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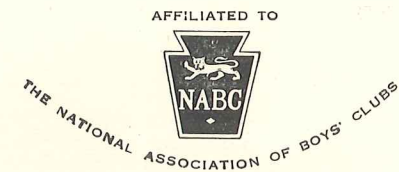
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In this issue of the Annual Report of the West of England Association of Boys' Clubs for 1937—38, may I, as your President, again thank all those who have contributed in one way or another towards the work which has been accomplished during the past year.

I now ask you to continue to give us your support, that we, as the parent Organisation, may be prepared when the time comes to help each County during the initial stages to form its own Association. Our task is not finished while there is still such urgent need for more Boys' Clubs in all the towns and villages of the Western Counties, and it is the duty of us all to see that we are not remiss in backing up those who are giving their time and efforts to fill this need.

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West of England Association of Boys' Clubs

THE AREA ORGANISATION OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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It has always been recognised that the process of development in the West of England of the Boys' Club Movement must necessarily be a slow one, not easily estimated by the number of Clubs affiliated or their membership, but it is satisfactory to note that at the end of 1938 there has been an increase of 11 Clubs, bringing the present total to 47 catering for over 1,700 boys between the ages of 14 and 18, and for more than double this number including all ages. Continued interest in the work of the Association is evident from correspondence received not only from those who are already running Boys' Clubs, but also from many who are anxious to offer their services in one capacity or another.

Through the death of Mr. Pite, at the time Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Association has lost a very valued supporter; in addition three other Members of the Committee have had to resign on leaving the Area to take up other work.

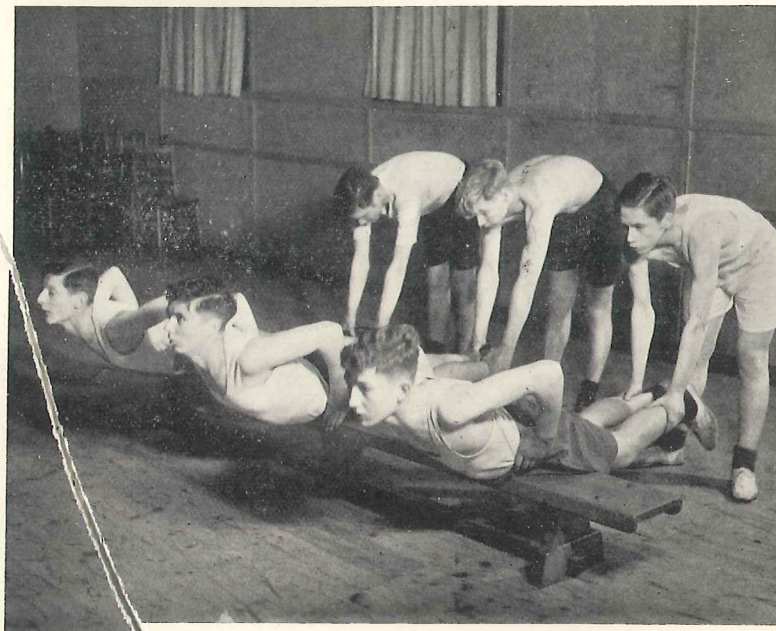
The appointment of a full-time Organiser in Plymouth has been fully justified, and, during the year Mr. Leslie occupied the post, the interest of the City has been so roused that now there are 11 Clubs, with a membership of over 600, affiliated to the N.A.B.C. and under the supervision of the Plymouth Council for Boys' Clubs. Our gratitude to Mr. Leslie for the good work he has done can best be expressed by wishing him equal success in the job he has undertaken in London.

Following the decision taken at the General Meeting that the Area would benefit by a sub-division into County Associations preliminary work has been carried out in Devon and it is hoped that this County will be able to form its own Association during the coming year. Wiltshire and Dorset have now been transferred to the Hampshire Association of Boys' Clubs. This transfer, it is confidently expected, will ensure a more rapid development so that these two Counties will also be able to stand on their own before very long. The fact should not be overlooked, however, that so long as there are any Counties in the West without their own Organisation the West of England Association is responsible for their administration and welfare and remains in existence

for this purpose, and therefore adequate funds are still necessary to carry on this work.

