Holford, Taylor, Beard, Eggerton & L Meek.

Ticket to be requested for international at Bristol, so that someone could accompany Hudson.

### **28 Jan 1908**

Second team cap awarded to C Cook.

### **11 Feb 1908**

20 Ground Co shares bought @ 20/6.

Surprise that Bristol had not let Neale play for us when we had let Hudson play for them the previous week.

White jerseys to be loaned to South End.

### **18 Feb 1908**

Dr Ancrum to see E Hall to assess when he will be recovered in context of insurance.

### **25 Feb 1908**

First team cap awarded to G Cook.

### **10 Mar 1908**

Ground loaned to GFC Club on 9 Apr and to Schools Union on 11 Apr.

### **24 Mar 1908**

C Smith resigned – testimonial planned.

First team cap awarded to G Bloxham.

Second team cap awarded to W Hall.

### **7 Apr 1908**

Testimonial for C Smith to be opened in the Citizen and collections to be made at the Easter matches.

Club would again raise the issue of transfer laws with the County and ask them to bring it before the Rugby Union.

### **14 Apr 1908**

Mr Jones to take photo of both teams on 25 Apr.

Second team caps awarded to Baldwin & Perry.

### **19 May 1908**

Athletic Club to organise a race at the Spa for the Licensed Victuallers Cup.

Little appointed Club auditor.

Schools Union ended the season with £13-18-5 in hand – handed to Treasurer.

### **4 Jun 1908**

Large photo of players and committee to be purchased from Jones & 50/- by the committee, not out of Club funds.

Grimes to be nominated as Vice President.

Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> team capt – G Vears, W Johns & A Hudson

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Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV A W Hawker

Hon Sec N D Haines

Treasurer H W Worth

Secretary H G Brown

Committee: G H Bland, J T Brookes, A F Fielding, A H Harris, O E Hayden, E T Huggins, J J Little, W H Rasbach, H M Taynton, A W Vears, L Vears, A C Williams, W Johns (Players Rep).

### **30 Jun 1908**

Huggins appointed Chairman for season; Emergency and Finance Committees appointed.

C H Dancey retiring from being a guarantor of the Club's banking account, and C E Brown and Grimes not prepared to continue as sole guarantors. Every member of the Committee except for the Captains and Players Rep were asked to become guarantors, the liability of each to be limited to £30; any other member of the Club who may be willing should also be invited to become a guarantor. The Club's shares now standing in the name of C E Brown to be transferred into the joint names of C E Brown, Haines and Brookes to be held by them as Trustees for the Guarantors

Ground Co to be asked to provide an extra entrance from Deans Walk to be used for admitting boys.

An extra ticket to be added to members' ticket books to permit entry to the AGM.

Treasurer to sign cheques, with Brookes, C E Brown or Haines to countersign.

### **21 July 1908**

Chas Smith elected unanimously as a life member.

Nominations agreed for County Union – Club Rep E T Huggins, Vice President C E Brown, President E T Bostock-Smith, Secretary R A Roberts.

Gloster would join the County League if fixtures can be arranged with Stroud.

Only one extra player to be taken to out matches.

Report of the Finance Committee:

The Bank required the guarantee to be signed by three responsible persons, but not a larger number, so agreed that three persons to be appointed, with others signing some form of indemnity to the guarantors. Bank required a limit on the overdraft, so agreed that it should not exceed the present amount and that any further increase owing to a loss on next season's working should be met at the end of the year by the guarantors and those indemnifying them in equal shares.

Purchase of further shares in the Ground Co to be suspended pending the Club making some profit. Every effort to be made to increase the number of members, especially 10/- members.

Rent of the ground appears as £375, but this includes the sum paid for the gymnasium. So the rent of the ground is £275, including the pavilion and various fixtures for which the Ground Co are responsible. Rent thought to be very large, especially since the Club are only tenants for 8 months in the year. Ground Co to be asked to reduce rent by £50 whilst the Club is running at a loss – thought necessary for the Club to continue.

A fixed sum agreed per man for expenses for out matches to include everything and if a meal is provided the cost to be deducted from each player's allowance. If 7/6 is a reasonable amount within the RU rules, then the Treasurer shall only disburse to the Committee man in charge a total sum of £6-7-6 to meet the expenses of the 15 players, the Committee man and the Trainer. The practice of taking extra players who are incapacitated has increased lately but ought not to be allowed.

Advertisement costs had risen , largely

Advertisement costs had risen, largely due to bills posted on trams, but agreed this should continue. Small savings from not posting bills for special matches in other towns, but to continue to advertise in the Citizen.

.Cost of insurance of teams has risen – the Club should not accept indefinite liability after the period of compensation from the Insurance society has expired.

