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FOREWORD

I am specially interested that in this year's Report the Executive Committee have given considerable space to a detailed report on the Association's Adjustment to Industry Courses for working boys and apprentices; this is perhaps the most important piece of development work that has been introduced since the Association's formation in 1947.

The greatly improved finances, though still precarious, reflect the generous support that has been forthcoming from Industry, particularly among the Engineering firms of the County.

It is gratifying to note that the training courses for senior Club members continue to be successful, and that the Clubs have given better support to the many sports competitions and other activities arranged; this is most encouraging and shews that our County has well maintained her efforts.

Accordingly I take this opportunity of congratulating all connected with Boys' Clubs in Gloucestershire, and I thank them for their various services, sending my best wishes for their efforts in the coming year.

BEAUFORT,
President.

14th May, 1953.

INTRODUCTION

In presenting the Executive Committee's Report, which occupies the greater part of our space, and is published subject to its adoption at the Annual General Meeting which this year is delayed until September owing to the Coronation, the prevailing mood is one of qualified optimism. Qualified, although the financial position, still precarious, is a great deal better than was anticipated a year ago; but not yet able to say that we have realised our hopes in full, though perusal of the following pages will reveal many encouraging signs; and the fear that we might for 1953-54 have to make do with a part-time Secretary has happily not been realised.

For the actual twelve months under review income has positively exceeded expenditure, swollen as this last is by the cost of keeping roadworthy the venerable official car. For its age, this indispensable vehicle does wonders, though palpably in progress of disintegration; but meanwhile its maintenance is an undue tax on our resources, and its final demise may occur at any time, leaving the Secretary totally unable to carry out more than a quarter of his incessant activities. But the small surplus in revenue has to be set against the heavy bank deficit with which the year began. That this is so greatly reduced is almost wholly due to the generosity with which the Engineering firms of the County, instigated by several good friends named in the Report, have rallied to the help of an Association which they perceive is of real service to the young fellows whom they employ numerously as apprentices, and therefore in the long run of real service to Industry. The main process of this service lies in the N.A.B.C. "Adjustment to Industry" courses of which some full details are given on pages 20, 22 and 23.

On the other hand, the number of Boys' Clubs affiliated to the G.A.B.C. is, on balance, slightly diminished, although the need for more clubs steadily increases. For this shrinkage there is one cause, and one only, the acute difficulty of finding the Club Leaders, on whom almost everything depends. Yet never before have there been so many young men so well paid and having Friday evening, all Saturday and all Sunday free from their work. It is among these that it should be possible to find Leaders prepared voluntarily to devote one evening (preferably two), and an occasional Saturday afternoon or week-end to the immensely repaying service of running a Boys' Club. But somehow such voluntary service is not very fashionable in our country which in the past led the way in this activity. Until some genius discovers how to evoke the response to this urgent need, all 'Youth' activities must go short at the very time when the general social conditions, so markedly different from those of 20 years ago, imperatively demand their expansion.

Yet the Association has much to encourage it, more than enough to incite its Officers and its Committee to continue and to increase their efforts for the cause. Our kind subscribers can, we believe, feel assured that their contributions go towards providing a real (but still incomplete) answer to a real need. We do not ask them in these days to increase their subscriptions, except by the properly vicarious method of inducing their non-subscribing friends and acquaintances to follow their example in helping forward a movement that seeks only to assist the rising generation of boys to be good citizens.

H. H. HARDY, *Chairman.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Strength of the Association

At the time of writing this report there are twenty-three Boys' Clubs in Gloucestershire affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs; to these must be added the recently formed Stow-on-the-Wold Boys' Club which intends to apply for affiliation shortly, and Hereford Lads' Club which, at its own request, is regarded as if it were situated in Gloucestershire. These twenty-five Clubs constitute the Gloucestershire Association of Boys' Clubs.

Closures

Mortality has been high among G.A.B.C. Clubs during the year.