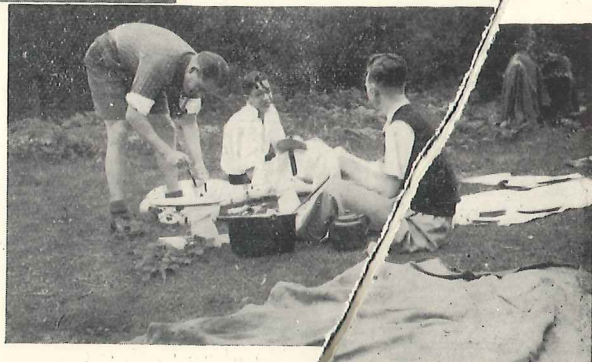
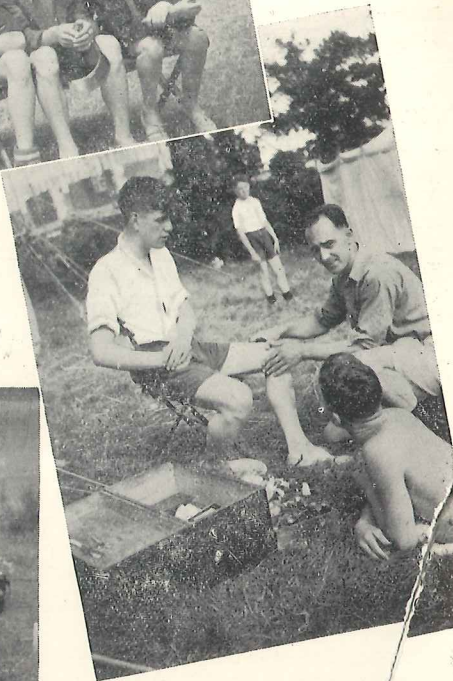
Referring to the Financial Statement for the year ending March 31st, 1938, it is satisfactory to note an increase of Balance on the credit side, notwithstanding higher expenditure due to a normal expansion in the work of development.

In September last the Fifth Annual Conference and General Meeting was held in Plymouth on the invitation of the Plymouth Council for Boys' Clubs. The attendance was not so good as in 1937, and many affiliated Clubs did not send Delegates, either owing to the fact that the date clashed with holiday fixtures or on account of expense. Plymouth was well represented.



The addresses given at the Sessions were especially useful and produced some interesting discussions; the Speakers gave those present new ideas and higher ideals to work for in Club life.

During the past year four Clubs have benefited by grants from the Jubilee Trust Fund and other Clubs have been offered



Grant-aid through the help of their respective National Fitness Committees. Apart from the material advantages of these Grants the fact that Club Leaders apply for them is a very healthy sign; they realise the need to improve the amenities of their Clubs and are not merely content to carry on in the same old way. Attention also should be drawn to the Insurance Scheme which is open to all Clubs affiliated to the National Association, but the full success of this scheme is only possible if all Clubs join in; there are still a few who have not done so.

It would be wrong to congratulate ourselves unduly on progress made in the West without expressing our thanks to the National Association of Boys' Clubs for the advice and help rendered through the services of their Officers, Staff and Advisers; they have never failed to realise the difficulties to be overcome in an Area so diffuse as the West of England. Perhaps especial acknowledgement is due to Captain Thornton for the personal interest he has always taken since first the Association was formed.

Although the first stages of the sub-division of the Area have been accomplished there are still five Counties which need our undivided attention, and it is incumbent on all, Subscribers, Club Leaders, and Members of Committees, to see that their efforts are not diminished in maintaining a steady forward movement so that the West keeps pace with their brothers in other parts of the United Kingdom. Co-operation has been the key-word of the National Association and it has been our policy since we started; without it we should have accomplished little. Because we have not been disappointed we do not hesitate to ask all those who may read this Report earnestly to consider how best they may serve the interests of to-day. Faults are easier to find than remedies, but your personal interest, in whatever capacity you think fit, will do more to solve the problems which we are up against in every Town and Village than any amount of futile criticism and condemnation.

(Signed) SOMERS, *Chairman*,
E. KNOLLYS, *Hon. Secretary*.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO MARCH 31st, 1938

Receipts		Payments	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Grants from National Association	100 0 0	Stationery, Cheque Book, etc	15 11 8
Subscriptions and Donations received	161 11 2	Printing Annual Reports	20 0 0
Bankers Orders credited	61 17 6	New Typewriter	20 15 8
Interest on Deposit Account	6 2		
	323 14 10	Hon. Treasurer—Postages	7 4
Balances at 1st April, 1937—		County Secretary, Dorset—Expenses	1 8 11
Barclays' Bank Ltd	132 16 4	General Secretary—Expenses	2 0 0
County Secretary,		Conference, 1937, Account, Deficit	62 6 2
Dorset—Deposit	5 0 0	Audit Fee	11 8 3
	137 16 4	Festival of Youth—2 Boys' Expenses	2 2 0
		Subscription to National Association	2 2 0
		Western Counties' A.B.A.—Affiliation	1 0 0
		Fees	10 6
		Organiser, Plymouth—	
		3 months' Salary and	
		Insurance	63 10 7
		Petty Cash Advance	10 0 0
		Survey, Weston-super-Mare—Expenses	73 10 7
			15 0 0
			213 10 9
		Balances at 31st March, 1938—	
		Barclays' Bank Ltd:	
		Current Account	128 4 3
		Deposit Account	119 16 2
			248 0 5
			£461 11 2