Jerseys, boots, knickers and stockings supplied to players are the property of the Club and should be returned to the Trainer after each match. Issue of new items to be agreed by the Treasurer and Trainer.

Referee costs rising – to be curtailed by using County Union referees and not engaging outside referees except for very special matches.

Doctor and chemist costs to be restricted to a maximum of £20.

Donations to depend on level of profit for the season.

Club to continue to pay £7-10-0 to Ground Co in order to control grazing rights on the ground.

### **1 Sep 1908**

£45 to be paid to General Accident Co to insure both teams.

If Quedgeley club supplied any players to the Club, they would be considered for a grant at the end of the season.

The Railway Servants Universal Interchange Ticket Movement applied for reduced entry charges to the ground – denied.

Spare piece of ground rented to Glos United Banks AFC for £5 for the season.

Team to travel to Plymouth on Friday evening and stay at Farley's Hotel.

Preliminary guarantee to bank signed.

Hudson and Macgregor given permission to sell member's tickets.

### **15 Sep 1908**

Dr Ancrum to continue as Club Doctor.

### **22 Sep 1908**

This season's boots to be purchased from Hudson & Macgregor at 8/3, 8/6, 8/9.

Two Gloucester Football Club letters pasted into the minute book:

1011 shares owned by the Club in the Ground Co to be transferred to Nigel D Haines

C E Brown, N D Haines and J T Brookes to sign the Club's overdraft guarantee to the Capital and Counties Bank, that they deposit the 1011 shares with the bank and have the right to sell shares if the bank demands repayment of the overdraft.

Guarantors have power to sign cheques.

### **29 Sep 1908**

Huggins resigned as Chairman because he was leaving Gloucester – Taynton appointed Chairman – Arthur Fielding to fill vacancy on Committee as the next non-elected at AGM.

C Williams recommended for Huggins place on the County Union Committee.

Committee would recommend Huggins to the AGM as a Club Vice President.

### **6 Oct 1908**

First team cap awarded to Dix, and second team cap to Savage.

### **13 Oct 1908**

17 names to be put on record board for last season.

Jerseys for first and second teams to be numbered.

Canvas hoarding to block view from outside ground near the pavilion and at Deans Walk end.

### **20 Oct 1908**

Arnold presented a photo of the Schools Boys to the Club.

The Schoolmasters had notified that they would not be continuing with the Schools Union.

Training Committee appointed.

### **27 Oct 1908**

Schools Union stated that they were not satisfied with this year's terms.

### **3 Nov 1908**

Ground let to Moreland's Excelsior on 7 Nov for 10/-, and 10/- extra if they use baths.

Hudson granted right to issue programmes for 1gn; Committee to see draft.

### **10 Nov 1908**

Position on funding of Schools Union to be clarified with Bostock-Smith.

Second team cap awarded to A Pegler.

### **17 Nov 1908**

Ground let for County matches for £15.

First team cap awarded to Griffiths.

Ground Co notified that the stands on the 6d side and on the bank on the 1/- side were defective and dangerous – Ground Co would be responsible for any loss or claim.

### **24 Nov 1908 NTR**

### **1 Dec 1908**

First team caps awarded to Berry, Griffiths & Wyburn.

Glo'stershire team to play against French visitors on 24 Dec; Club members to be admitted for 6d on 1/- side and 10/- members free to grandstand.

**15 Dec 1908**

Caps to be purchased from Hudson & Macgregor for 12/6.

Second team cap awarded to H Aston.

St John Ambulance collection on ground refused – did not want to set precedent.

**22 Dec 1908 NTR**

**5 Jan 1909**

Second team cap awarded to J Hall.

**19 Jan 1909**

Congratulations to W Johns on playing for England v Wales.

**2 Feb 1909**

Schools Union granted use of ground on 27 Feb.

Second team cap awarded to R Bird.

**16 Feb 1909**

£15 guarantee for the Schools Union match to be sent to E S Bostock-Smith.

First team cap awarded to W Hall and captain's cap to Hudson.

**2 Mar 1909**

Bostock-Smith suggested teams be started for boys after they leave school at ages 12-14.

Use of Kingsholm granted for Junior Cup Final between St Marks and Morelands.

100 shares in Ground Co to be sold.

Ground Co asked how much the proposed sale of land at Kingsholm will realise, and how much reduction will result in the Club's rent.

**16 Mar 1909**

E S Bostock-Smith attended to explain his scheme for old boys teams – cutting from the Citizen is pasted into the minute book.

### **30 Mar 1909**

Second team cap awarded to J Hamblin.

Club would support T G Smith as County Rep.

Resignation of B Parham as a playing member reluctantly accepted – permission sought from County Union to make a collection for his testimonial.