Painswick Boys' Club closed for lack of a voluntary leader despite the efforts of its strong and representative Management Committee to find one; Stroud Boys' Club is in limbo for the same reason; The Spartans' Club, Gloucester, remains closed because of dissension among its leaders; Pilley Boys' Club ceased to be supported by its members, and Wickwar Youth Club is running as a wholly Mixed Club because no leader can be found for its boys' section.

With exceptions in three cases, all G.A.B.C. Clubs have voluntary or part-time leaders, and in most cases of closure it is the Club's inability to find men with sufficient leisure to spare, even on one or two nights a week, that is responsible. The Executive Committee recognises that in modern times there is less leisure for some people, especially for those with family responsibilities, but they are aware also of a decline in the spirit of voluntarism which formerly existed. One means of repairing this situation is to appoint, with the financial aid of the Local Education Authority, a professional and trained leader for two, or even three, Clubs where they are suitably situated geographically.

ally; concrete proposals of this sort will probably be made during the coming year. This is a poor answer and provides a difficult task for the leader appointed, but at least it will provide leadership for Clubs where none exists at present.

Development

Through the influence of the Senior Vice-President of the Cheltenham Rotary Club, Dr. C. R. de C. Sadler, now a member of the G.A.B.C. Executive Committee, the Rotary Club is preparing to found a Boys' Club in Bishop's Cleeve in conjunction with the Association. The Secretary's recent election to membership of the Rotary Club greatly assists the Association to take an active part in this project.

The population of Bishop's Cleeve is in process of being increased by 8,000 owing to the requirements of various Industrial and Government undertakings in the vicinity, and it is felt that this area is the one providing the greatest need for Boys' Club development in the Cheltenham area.

Affiliation of Existing Units

The N.A.B.C. Council recently reverted to its former policy of granting affiliation or associate membership to village mixed clubs which could not comply with normal conditions of membership; in certain respects the conditions of affiliation for boys' sections of mixed clubs have also been relaxed slightly. Through the goodwill of the County Youth Service Officer and his six assistants in the County, Clubs which thus become eligible for membership of the N.A.B.C. are to be encouraged to seek affiliation. The Committee therefore hopes to be able to report a much larger membership of the Association at the end of the current year.

Changes in Leadership

For various reasons no fewer than eleven Clubs have had a change of leader during the year. Close contact is being maintained with the Clubs concerned in order that the Association's help may be available when required. Through this Report a hearty welcome is extended to the eleven new recruits to the Boys' Club Movement in the County.

TRAINING

Viewed in very broad outline the many different aspects of the G.A.B.C.'s work can be covered by the word "training"; even the establishment of a new Boys' Club entails the guidance of its future Management Committee in the methods, tried and



"The Gloucestershire Boy's Weekend Club, Cowley Manor."

found effective in over seventy-five years of Club experience, which will most speedily lead to the successful expression of the ideals they already possess; the day to day contact with Management Committees of existing Clubs, with leaders and with Club boys inevitably leads to the discussion of difficulties, projects, and triumphs; the running of competitions in various sports is a vehicle by which sportsmanship is taught to boys; camping speaks for itself.

But in the following paragraphs we are concerned with the more obvious branches of training—Senior Boy Training (Gloucestershire Week-end Boys' Club), Leader Training, and Adjustment to Industry Courses for boys, mainly apprentices.

Senior Boy Training

One of the Association's happier inspirations of recent years has been that which led to the reconstitution of the content and scope of Senior Boy Training in the County. The term "Senior Boy Training Course" has been abolished, except for the purposes of Annual Reports and Committee Meetings, and along with it the stereotyped programme of instructional sessions which occupied the whole week-end of such courses; in its place has been put, "The Gloucestershire Boys' Week-end Club" and a programme and conditions such as might be found in a first-class Boys' Club. This innovation may now be said to have passed its experimental stages and has become a regular feature in the Association's efforts to give boys a conception of the aim and purpose of the Club Movement. They are taught by example rather than by precept.

The response from Clubs has been good and the co-operation of leaders has been most helpful and greatly appreciated. Reports from Clubs indicate that boys return from the Week-end Club meetings more ready to take responsibility in the running of their own units and more prepared to support the many efforts of their Association.