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer to the West of England Association of Boys' Clubs for the year ended 31st March, 1938, together with the receipts issued, vouchers and other records. I have received all the information and explanations I have required, and report that the above statement represents a true and correct record of the affairs of the Club according to the Books and records produced to me and the explanations given.

A. T. THOMAS,
Incorporated Accountant & Auditor, Puplic Auditor.

To Major A. R. Rowden, O.B.E.
Hon. Treasurer
West of England Association of Boys' Clubs,
Eastnor Castle Estate Office,
Nr. Ledbury, Herefordshire.

I enclose a donation of £.....to the funds of the West of England Association of Boys' Clubs.

Signed.....

Address.....

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To Messrs.*.....

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Please pay to Barclays Bank Ltd., Corn Street, Bristol, 1, to the Plea... of the West of England Association of Boys' Clubs (General credit,

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until further notice. Signed.....

Address.....

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To Major A R. Rowden, O.B.E.,
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*Subscribers should fill in here the name and address of their own Bank.

Subscribers

1937—38

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amory, Capt. Sir J. H.	10	0		Jones, Maj. R. J.	10	0	
Artindale, Mrs.	10	0		Laboushere, Mrs.	1	0	0
Barnes, Capt. G. S.	1	0	0	Le Breton, Lt.-Col. E. P.	1	0	0
Beaufort, The Duke of	3	3	0	Lee-Norman, A. H.			10
Biddulph, The Lord	2	2	0	Lesser, A. C.	1	1	0
Bond, J. W. G.	1	0	0	Marshall, C. E.			10
Bookless, J. A.	1	1	0	Marshall, Rev. W.			10
Bray, G. H.	10	0		Martin, Lady Christian	2	0	0
Bridgford, Brig.-Gen. R. J.	10	0		Matthews, Mrs. W. W.	1	1	0
Bulmer, E. F.	10	0		Meadows, Lt. Col. G. S.			5
Bramwell, A. B.	10	0		Medlycott, Sir Hubert	4	0	0
Butler, R.		5	0	Morris, L. H.		5	0
Campbell, Maj.-Gen. J.	4	0	0	Morrison, J. G.	1	1	0
Capel, Maj. E. Amphlett	1	0	0	Mumford, Capt. W. C.			10
Clark, M. J. V.	1	0	0	Newall, L. B.			1
Clowes, Mrs.	10	0		Newall, L. B.			1
Darnley Ingles, Brig.-Gen. J.	1	1	0	Palmer, Col. W. Ll.			1
Dashwood, Maj. A. P.	10	0		Pass, A. D.			2
Devey, Maj. G. W.	10	0		Powell, T. P. P.			10
Dawles, Maj. T.	1	0	0	Prowse, R. W.			1
Ecclell, H. M.	10	0		Pulley, Sir C. T.			3
Edgerthy, William	1	0	0	Rothwell, R. H.			1
Elwood, Bryan	1	0	0	Seale, Sir John, Bart.			10
Farrell, Ashley A.	1	0	0	Short, E. A.			1
Froude Mrs.	10	0		Stringer, H. Selwyn			1
Gallup, Lt. Col. H. D.	1	0	0	Sturdy, E. T.			1
Goldsmid, Lt.-Col. T.	1	0	0	Talbot-Ponsonby, Maj. E. F.	1	0	0
Gracey, Capt. A. M. B.	1	0	0	Thorneycroft, Lt.-Col. C. M.			10
Hambro, R. H.	1	0	0	Verdin, Col. R. N.			10
Harley, J. Col. E. G.	1	0	0	Wadsworth, W. W.			1
Harrison, C. F. J.		5	0	Ward, Capt. J. R. L.			10
Henson, Col. The				Wills, Gerald			1
Herbert, Col. George	1	0	0	Wilson, A. M.			1
Herbert, Hon. S., M.P.	1	0	0	Wilson, Sir H. Lush			10
Herbert, Capt.	1	1	0	Wingfield-Digby, Col. F. J. D.			1
Hurle, J. A. C.				Wynford, The Lord			1
Inclendon-Webber, B.	1	0	0				0
Inclendon-Webber, Capt. W.			0				0
Ilbert, Lt.-Col. F. A.							