### **6 Apr 1909**

Agreed to pay £2 to Stroud for their expenses, but nothing further.

Club to confirm that it no longer wishes to continue in the County League.

Second team cap awarded to Nelmes.

Suitable token to be given to W Johns to commemorate gaining his international cap.

### **4 May 1909**

Second team cap awarded to H Smith.

No further amounts to be paid to any men now on the Insurance.

Grazing to be let for sheep for 6 weeks from 19 June.

### **25 May 1909**

Only players whose names appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team photos to be admitted to the AGM.

Selection Committee to be appointed by the General Committee.

Club support nomination of J H Tratt as County Treasurer, W T Pearce as Vice President, C E Brown as President and R A Roberts as Secretary.

£21-8-0 to be paid as grants to local clubs.

### **2 Jun 1909**

Letter to Ground Co pasted into the minute book – it says that the Club is running at a loss and unless £100 savings can be found, it cannot continue as tenants of Kingsholm. It proposes that the Ground Co contribute £45 towards the loss this season, that the rent be reduced by £75, that the Club can sublet without paying half of profits to the Ground Co, and that the rent should be further reduced by £4 for every £100 raised by selling part of the

ground. Failing this the Club would either have to seek another ground or face bankruptcy I the next year or two.

### **21 Jun 1909**

A letter from the Ground Co is pasted into the minute book which confirms acceptance of new arrangements which had been put to the Ground Co AGM on 8 June 1909: That the Ground Co allow the club £40 out of the £60 to be received by the Company for the ground during the Royal Show week, that the rent payable by the Club be reduced by £50 a year, and that the Club receive all amounts obtained by subletting of the ground during their tenancy less any expenses and that lettings are controlled by the Company Secretary.

Hudson nominated as 1<sup>st</sup> team captain, W Egerton as 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain and W Johns as players rep.

Taynton thanked for his services as Chairman.

A tabulation of attendances at the 28 meetings of the committee in 1909-10 shows that only J T Brookes and W H Worth attended every meeting.

Officers and committee for 1909-10:

President C E Brown

Vice Presidents C H Dancey, H W Grimes and E T Huggins

Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV A Hudson

Vice Captain D R Gent – G Vears

Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV W Egerton

Hon Sec N D Haines

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary H G Brown

Committee: G H Bland, J T Brookes, A F Fielding, O E Hayden, J J Little, W H Rasbach, G Romans, H M Taynton, A W Vears, L Vears, A C Williams, C Hall – W Johns Players Rep.

### **31 Aug 1909**

Selection, Emergency and Finance Committees appointed.

Spare portion of ground let to Banks for their matches on Thursdays.

Dr Johnson appointed Club Doctor.

**7 Sep 1909**

Both teams to be insured in the Gloucestershire RFU Insurance Trust.

One ticket to be given to each player in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams when playing at home and to injured players, but not to trainers or others connected with the Club.

Right to produce programmes granted to Hudson & Johns for 1gn.

20 passes to be sent to any local club playing at Kingsholm.

L Vears appointed Assistant Hon Sec.

Match Committee to be composed of the Finance Committee plus Hayden.

**14 Sep 1909**

B Parham & G Romans elected as Life Members.

**21 Sep 1909**

L Vears appointed Match Sec.

**28 Sep 1909 NTR****5 Oct 1909**

16 names to be put on board for 1908-09.

Peglar made Vice Captain and asked to attend Committee meetings.

**12 Oct 1909**

Doubtful whether the Old Boys Club would be able to fulfil their fixtures this season.

**19 Oct 1909**

Old Merchant Taylors to be told that a guarantee of £35 could not be afforded.

**26 Oct 1909**

Schools Union granted use of spare piece of ground for practice at midday and for matches on Saturday mornings.

**2 Nov 1909 30 Nov 1909**

Not possible to fit a benefit match for G'shire Cricket Club into the fixture list.

Old Boys to be given same grant as other local clubs.

Brookes replaced L Vears as Assistant Hon Sec.

**9 Nov 1909 NTR**

**16 Nov 1909**

Second team caps awarded to H Barnes & F Welshman.

**23 Nov 1909**

Lindsay Vears was presented with a silver cigar case as a token of regard and affection as player and committee man on his departure from England.

**30 Nov 1909**

Bostock-Smith explained the working of the Bristol Carnival.

**7 Dec 1909**

Collections to be made at the two Xmas matches for schools.

Kingsholm to be let to the County on usual terms - £15 on Saturday and £10 midweek.

Sub-committee formed to discuss a carnival.

**14 Dec 1909**

Late kick-offs in games against Clifton and Lydney were debated.