Three week-ends were held during the year:—

- (1) December 6th-7th, 1952—26 boys and 1 Club Leader representing 7 Clubs.
- (2) February 14th-15th, 1953—26 boys and 2 Club Leaders representing 9 Clubs.
- (3) March 21st-22nd, 1953—40 boys and 7 Club Leaders representing 13 Clubs.

The programme for each week-end followed the same pattern and was designed—as in all efficient Boys' Clubs—to provide for the mental, physical and spiritual needs of boys and

for their recreation, the intention being that boys should measure the efficiency of their own Clubs against the template so provided. A particular point was made on each occasion of providing at least one physical challenge to strength of will and of body, as the Association is convinced that if there is anything wrong with boys of the present generation the fault lies with their elders who do not provide sufficient challenges to inspire them. Because this part of our work is important, the rest of this section is devoted to printing programmes of two of our three courses:—

WEEK-END CLUB PROGRAMME, DECEMBER 6TH, 1952 COWLEY MANOR

Saturday, December 6th:—

- 3.00 p.m.—Arrival and settle in.
- 3.15 p.m.—Introduction to Staff and to Club Programme. Division into groups. G.A.B.C. News.
- 3.45 p.m.—"The Place of the Senior Boy in the Club." Speaker: Mr. E. Huntington, Warden of Ford Castle. Followed by Huddles.
- 4.30 p.m.—Tea.
- 5.00 p.m.—"So you don't want to be an Actor!" Sessions conducted by Mr. W. J. Cox, County Drama Adviser, and by Mr. R. D. James, Assistant County Drama Adviser.
- 7.30 p.m.—Dinner.



A Physical Challenge—Assault Course Obstacle, Cowley Manor, December 1952

- 8.15 p.m.—“The Story of Helsinki, 1952.” Speaker: Lt. Col. R. S. G. Perry, D.S.O., member of the British Olympic Sailing Team.
- 9.15 p.m.—Sing-Song.
- 9.45 p.m.—“Ford Castle and what happens there.” Film strip presented by Mr. E. Huntington.
- 10.15 p.m.—Cocoa and Buns.
- 10.30 p.m.—Prayers.
- 11.00 p.m.—Lights Out.

Sunday, December 7th :—

- 8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion Service, for those wishing to attend, in Cowley Parish Church.
- 8.30 a.m.—Breakfast.
- 9.15 a.m.—Club Service in Cowley Parish Church conducted by the Rev. G. V. Syer, Rector of Cowley.
- 10.00 a.m.—Assault Course (see photographs on front cover and page 15).
- 11.00 a.m.—Hot Drink.
- 11.15 a.m.—Club Committee Meeting. Session conducted by Mr. Huntington—Discussion in groups.
- 12.30 p.m.—“The N.A.B.C. Fitness Scheme.” Introduction by Capt. A. W. Cole, N.A.B.C. P.T. Adviser.
- 1.00 p.m.—Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m.—“The N.A.B.C. Fitness Scheme”—by Capt. A. W. Cole.
- 4.00 p.m.—Tea.
- 4.30 p.m.—Concluding Session and departure.

WEEK-END CLUB PROGRAMME, MARCH 21ST-22ND, 1953

Saturday, March 21st :—

- 3.00 p.m.—Arrival and settle in.
- 3.15 p.m.—Introductions to Staff and Programme.
- 3.30 p.m.—Fitness Tests.
- 4.30 p.m.—Tea.
- 5.00 p.m.—“Doing a Show.”
- 7.30 p.m.—Supper.
- 8.00 p.m.—Film on Canoeing.
- 8.30 p.m.—“Don't let the Party die on you!”
- 9.40 p.m.—“Let's have Music.”
- 10.30 p.m.—Cocoa and Bun.
- 10.45 p.m.—Prayers.
- 11.30 p.m.—Lights Out.