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS.

Every Boys' Club which fulfils the conditions set out below should be affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs. Thus only can the work of individual leaders be linked together into one National Movement and gain added strength from a unity of purpose. Approximately 1,500 clubs are affiliated either directly or through local Federations, and there is thus available a fund of experience accumulated over many years in all parts of the country. The many functions which the National Association fulfils include negotiation and co-operation with Government Departments, the promotion of new Clubs, the organisation of Local Federations and County Associations, the stimulation of public interest in the Boys' Club Movement, the publication of handbooks and literature.

Conditions of Affiliation. Application for affiliation will be considered from any Club which:—

- a has premises in which it regularly meets, and a responsible head and Committee of Management;
- b charges a membership subscription;
- c has a membership which comprises at least 15 boys between the ages of 14 and 18 or, in the case of "Old Boys' Club," between the ages of 18 and 25 and
- d meets at least twice a week;
- e is open at all reasonable times to be visited by an accredited officer of the Association;
- f in the case of Old Boys' Clubs is directly related to a Boys' Club, and wholly or mainly recruited therefrom.

The affiliation fee is five shillings per annum, which entitles the Club to receive "The Boy" and other literature.

Clubs which do not fulfil the above conditions may in approved circumstances be admitted as Associate Members.

"The Boy," the journal of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, is the medium for the discussion of all matters affecting Boys' Clubs. It is published quarterly, price 2s. a year, post free, or 6d. quarterly, price 6d.,

Conferences are held annually in the summer for the consideration of practical problems of club management and for discussion on matters of national importance concerning boys and their Clubs.

The National Badge may be worn by members of all Clubs affiliated to the Association.

Advisory Services. The Association has its own advisers on Drama, Club Planning, Handicrafts and Physical Recreation and their services are available for the benefit of Clubs.

Training Courses for leaders are arranged at various centres, and the Secretary for Training is available to assist with the Training and Recruitment of Helpers and Leaders.

Literature. In addition to publications mentioned elsewhere, the Association publishes notes on Drama, Debates, Handicrafts, Music, etc., which may be obtained on application.

Insurance. The Association has arranged schemes of Accident and Legal Liability Insurance, of which particulars will be forwarded on request.

Club Leaders desiring further information are invited to write to The Secretary, National Association of Boys' Clubs, 17 Bedford Square, London, W.C. 1

West of England Association of Boys' Clubs

List of Affiliated Clubs on December 31st, 1938

County and Town	Name of Club	Membership 14-18	Total	Name & Address of Leader or Sec. for Correspondence
CORNWALL				
Penryn	1 Glasnyth (Penryn) Boys' Club	21	44	Mrs. Enys, Enys, Penryn.
DEVONSHIRE				
Axminster	1 Axminster Boys' Club	25	25	Rev. E. D. Hughes, The Manse, Axminster.
Buckfastl'h	2 Buckfastleigh Youths' Club	24	36	R. F. Matchett, Wood View, Plym'th Rd.
Crediton	3 Crediton Boys' Club	40	80	H. Alford, 1 Hill Budge Terrace, Crediton.
Exeter	4 St. Thomas' Boys' Club	35	35	R. R. Popham, 33 Union Street, St. Thomas', Exeter.
Moreton Hampst'd	5 Moretonhampstead Boys' Club	28	42	Dr. Glynn Jones, F.R.C.S., Rocklea, Moretonhampstead.
Newton Abbot	6 Highweek Boys' Club	20	20	H. Pascoe, 114 Abbotsbury Road, Newton Abbot.
Teignm'th	7 Teignmouth Boys' Club	39	39	D. Chapple, 4 The Strand, Teignmouth.
Plymouth	8 Astor Institute Junior Boys' Club	31	31	D. Reynolds, The Astor Institute, Mount Gold, Plymouth.
do.	9 Plymouth Telegraph Messengers' Inst.	38	42	H. J. Leatherby, Post Office, Plymouth.
do.	10 Stonehouse Junior Boys' Club	11	21	F. J. Rogers, 68 Union Pl., Stonehouse, Plymouth.
do.	11 North Down Boys' Club	59	71	J. A. Jordan, 13 Carlton Terrace, East Stonehouse, Plymouth.
do.	12 Virginia House Settlement Boys' Club	30	30	John Traill, Virginia Ho., Palace St., Plymouth.
do.	13 St. Mark's Young Men's Club	16	24	R. Gill, 107 North Down Crescent, Keyham, Plymouth.
do.	14 King Street Meth. Boys' Club	37	38	L. Bond Spear, 5 Woodland Terrace, Plymouth,