**21 Dec 1909**

Ground to be covered with hay if frost continued.

**4 Jan 1910**

Gym let for a General Election dinner to teams on 15 Jan.

### **25 Jan 1910**

Schools Union and Old Scholars granted use of Kingsholm.

Players dinner at Saracen's Head on 1 Feb @ 2/6 per head, committee men to pay 5/-, number of players selected by captains not to exceed 34.

County offered ground on 26 Feb in order to avoid clash with Swansea fixture.

### **8 Feb 1910**

Dinner by Ince & Beddows on 15 Feb.

Club opined that ERU be asked to include Midland Counties in SW Group to reduce likelihood of replays, but if necessary to decide by points scored.

Vote to not play OMT for £35 was lost.

### **22 Feb 1910**

£100 of shares offered to T A Washbourn at par.

### **8 Mar 1910**

Captains to be asked to start matches on time even if player(s) are not ready.

Collection for Gloucester Royal Infirmary was approved.

If Club involved in final of cup competition would prefer midweek.

Not thought advisable to hold a carnival at Kingsholm.

100 chairs to be put in front of pavilion – charge to be 6d.

### **15 Mar 1910**

County granted use of Kingsholm for County Championship Final on 9 Apr for £15, but more if the gate is over £150, since the Plymouth fixture would be lost, which realised £43 last season.

Schools Union asked for use of Kingsholm for the Boys International Trial next season.

### **22 Mar 1910**

Lydney trying to change the financial arrangements for the Cup Final – Club not having it.

Agreed to pay extra fixture at Cinderford, who would pay Glo'ster fares.

Propose to hold carnival this season.

### **5 Apr 1910**

First team caps awarded to W Egerton, H Barnes, J Baldwin, W J Pearce & W Nelmes; and second team caps to Hancock & Millard.

### **19 Apr 1910**

Second team cap awarded to W Washbourne.

Enquiry to be made of County Union to find out if the County Cup would be played for next year, and what the penalty would be if this Club withdrew.

C E Brown to attend meeting of Rugby Union.

### **3 May 1910**

Grazing let to Newth for £4 from May to August.

Bristol request for a third match agreed – at Gloucester with a £10 minimum guarantee or 1/3 of the gate.

Club withdrew from County Cup.

Egleton appointed Club Auditor.

Williams

Williams to be Club rep and Taynton proposed as a Glo'ster rep on County committee.

Local clubs be paid the guarantee of £3 and capitation grants.

18 names to be recorded on the record board for 1909-10.

County to be asked to award medals to G Holford & D R Gent.

### **21 May 1910**

Deep sorrow at death of King Edward VII and heartfelt sympathy with King George V, himself an ardent supporter of Rugby Football.

Change to rules proposed at AGM – “the Committee to have power to elect a Match Sec”.

A Hudson nominated as Capt 1<sup>st</sup> XV, F Peglar as Capt 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and H Berry as Players Rep.

Committee approved the balance sheet.

Tabulation of the 30 committee meetings held in 1910-11 showed that A F Fielding, A Hudson and W H Worth attended every meeting.

Officers and Committee for 1910-11:

President C E Brown

Vice Presidents C H Dancey, H W Grimes & E T Huggins

Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV A Hudson

Vice Captain G Vears

Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV F Peglar

Hon Sec N D Haines

Hon Match Sec J T Brookes

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary H G Brown

Committee: J T Brookes, A F Fielding, C J Hall, J Hanman, O E Hayden (resigned), W H Rasbach, G Romans, H M Taynton, A W Vears, A C Williams, C J Woolf, G Leaver; H Berry (Players Rep)

### **12 Jul 1910**

Taynton elected Chairman.

Brookes appointed Match Sec to deal with fixtures and guarantees.

Finance, Emergency, Selection and Match Committees appointed.

County to have ground on 3 Dec for £15.

Jerseys, boots and stockings to be purchased from Hudson & Macgregor; knicks to be supplied by T & A Kiddle.

### **30 Aug 1910**

Old Boys granted use of Kingsholm on 27 Oct – to be charged 10/- if baths used.

Citizen to print large fixture cards.

Ballot was for 13 against 9, so Hawker was not made a life member.

Players to be insured with County.

All committee men to sign forms as guarantors.

### **6 Sep 1910**

London Welsh to play at Kingsholm on Good Friday – 7 for 1 against

Principal clubs to be asked if their players will have numbered jerseys, so that they can be put in the programme.

### **13 Sep 1910**

Williams to represent Club on Ground Co.

Cornwall empowered to have knicks repaired and to have same medical articles as Bagwell.

### **20 Sep 1910**

Complaint to Cheltenham for playing Glo'ster players without consent of our committee.