Sunday, March 22nd :—

- 8.30 a.m.—Breakfast.
- 9.30 a.m.—Service in Cowley Parish Church.
- 10.00 a.m.—“Building Canoes.”
- 11.00 a.m.—Drink.
- 11.15 a.m.—Potted Sports.
- 1.00 p.m.—Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m.—“Cankers in the Club.” Talk followed by Group Discussion.
- 3.15 p.m.—Reporting Session.
- 4.00 p.m.—Tea.
- 4.20 p.m.—Departure.

The successful running of these meetings was only made possible by the assistance of speakers, activity leaders, life members of the National Boys' Club (see page 17) and students of St. Paul's College, Cheltenham; and to all these the Association is properly grateful.

South West Regional Leaders' Conference

The first conference of this nature for Club Leaders in the South-West Region of the N.A.B.C. Organisation (of which Gloucestershire is a part) was held on November 29th and 30th at St. Pierre, Chepstow. Bad weather prevailed and the attendance from Gloucestershire was only four plus the Chairman and the Secretary.

N.A.B.C. Mobile Training Wing

The Wing spent ten days in Gloucestershire from March 17th to 27th, 1953. It comprises a van full of equipment necessary for Club activities, and two men who specialise in various branches of Club work. The purpose of the Wing is to take training course amenities to the remoter parts of the British Isles where access to training courses is not easy.

The Wing's services were certainly appreciated in Gloucestershire for the ten days it was here. Wherever it went it was welcomed by boys who had already taken part in N.A.B.C. or G.A.B.C. activities and by their leaders.

In some cases clubs invited their near neighbouring clubs to their premises to meet the Wing. Stow, Oddington and Bledington shared two such evenings; Broadwell and Lydbrook combined for one evening, representatives of Cheltenham Clubs met at Whaddon Boys' Club, and special sessions were held in the City Youth Club and at Upton St. Leonards Boys' Club.

A total of 220 club members and 35 leaders attended the wing's training sessions.

THE NATIONAL BOYS' CLUB

The National Boys' Club was conceived in January, 1951, by the N.A.B.C. who recognised that, to-day more than ever before, our country needs men of sterling character, men who combine a zest for living, a love of God and a sense of true values; men determined to serve their generation. It was realised that many such men of the near future were in our Clubs—those who understand and appreciate what their Club really stands for and who share, even if in a limited degree, their leader's vision, purpose and hopes. The National Club is now in existence and is designed to give such boys the opportunity of equipping themselves more fully for the tasks which will face them as adults in the present day world.

A suitable boy is nominated for membership of the N.B.C. by his Club Leader and seconded by the Secretary of his Association. If accepted by the Council of the N.B.C. he is invited to attend a Candidates' Meeting which lasts for a week and is usually



G.A.B.C. Party in Camp—France, 1952

held at Ford Castle. Along with other candidates he is subjected to a series of tests and assessments, at the end of which he is either accepted for life membership or rejected and usually invited to have another try the following year. It is an honour to be nominated therefore, and a still greater honour to be elected.

The above is a necessary preamble to the following announcement, if it was to mean anything at all, that three boys from Gloucestershire were elected life members of the National Boys' Club. The boys concerned are:—

- John Brain—Lydbrook Boys' Club.
- Derek Porch—Cirencester Boys' Club.
- Brian Taylor—Cirencester Boys' Club.

The Association congratulates these boys and looks to them for active service in the Club Movement in Gloucestershire.

Nominees from Gloucestershire normally depend on attendance at meetings of the Week-end Club.

Nominations for this year's candidates' meetings of the National Boys' Club are already being sent forward. There are three to date.

CAMP IN FRANCE

A party of 17 Gloucestershire boys recruited by the Association was taken by the Secretary to camp in France from July 28th to August 6th, 1952. A similar expedition was organised for the first time in 1950.

The age range of the party was from 14 years to 20 years. Nine of the party were drawn from four affiliated clubs. The remaining eight were recruited from boys who had attended the first Adjustment to Industry Course in December, 1951; they were none of them members of Boys' Clubs.

