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GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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GLOUCESTER v. LYDNEY

KINGSHOLM, GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY, 24th DEC., 1966. Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

Official Programme - Price 6d.

OUR VISITORS

We have become accustomed over the years to entertaining our County friends and neighbours, Lydney, at Kingsholm while the sun – or summer rain – was still on our backs, as it were ; in early September, before either team has really settled down to the rigours of a new season. The old order changeth, however, and we give them a cordial welcome today as they open the festive season games at Kingsholm.

Charles Dickens wrote; “Oh, that the spirit of Christmas would last the whole year through !” That, without being cynical, is expecting too much, unfortunately, but may we see plenty of that spirit in today’s game, at least, with plenty of open rugger !

KINGSHOLM KACKLE

Last season, on September 4th, Gloucester beat Lydney by 11 points to nil. Terry Hopson, Nick Foice and Ron Pitt scored the tries, but Don Rutherford could make only one conversion.

The winning programme, No. 566, for the Coventry match last Saturday was held by a Herefordshire supporter – Mr. P. Mitchell, Post Office Stores, Linton, near Ross-on-Wye, who is richer by £5.

There are still a few tickets available for the England v. Australia International match at Twickenham on Saturday, January 7th. These may be obtained from the Gloucester R.F.C. Secretary, Terry Tandy, at the Clubhouse this afternoon, or at 17 Ogbourne Close, Longlevens.

All Stand Tickets for the match between Western Counties and Australia at Bristol on Saturday, January 14th, have been sold. There are, however, a few remaining for the ground (5/-), enclosure (7/6) and ringside (10/-).

Two grand Christmas Dances will be held in the new Social Club next week – on Monday (Boxing Day) and Saturday (New Year’s Eve). Admission by ticket only (3/- for members, 6/- for members’ friends). You may obtain tickets for either dance at the Social Club today.

There will not, of course, be one of the increasingly popular bingo sessions on Boxing Day, but our ‘*Legs eleven*’ maestro, Jimmy Holder, reminds you that he will be there to “call” and hand out the prizes again when bingo recommences in the Social Club on Monday, January 2nd, starting at 7-45 p.m.

I would like to join with the Officers, Committee and Players of Gloucester R.F.C. in wishing you all a very happy Christmas ! A.R.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1966 Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER v. OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1966 Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER v. PONTYPOOL