Plymouth	15 The Kitto Institute	110		T. D. Johnston, Central Y.M.C.A., Plymouth.
do.	16 Central Y.M.C.A. Boys' Dept.	40		T. D. Johnston, Central Y.M.C.A., Plymouth.
do.	17 Devonport Y.M.C.A. Boys' Dept.	100		R. Bossom, Y.M.C.A., Devonport.
do.	18 Plym'th St. Thomas' Boys' Club	40	70	A. J. Ellicott, 78 Embankment Road, Plymouth.

DORSET

Bridport	1 Bridport Boys' Club	46	60	Dr. A. Pimm, Powlett Ho., High Street, Taunton.
Martinstown	2 Martinstown Boys' Club	11	24	Mrs. A. B. Duke, West End House, Martinstown.
Parkstone	3 Parkstone Young Men's Institute	35	110	M. J. Adams, 35 Winston Avenue, Bournemouth, N.
Poole	4 Canford-Poole Boys' Club	70	100	J. W. Head, Canford School, Canford.
do.	5 Bourne Valley and District Boys' Club	15	28	W. J. Craggs, The Haven, Winston Avenue, Bournemouth, N.
Wareham	6 The Monday Club	37	37	W. R. Cottee, High Tor, Wareham.
Weymouth	7 Weymouth College Boys' Club	29	30	J. E. W. Scougall, Weymouth College.

WILTSHIRE

Salisbury	1 Rotary Club of Salisbury Working Lads' Club	30	38	F. H. Wright, 31 Butcher Rd., Salisbury.
Swindon	2 Marlborough and Swindon Camp Club	127	179	A. E. Bullock, 52 St. Margaret's Road, Swindon.
Market Lavington	3 Market Lavington Boys' Club	20	20	J. E. Linford, High St., Market Lavington.

SOMERSET

Bruton	1 Bruton Junior Athletic Club	41	58	Capt. E. Knollys, Burrowfield Ho., Bruton.
Chard	2 Chard Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	30	43	H. W. Rosier, The Sheiling, Forton Road, Chard.
Crewkerne	3 Crewkerne Young Men's Club	48	60	Rev. W. T. Taylor, 6 Easthams, Crewkerne.
East Coker	4 East Coker Young Men's Club	16	21	H. Stevens, 1 Tellis Cross, East Coker.
Evercreech	5 Evercreech Boys' Club (P.D.S.A.)	20	23	E. Belfield, Evercreech, Bath,

South Petherton	6 South Petherton Church Boys' Club	22	22	A. J. Florance, Mayfield, South Petherton.
Weston-super-Mare	7 Weston-super-Mare Junior Boys' Club	18	20	R. W. Durnford, Tower House, Chesham Road, Weston-super-Mare.
Yeovil	8 St. John's Boys Gym. and Athletic Club	128	255	G. J. Mitchell, Grasmere, Ilchester Road, Yeovil.
Sherford (Taunton)	9 Sherford Rovers	23	44	R. Dixon, Sherford Place, Sherford, Taunton.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Broadwell	1 Broadwell & Dist. Boys' Club	38	54	W. A. Gardiner, Broadwell, Coleford.
Dursley	2 R. A. Lister Boys' Club	33	33	W. J. Clare, 34 Heathville Road, Gloucester.
Gloucester	3 Gloucester Gordon League	186	506	E. G. Browning, 41 Bloomfield Road, Gloucester.
do.	4 The Ramblers' Club (St. Stephen's)	24	41	R. C. Pockett, 21 Tudor Street, Gloucester.
do.	5 St. Stephen's Church Inst. Boys' Club	9	49	J. G. Reid, 176 Linden Road, Gloucester.
do.	6 Spartans' Club	26	30	J. Brely, 82 Conduit St., Gloucester.
Wotton-under-Edge	7 Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club	32	32	F. Pollicutt, Church St., Wotton-under-Edge.

HEREFORDSHIRE

Hereford	1 Hereford Lads' Club	167	303	R. Williams, 5 Foley Street, Hereford.
Ledbury	2 St. Michael's, Ledbury Boys' Club	42	70	Rev. R. E. Hill, Woodleigh Rd., Ledbury.

FEDERATIONS