The party camped at Port Blanc near Dinard, in a standing camp with capacity for 200 campers, run by the Association Française des Camps Volants, an entirely voluntary organisation with offices in Paris.

Each boy paid his own costs for fare, board and lodging, etc. which amounted to £12 10s. 0d., this did not include pocket money. The party was assisted by a grant of £15 which was used to pay for expeditions to Dinan by steamer up the River Rance, to Mt. St. Michel by coach, and to Ile Cizembre lying in the bay of St. Malo; the grant was made by the South Africa Aid to Britain Fund via the N.A.B.C.

One of the most exciting events during the week was the arrival of the Ramblers' Lads' Club of Gloucester who camped on their own at St. Briac nearby.

The work of recruitment, the arrangements for collective passport, sailing tickets, currency exchange, reservations at the camp and the many other pieces of detailed organisation required were felt to be very well worthwhile as a contribution towards the further education of 17 boys none of whom had been abroad before.

ADJUSTMENT TO INDUSTRY

A proper attitude to work is one of the greatest needs of our country and will make for the ultimate happiness and well-being of boys. For this reason the Association is spending a considerable amount of time, following the lead of the N.A.B.C., in organising and running residential five day courses for boys at work.

During the year the following courses were run :—

(No. 2) June 16th-20th, 1952 at St. Pierre, Chepstow—33 boys (11 firms).

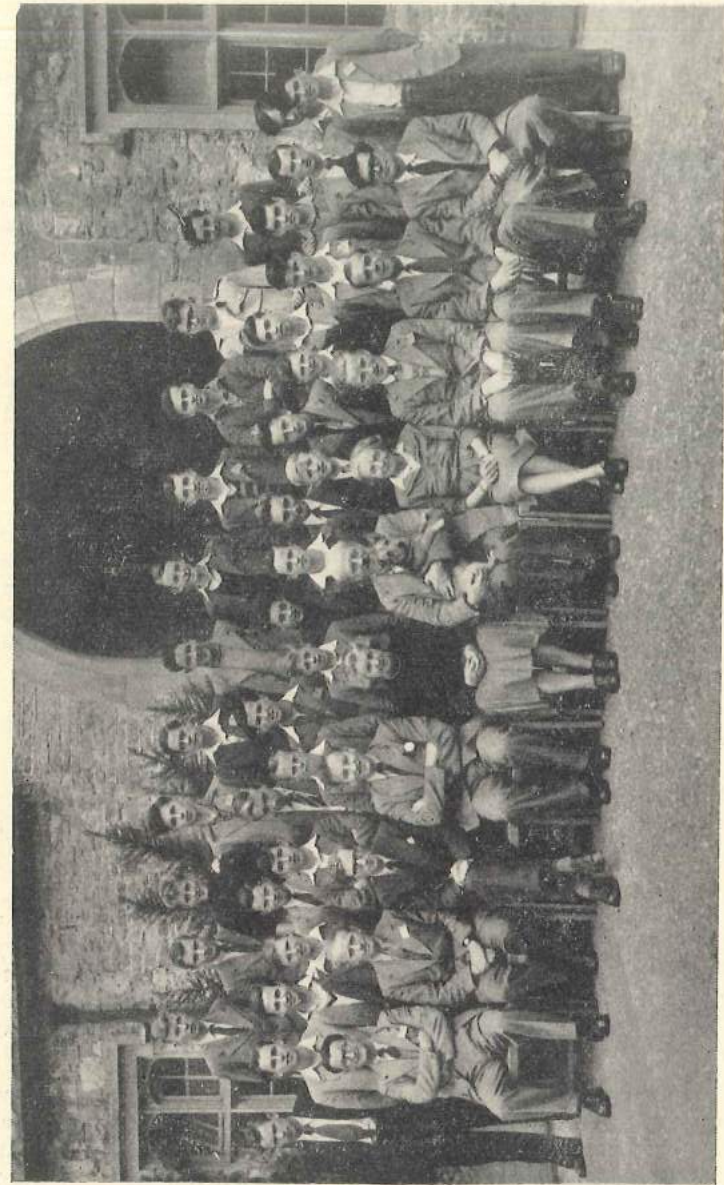
(No. 3) December 16th-20th, 1952 at Cowley Manor—26 boys (12 firms).