H A Dancey had resigned.

### **27 Sep 1910**

Further complaint to Cheltenham for playing H Barnes when he has been selected for Glo'ster second team. "Our second team is an utter farce, we make a financial loss over them of £100 per year, spending this amount to feed our first team and not other clubs."

### **4 Oct 1910 NTR**

### **11 Oct 1910**

Agreed to pay Dr Johnson the same fee viz 10gns and also to pay for all bandages, etc.

Bream thanked for loan of two of their players – Rudge & Lodge

Keys had asked for help with Old Boys movement, but needed to explain scheme.

### **18 Oct 1910**

Committee man travelling to any outmatch with team shall only receive his bare fare.

Watsonians to be offered £25 to play on Boxing Day.

Four matches against Cinderford next season at a guarantee of £10.

### **25 Oct 1910**

First team caps awarded to J Hamblin, C Cook & W Washbourne.

### **1 Nov 1910**

Cinderford had asked for loan of some players for their game at Leicester, unable to do so on this occasion.

### **8 Nov 1910**

Bagwell to attend County match at Bristol at request of County Union.

J Stephens resigned as a playing member; County asked for permission for a testimonial for him.

### **15 Nov 1910**

Cheltenham asked for A Lewis to play for them next Saturday, but refused because Glo'ster short of County players.

### **22 Nov 1910**

Agreed collection for Schools Union at match v Cornwall on 3 Dec.

Gym rented for an evening of Assault at Arms for 2gns.

Romans to be treasurer of testimonial for Stephens.

County requested that A Hall of Cinderford and W Hall of Glo'ster be seen playing together on 26 Nov – refused.

### **29 Nov 1910**

Letter to Ground Co – “this committee are much surprised to hear that no settlement over the letting of ground etc is made until the end of the year, that they would like it made after every letting so that this committee can know the financial position, and also ask that an account of all deductions be each time rendered”.

### **6 Dec 1910**

Second team caps awarded to J Laur & F E Quixly.

W Egerton appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> XV captain because Peglar now playing regularly for 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

### **13 Dec 1910**

Permission granted for a hurdle race on Boxing Day before the OMT match.

List of patrons to be published in the Citizen.

### **20 Dec 1910**

Supper to be given to both teams.

### **3 Jan 1911**

Franciscans granted permission to use Kingsholm on 5 Jan, but gate to come to Club.

### **17 Jan 1911 NTR**

### **24 Jan 1911**

Worcester unable to fulfil fixture on 21 Jan, Club offered to send 2<sup>nd</sup> XV to Worcester on 15 Apr for £5 guarantee.

OMT asked for £35 guarantee for their match in 1912 – offered £30.

Taynton resigned as Chairman of Committee, and Hanman appointed.

Sub-committee appointed to find ways of encouraging local football.

### **7 Feb 1911**

F Allen was picked to play for the Club against Cainscross but declined because his club, St Marks, were short – St Marks to be asked for an explanation but Club took severe view.

### **13 Feb 1911**

St Marks warned against allowing any of their players to fail to turn out when selected for the Club.

Bostock-Smith to encourage a rep of the ER selection committee to attend the Glos-Bristol match on 18 Feb, because there were expected to be many changes to the England side following the game against Ireland, and many players in this match were eligible for international selection.

### **21 Feb 1911**

J Lane required to return his football clothes.

Franciscans again given permission to use Kingsholm.

### **7 Mar 1911**

A C Lewis of Lydney had been injured playing for Glo'ster 1<sup>st</sup> XV at Abertillery - to be sent 14/- for 2 weeks.

Schools Union to play match St Marks match and to be given the gates from both games less 30/- to Club.

Two extra police to be ordered for remaining big matches.

Worcester had failed to pay the agreed costs of £2-8-0 incurred in sending a team there on 10 Nov.

Bream benefit match on 28 Mar.

### **21 Mar 1911**

Club support nomination of Bostock-Smith as County rep on RU Committee.

ERU did not grant leave for Glo'ster to play at Neath on 25 Apr.

J Lane to be told that his football clothes valued at 12/- and if he fails to return them legal action will be taken.

Legal proceedings also threatened against Worcester for the £2-8-0 owed.

Early Closees FC given permission to use Kingsholm on 30 March.

### **4 Apr 1911**

Bream benefit match played in wet weather and raised only £1-16-0, so Club sending a further cheque for £2-10-0 to cover expenses, and maybe more if good gates at Easter games.

Schools Union let off charge of 30/- because their Glos-Bristol game raised only £1-1-6.

Rev O E Hayden resigned from Committee – G Leaver to replace.

### **11 Apr 1911**

Thursday FC granted permission to use Kingsholm on 20 Apr.

