

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NOTICE CALLING THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY LIMITED))

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

92, NORTHGATE,

GLOUCESTER,

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1910.

*Notice is hereby given*, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7-30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Accounts of the Company, electing Directors, and appointing Auditor.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

THE GLOUCESTER

*Football & Athletic Ground*

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THE  
**Nineteenth Annual Report**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE  
**GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

TO BE HELD AT THE  
**New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street,  
GLOUCESTER,**

***On TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 1910,***

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY.**

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DIRECTORS:

A. W. VEARS, CHAIRMAN.

H. J. BERRY	C. H. DANCEY
S. W. BINGLE	HARRY A.. DANCEY
F. H. BRETHERTON	F. W. LOVESY
C. E. BROWN	A. C. WILLIAMS

Representative of the  
Gloucester Football Club

H. W. GRIMES, Solicitor

SIDNEY S. STARR, Secretary

## *Directors' Report.*

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The Directors herewith submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the past year, ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1910.

The Directors regret that owing to various circumstances the Company's income has been reduced by something like £100. This may be chiefly accounted for by the reduction of the Football Club rent £50, besides handing to them the sub-lettings during the winter months of the Gymnasium, etc., viz., £10 7s. 0d.

During the summer months no circus or other entertainments have been held on the Ground. Doubtless the continuous wet weather, together with the visit of the Royal Agricultural Show to the City last year discounted to a great extent any chance of income that may have been derived therefrom.

The Athletic Training Tickets have also fallen off during the past two or three years, from something like £10 per annum to practically nil.

As pointed out at the last General Meeting, some expenditure in necessary repairs would be needed in the ensuing year. This work has been done, and includes new floors to turnstiles, almost entirely new board steps, etc., with creosoted under struts in front of the Pavilion, new posts and stays and repairs to fence, footboards, planks, trestles, etc. Thus the upkeep outlay is increased this year by some £25.

The Books of the Company have been audited and all vouchers examined by Mr. J. E. Dutton, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

The Revenue Account, with the Balance brought forward, shows a net profit of £85 17s. 7d. on the year. The Directors, therefore, recommend the payment of a Dividend of 2½ per cent. per annum, which will amount to £78 15s. 0d. on the 3,150 Shares, and to carry forward the Balance, £7 2s. 7d., to the present year.

By the death of Mr. S. Davis in April last, the Board has sustained a sad loss. Mr. Davis was one of the original Directors, having been elected on the formation of the Company. Mr. Harry A. Dancey, who has been identified with the Company for some years as the Football Club Representative, has been elected Director in place of Mr. Davis, and Mr. A. C. Williams has been elected as the Football Club's representative.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, three of the Directors, Messrs. F. H. Bretherton, C. H. Dancey and Harry A. Dancey retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. J. E. Dutton, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

The Directors are pleased to report that the ground was never in a better condition than it is at present especially the football playing part.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*



((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL, GLOUCESTER, ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 1910))

### Annual General Meeting

held Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Mr. A. W. Vears presided.

### Notice of the Meeting

having been read, the

### Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

were read and confirmed.

### The Late Mr. S. Davis and Mr Peter Grant

Before commencing the business the chairman alluded to the loss the Company had sustained by the death of Mr. Sam Davis and Mr. Pete Grant both having been original shareholders and taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the Company.

### Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet. This was seconded by Mr. William Dancey and carried.

### Election of Directors

Mr. W. J. Robinson proposed the re-election of Messrs. F. H. Bretherton, C. H. Dancey, and H. A. Dancey as Directors. This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Watkins. Carried.

### Auditor

Mr. J. E. Dutton was re-elected Auditor on the proposition of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown.