(Course No. 1 was held at Cowley Manor in December, 1951).

In launching these courses in the County, the co-operation of the Engineering Industry was first sought, and naturally, so far, they have been run in that context. But the Association is aware that a good attitude to work is desirable in all Trades and Industries and an effort is being made to make the content suitable for boys from other sources. Already we have the co-operation of a paper-making firm and a fibre-board manufacturer.

We are grateful to the following firms for their co-operation in sending their boys to our courses, and to many of them for supplying speakers and other assistance—:

Agrell Machine Co. Ltd.
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Hoffmann Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
Impregnated Diamond Products Ltd.
Mawdsley Ltd.
Permali Ltd.
Redler Conveyors Ltd.
Rotol Ltd.



Adjustment to Industry Course No. 2.

Tungum Sales Ltd.
Walker, Crosweller Ltd.
George Waller & Son Ltd.
Williams & James Ltd.

The following explanatory notes are given to make clear the purpose and method of the Courses :—

Purpose

To help boys in their first year at work, or their last term at school, to develop a right attitude to work. It is quite outside the province of the Association to deal with technical initiation or vocational guidance, and neither of these is attempted.

Method

To run residential courses of 4 or 5 days' duration, the numbers varying from preferably not less than 28 to not more than 40.

Considerations

Teaching alone cannot induce an attitude to work. It is however possible to give boys sufficient information to enable them to reach general conclusions; to ensure this, the atmosphere of the course and the attitude of the staff set the highest possible standard, and thus give the boys the circumstances in which the conclusions they reach are most likely to be of a right kind.

Plan

The subject matter is divided into four main parts :—

- (a) The background of Industry.
- (b) Personal relations in Industry.
- (c) Very simple economics.
- (d) Specialist sessions.

The object of the first part is to give boys some perspective and to help them to realise that Industry has been built up by men and women very similar to themselves except for their generation. The rider is that boys to-day, if they work hard and use their ability, can influence the development and nature of Industry.

The second part is intended to stress that all problems ultimately resolve themselves into the relations between individual people. They do this by showing how men at various levels in an industrial organisation each have responsibilities and authority, all involving personal relations.

The object of the third part is two-fold : to show that only by work can we, in the long run, increase our wealth, and not necessarily by getting more money; and to show why a factory has the organisation it has.

The Association is greatly indebted to the N.A.B.C. for appointing a Director from the H.Q. Staff for each course, and wishes to acknowledge the assistance of men from various levels of Industry, from operatives to managing directors, who have lectured on responsibility and organisation at their respective levels; their efforts were greatly augmented by speakers from the Economic League, the Trades Unions, and other sources.

Preparations for a fourth and fifth course are now well in hand.

OUTWARD BOUND

Through the generosity of an anonymous subscriber, the Association was able to send one boy for a month's training at the Outward Bound Sea School, Aberdovey. A member of Archdeacon Youth Club, Gloucester, was selected as the recipient of this bursary after nominations had been received from Club Leaders. He attended the October, 1952 Course.

Throughout the winter the Association has had the use of a 16 mm. sound film of the Outward Bound School. This has been shewn at Courses, to Clubs and to organisations likely to provide further bursaries.

CANOEING

Building Canoes

The Association's efforts to establish canoe building and canoe camping journeys as activities in constituent Clubs continue, and convincing efforts are now being made in five Clubs. Hereford Lads' Club has a fleet of 6 canoes already and is starting a seventh.

Canoe Camping

In order to give boys an idea of the pleasure of canoe camping trips so that they would be encouraged to build craft of their own, the Association organised two week-end expeditions by canoe on the River Avon. In each case the party left Stratford-on-Avon on the Saturday afternoon, voyaged to Bidford-on-Avon, where they spent the night, and compassed the return journey on the Sunday.

1st Trip, July 5th and 6th—7 boys and 2 leaders (3 Clubs represented).