### **16 Apr 1911**

Grazing rights on Kingsholm May-Oct let to J Newth for £5-10-0.

Club could not support the nomination of W Sawyer of Cheltenham as Vice President of County Union as Woolf intending to stand.

Hudson asked to bring samples of Next season's jerseys.

Worcester failure to pay their debt to be reported to County Union.

W J Pearce to be proposed as President of County Union, C J Woolf as Vice President, J H Tratt as Hon Treasurer and R A Roberts as Hon Sec.

C E Brown to attend RU AGM and support election of E Prescott as President.

Club dinner to be at New Inn.

## **26 May 1911**

Committee to put on agenda at AGM:

1<sup>st</sup> XV captain A Hudson

Vice captain G Vears

2<sup>nd</sup> XV captain W Blackford

Players rep H Berry

Tabulation of attendances at the 32 Committee meetings in 1911-12 showed that only J Hanman and W H Worth attended every meeting.

Officers and Committee for 1911-12:

President C E Brown

Vice Presidents H W Grimes, N D Haines, E T Huggins

Captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV J Harris (replaced W Blackford)

Hon Sec J T Brookes

Treasurer W H Worth

Secretary H G Brown

Committee: P M Chance, A F Fielding, J Hanman, C J Hall, A L Lane, G Leaver, W H Rasbach, G Romans, A W Vears, A C Williams, C J Woolf; H Berry (Players Rep)

## **29 Jun 1911**

Hanman elected as Chairman.

Glo'ster League Sports to be held at Kingsholm on 2 Aug – a 120 yard sprint race with a minimum entry of 12 – 1/- entry fee, prizes £2, £1-10-0 and 15/-; entrants must have made 6 appearances last season; must wear football clothes and boots.

3 pairs of pumps to be provided for players and kept by trainer; 42 jerseys to be provided by Hudson.

Testimonial for J Stephens.

## **6 Jul 1911**

Besses 'o the Barn Band to be engaged to play at Kingsholm on 31 July.

## **18 Jul 1911**

The secretaries of the Quedgeley, St Marks & Gordon League Clubs waited upon the committee and discussed matters of finance connected with the grants made to them for grounds rent and capitation allowance. As a result it was decided that the Secretaries of each of the Local Clubs should have a copy of the Rules governing these matters sent to them at the beginning of each season, that these Secretaries should be required to send to Glo'ster Club each week a register of the names of players who represented the Glo'ster Teams the previous week. It was also decided that men should be registered on the Books of the Club he elects to play for, and that he should not be allowed to change.

## **21 Aug 1911**

Teams to be insured as in previous years with the County.

Jennings to print posters, bills, etc.

No person to be admitted without a ticket; complimentary tickets will be issued on Friday nights by the Club officials on application to those they deem eligible – relates to layers.

Committee men going to an out match with the team to be paid the same amount as a player.

Selection, Emergency, Match and Finance Committees elected.

A letter was received from the County Union asking this Club to mutually assist each other club in the Union in improving the methods of conducting the management of Rugby Football, also asking this Club not to ask other club's players, etc. The Sec instructed to reply that this Club is in thorough sympathy with the contents of their letter, they having carried out the measures mentioned, they would like the Union to go further by instituting transfer laws.

## **5 Sep 1911**

Notice in gym – "Players entitled and wishing complimentary tickets, please apply at Club Office on Friday nights; no admittance without a ticket; this rule will be strictly enforced."

All gatemen etc to be insured as last year with the Commercial Union for 11/9.

Worth's fidelity insurance policy not renewed.

Complimentary tickets for police sent to W Harrison, Inspectors Dennis & Butt, and to two detectives.

In future committee meeting to be held on Mondays – selection at 7.30 and general cttee at 8.

### **11 Sep 1911**

W Blackford resigned as captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV.

### **18 Sep 1911**

Franciscan and Thursday FCs permitted to use Kingsholm on Thursdays at a charge of 50/-.

Joe Harris selected as captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV.

Club to purchase 16 white jerseys from Hudson.

Selections in Scotch match for season before last (1909-10) to be added to Record Board.

### **25 Sep 1911**

16 names including J Hamblin to appear on Record Board for 1910-11.

Northampton asked for an explanation of them playing Hancock without asking permission of Glo'ster. Both Hancock and Barnes banned from Kingsholm for training and attending matches.

Old white jerseys given to Schools Union.

### **3 Oct 1911**

Approval given for the Ambulance Association to make a collection at a match of their choosing.

### **10 Oct 1911**

Northampton explanation accepted – both Clubs had been deceived by the double dealings of Barnes and Hancock.

### **17 Oct 1911**

Newth refused an allowance from his grazing rent because of the expanse incurred by his sheep having strayed into adjoining gardens.