Thanks to the Directors

Mr. Robinson moved a vote of thanks to the Directors. This was seconded by Mr. William Dancey and carried. Mr. F. H. Bretherton acknowledged on behalf of the Board.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

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## **Glo'ster Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd.**

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### MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The annual general meeting of shareholders was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday evening, when there were present Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, C. E. Brown, C. H. Dancey, Harry A. Dancey, and A. C. Williams (directors), W. C. Watkins, and W. J. Robinson (shareholders), H. W. Grimes (solicitor), J. E. Dutton (auditor), and Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

The Directors' report (which has already been published) stated that a net profit of £85 17s. 7d. was made on the year, which allowed of a dividend of 2½ per cent., and the carrying forward of the balance of £7 2s. 7d.

Before proceeding with the business, the Chairman referred to the loss the Company had sustained in the deaths of Messrs. Sam Davis and Peter Grant. Mr. Davis was an original shareholder in the Company, and from its earliest days always took a lively interest in its welfare. He was also a keen and enthusiastic follower of the Football Club, which had lost in him a staunch supporter. Mr. Vears said the late Mr. Grant was one of their most esteemed and oldest shareholders, and he was sure their sympathy went out to the bereaved family.

The Chairman referred to the changes in the Board of Directors. Mr. Davis was succeeded by Mr. Harry Dancey, who was no stranger to them. He had been in close touch with the Company for some years, and had given in the past much useful and helpful co-operation. Mr. A. C. Williams had been elected as the Football Club's representative on the Board, and to him they extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Williams' long and ripe experience in connection with the Football Club fully entitled him to the position.

Referring to the report and balance sheet, the chairman regretted he could not speak very flatteringly of the latter, but personally he was not a bit pessimistic. It was true the figures did not convey overwhelming satisfaction, but there were ups and downs in every enterprise, in every undertaking. Former important sources of income had dwindled down to almost vanishing point, and they must find other ways and means of bringing grist to the mill. It was absurd on the face of it that such an excellent enclosed ground, in the heart of the city, should be practically earning nothing during the four summer months of the year. He formally moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and this having been seconded by Mr W. Dancey, was carried.

Messrs. F. H. Bretherton, C. H. Dancey, and Harry A. Dancey were re-elected Directors, and Mr. J. E. Dutton auditor. A vote of thanks to the directors was passed and acknowledged by Mr. Bretherton.



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### FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, F. H. Bretherton, C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown (directors), A. C. Williams (Gloucester Football Club representative), W. C. Watkins, W. Dancey, W. J. Robinson, H. W. Grimes (solicitor), Sidney S. Starr (secretary), and J. E. Dutton (auditor).

Before proceeding to move the adoption of the report and balance-sheet (which recommended a dividend of 2½ per cent.), the Chairman said he wished to refer to the loss the company had sustained by the death of Mr. Sam Davis, who was one of the original shareholders and a director, and one who took a lively interest in its welfare. Mr. Davis was succeeded on the board by Mr. Harry Dancey, to whom they extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Dancey was no stranger to them, having been in close touch with them for many years, and had given much valuable help in the past. They also welcomed among them Mr. A. C. Williams, who had been elected as the representative of the Football Club, and his long and ripe experience with that club should be of great help to them. He (the speaker) could not pass on without referring to the death of one of their most esteemed and oldest shareholders, viz. Mr. Peter Grant. The secretary and himself were going through the records of their general meetings the other day, and they found there was rarely a meeting which Mr. Grant had not attended. He would be expressing the feelings of all when he said their sympathy would go out to the family of the late Mr. Grant.

With regard to the report and balance-sheet, he regretted the figures did not convey the greatest satisfaction. But there were ups and downs in every enterprise, and during the past year they had fallen on unfertile and troublous times. He felt sure, however, the sun would shine on them again. Several of the best sources of income had dwindled down to almost vanishing point, and it now remained for the directors to strenuously apply their arts and find other sources from which they could derive revenue. It was manifestly absurd on the face of it that seven acres of turf in the heart of the city should be practically earning nothing during the summer months. He would not go through the figures, but would be pleased to answer any questions on them.

Mr. W. Dancey seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

Messrs. F. H. Bretherton, C. H. Dancey, and H. A. Dancey were re-elected directors, and Mr. J. E. Dutton re-appointed auditor.

A vote of thanks to the directors closed the proceedings.