2nd Trip, July 19th and 20th—5 boys only (2 Clubs represented).

REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The N.A.B.C. Regional Arts Festival is still struggling to establish itself in the South West and, although entries from Gloucestershire came from only two Clubs, it was felt that participation was worth while.

ART AND HANDICRAFT

	Entries	Awards		
		1st class	2nd class	3rd class
Whaddon Boys' Club (Cheltenham College Mission)	10	1	3	5
St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club (Gloucester)	3		2	1

DRAMA

St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club—2nd Class Award.

A coachload of boys and leaders from the two Clubs concerned travelled to Bristol to the Festival and were able to see entries from Clubs elsewhere in the South West and to measure their own efforts against a standard of achievement and polish set up by the N.A.B.C.

CLUB WEEK

For the first time since the inception of Club Week by the N.A.B.C. the Association was in a position to make a serious effort to support this national effort. Club Week aims to get Club members to raise money by their own personal efforts for their own Clubs and for their County and National Associations.

15 Clubs in Gloucestershire and the Hereford Lads' Club took part in Club Week, 1952, which ran from October 24th-November 1st.

The following Clubs took part :—

- Archdeacon Youth Club, Gloucester.
- Cirencester Boys' Club.
- Coney Hill Boys' Club.
- Gloucester City Youth Club.
- Hawling Boys' Club.
- Hereford Lads' Club.
- Longlevens Youth Club.
- Lydbrook Boys' Club.
- Nailsworth Boys' Club.
- Parry Hall Youth Club.
- St. Mark's Community Association Youth Club.
- St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club.
- Tetbury Boys' Club.

- Whaddon Boys' Club.
- Winchcombe Youth Centre.
- Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club.

The sum of £79 1s. 5d. was raised. Of this, 70% remained in the Clubs and 15% went to each of the Gloucestershire and the National Associations of Boys' Clubs.

It would make for invidious distinction if the sum raised by each Club were given, as each Club responded according to its membership and its circumstances at the time, but the three following are worthy of note :—

- St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club—£21 19s. 2d.
- Cirencester Boys' Club—over £15.
- Coney Hill Boys' Club—over £10.

The Association itself supported Club Week by organising an opening ceremony in Gloucester City Youth Club for Clubs in the City and environs, and by advertising for jobs in the evening papers and afterwards distributing requests for jobs to be done to suitable Clubs. The Cheltenham *Echo* and the Gloucester *Citizen* gave excellent publicity to Club Week by reporting very fully any news items supplied to them.

The Kiwi Polish Co. were extremely helpful in giving two shoe-shine boxes and equipment which were manned in public places in Gloucester and Cheltenham to the financial advantage of the Clubs concerned.

The Secretary is now a member of the National Club Week Committee in London and, at the request of Lord Aberdare, the G.A.B.C. has formed a Sub-Committee to organise Club Week 1953 in Gloucestershire.

SPORT

1952-53 has shown a greater response on the part of Gloucestershire Clubs to the many opportunities provided by the Association for inter-Club competitive sport. The entry in the Cricket Competition was outstanding; that in the Football Competition an improvement on 1951-52; the County Rugby XV enjoyed a success never before achieved, and the County Soccer XI reached the Area Final where they drew with Dorset only to be defeated in the replay.

It is a pleasure to prophesy correctly, and the following quotation from the end of paragraph 1 on page 26 of last year's Report which ended a somewhat gloomy report on sport gives us that pleasure. We said, "Recent events, however, indicate that this section of our report will be more encouraging in 1952/53."

Boxing

Although 22 entries were received from Clubs, an improvement of over 200% on last year, there were still insufficient to hold County Championships since few of the weights coincided. Nevertheless the situation shows encouraging signs of improvement and it may well be that Boxing has passed its low nodal point.