Tramway and Electric employees granted use of Kingsholm on 26 Oct.

Ground Co to be asked to improve fencing on 6d side and behind the goal posts.

Request from County for all their referees to be given passes to Glo'ster matches was rejected on financial grounds.

### **24 Oct 1911**

Players to fill in forms every week to conform with County procedures.

No objection to J M Baldwin playing for Cheltenham.

Resignation of W Johns accepted, but hope that he may play occasionally.

Stade Francais had offered £60 minimum or 33% of the gate less ground expenses for Glo'ster to tour there – asked for £75 minimum or 33% of gate less expenses.

### **31 Oct 1911**

A Cromwell requested a members ticket, but unnecessary because he would not be refused entry to the ground.

£3 loaned to Tredworth Club for clothes etc.

Bagwell allowed to go to Bristol on 4 Nov to look after County players.

County Selection Committee to be admitted to Kingsholm but not ordinary members.

At all big matches a policeman to be on the grandstand.

### **7 Nov 1911**

Cinderford requested that a collection be made at the Swansea game for the widow of A Teague – the Ambulance Association had chosen that match for their collection, but they would be asked to move to Boxing Day.

### **14 Nov 1911**

Swansea continue to dispute who should referee – Glo'ster position was to leave appointment to County Union.

Cheltenham asked if T Burns could now play for Glo'ster.

Bagwell on County duty, so Cromwell to go with 1<sup>st</sup> XV to Clifton.

Cinderford to be given £5 guarantee for Easter Monday, but not for any other date.

Draft agreement with local clubs, drawn up by the Emergency Committee, was read and passed.

### **21 Nov 1911**

Tramway Employees requested use of spare part of Kingsholm, but told they would have to apply to the Thursday and Franciscan clubs who have let the ground on Thursdays.

A B Corke had offered the City Gardens to this Club for £750 covering 6,500 sq yds, but this could not be considered until next July.

London Welsh offered guarantee of £15 for Good Friday or home and away fixtures for no guarantee.

Notice to be erected stating that seats in front of the grandstand are reserved for visiting committee, patrons and Glo'ster Committee

First team to have a "walk out" on Friday evening and a "beefslate" supper afterwards at Jordans.

### **28 Nov 1911**

Local Club Agreements to be sent to Gordon League, St Marks Territorials, Tredworth & Quedgeley.

The Electricity Co temporarily fixed four lights at Kingsholm at their own cost for the inspection of the Committee, and state that the cost of maintaining them would be wiring £3, 4 lamps current 6d per hour, lamps 50/- per quarter, the cleaning would be free.

Police were asking to be paid for an extra half hour weekly.

### **5 Dec 1911**

Ground Co said that the horse which had been turned out to tack had been removed on 1 Dec.

Agreed to give Cinderford 4 matches and £5 for playing at Kingsholm on Easter Monday.

Committee did not agree to have the four large electric lights fixed, but F H Corson thanked for the trouble he had taken.

Collection to be made on the ground for Mrs G Page on 23 Dec.

Other clubs to be consulted on how they handle passes etc for local referees.

County Union to be asked if A Hudson could play for Glo'ster because he is unable to go to Cornwall for a County match.

### **12 Dec 1911**

Northampton tom play here next Mop Monday, they paying £10.

### **19 Dec 1911**

Two collections being made for the Schools Union over Xmas and another in March.

Schools Union offered two dates when they could play at Kingsholm before 2<sup>nd</sup> XV matches, one gate to go to them and the other to the Club.

Rasbach to provide a lunch at the Llanelly game, and a dinner being considered for the Watsonians.

### **2 Jan 1912**

Meeting proposed with Ground Co to discuss changing accommodation.

County Union to be asked whether players who could not go to Dublin on 13 Jan could play for Glo'ster v Leicester.

### **9 Jan 1912**

Kings Restaurant to be asked if they would provide a hot lunch for 1/6.

A draw was held to select the 5 committee men who would accompany the team to Paris.

### **23 Jan 1912**

£10 was collected for Mrs Page at the Watsonians match.

Use of Kingsholm granted for a County match on 14 Dec for £15.

Three passes to be sent each week to the Sec Referees Society for the use of certificated Glos County referees.

Llanelly to be given Saturday fixtures in 1913-14.

### **6 Feb 1912**

Ground Co told that the heating of the gym is still in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Programme to be sent to the GWRG and Cookes asking for their estimates for the proposed French tour.

### **20 Feb 1912**

Cook & Son to arrange the French tour. Anyone joining the party to be charged £4-10-0.

### **5 Mar 1912**

Leicester had sent a cheque for £10 as they were unable to play at Glo'ster on 3 Feb owing to the frozen ground.

### **19 Mar 1912**

Sub-committee formed to discuss the better representation of the Club on the County Union.

A benefit match for Cinderford to be played free at Kingsholm in April.

Approval of nomination of E T Bostock-Smith to represent the County Union on the ERU.

Asked the Ground Co for a substantial reduction in rent.

Thursday team given permission to play a match on the main pitch if not too wet.

Permission granted for a boxing entertainment night in the gym at a charge of 1gn to cover cost of heating, light, etc.

### **30 Mar 1912**

Meeting unusually held on a Saturday following the Newport match.

Glo'ster to find some players for London Welsh when they visit but their request for a larger allowance not agreed but left "to our generosity"

Schools Union granted use of Kingsholm on 9 April, and benefit match for Cinderford on 25 April.

Second team would have difficulty getting to Cinderford on 8 April – 2gns offered as compensation for cancellation of match.

### **2 Apr 1912**

Neath pulled out of fixture.

Bordeaux Club asked for a fixture at Bordeaux on a Sunday – could they offer a more convenient midweek date.

### **9 Apr 1912**

County Union asked to take up the matter of Neath not fulfilling their engagement with the Welsh RU and seek compensation.

Abertillery told that it would be impossible for the Club to go and return on the same day, going by motor car from Glo'ster being the only way of keeping the fixture, so how much would they meet us over the extra cost, and we could not kick off before 4pm.

### **16 Apr 1912**

Cinderford told which players the Club was making available for the charity match on 25 Apr – Cinderford to make up the numbers with six players. County asked to insure the players, to provide the referee and list the County side for the Citizen.

## **14 May 1912**

Grazing let to J Newth for £5-10-0.

First team caps awarded to L Hamblin, F Gates, J Meadows, S Smart & C Staunton – Staunton was awarded his cap under special circumstances, he having played 19 times for the 1<sup>st</sup> team and was debarred from playing at Abertillery where he arrived too late through circumstances over which he had no control.

Second team caps awarded to F Hayward, C Mumford, W Dovey, A Cook & A Banner.

C Staunton & S Smart having played a few matches for the second team having been drafted into the first team, the Sec was instructed to turn up the minute referring to the giving of second team caps, and also if the second team captain has a special cap.

Cainscross claimed that two of their handbags had been taken away by Glo'ster second team players and they sent a bill for them – Glo'ster disclaimed any liability.

Ambulance Association not to be given their usual 1gn grant because they had done well from their collection, but offered another date for a collection.

2gns given to the Infirmary.

Hanman & Fielding elected to represent Club on County Union, and Brookes to attend County AGM.

New agreement with Ground Co proposed.

## **4 Jun 1912**

Hudson elected captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV for 1912-13; F Bloxham captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV; F Peglar Players Representative.

Mr Walwin donated some photos of games played at Kingsholm.

## **14 Jun 1912**

After a long discussion the Committee accepted the Ground Co scheme for rent for the next 12 months as proposed in the following notice, a copy of which is pasted into the minute book:

### **The Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company Ltd**

Secretary: Sidney S Starr

92, Northgate  
Gloucester

May 31<sup>st</sup> 1912

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above company will be held at the NEW INN HOTEL, NORTHGATE STREET, GLOUCESTER on FRIDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 1912, at 8 P.M., for the purpose of considering the application of the Football Club for a reduction of their rent and revision in other respects of the terms of their tenancy, and if thought fit, of confirming the resolution recommended by the Directors as below.

At a Meeting of the Directors of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co. Ltd., held on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., a Deputation, consisting of Messrs J HANMAN, A LIONEL LANE and W H WORTH attended on behalf of the Football Club, and the question of the Club's future tenancy of the ground was fully discussed. The Directors ultimately informed the Deputation that they would recommend the Shareholders of the Company to agree to a modification in the existing terms of the Club's tenancy so far as regards the rent, to the following effect:-

*“That the rent payable by the Club shall remain the same as hitherto, but that if in any year the Club does not make sufficient profit as shown by the audited balance sheet for that year to pay the rent in full, the rent shall be abated in proportion to the deficiency but not exceeding the sum of £75 per annum. Any abatement so made, however, is to be carried forward in the Club's balance sheet as a debt due to the Company and is to be repaid out of any subsequent profits the Club may make, provided that the Club shall not be called upon to make any repayment on account of arrears of rent except out of any profits it may have in hand over and above the sum of £25.”*

In the event of this resolution being confirmed by the Shareholders and adopted by the General Meeting of the Club, it is understood that the Directors shall have a representative on the Football Club Finance Committee.

By order of the Board, SIDNEY S STARR, Secretary.