The 22 entrants were given the opportunity of going straight forward to the N.A.B.C. Area Championships held at Bristol on March 3rd, 1953. This was the first round of the N.A.B.C. National Boxing Championships. Ten elected to do so; they were:—

Hereford Lads' Club—

Raymond Cotterell
Fred Winter

Longlevens Youth Club—

Graham Franklin

St. Mark's Youth Club—

Terence Smith

Parry Hall Youth Club, Gloucester—

Brian Cook
Peter Gazzard
Brian Lee
Clifford Beard

City Youth Club—

Thomas Leatherland
Keith Jones

RESULTS:—

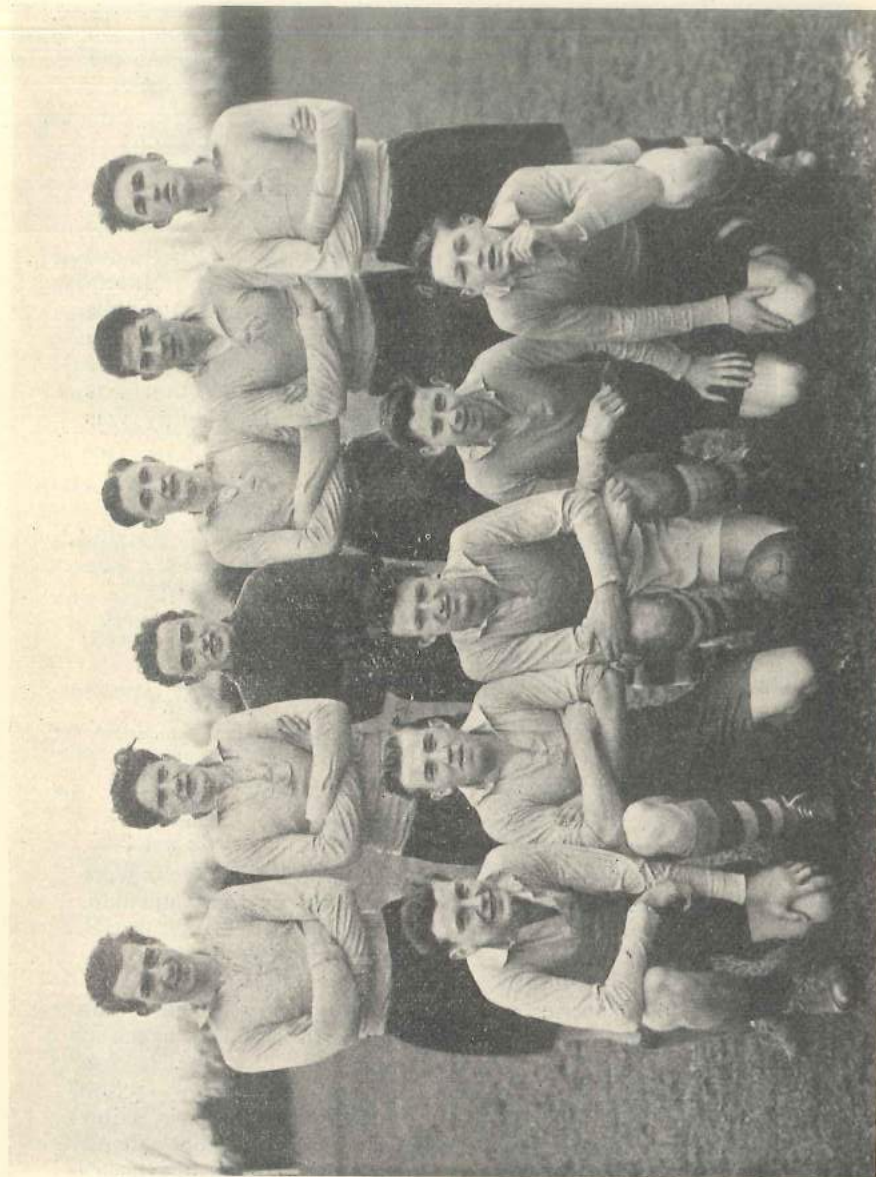
G. Franklin. Class A (under 16). 8 st. had a walkover.
F. Winter. Class B (under 17). 8st. 7 lb. won his contest.
T. Leatherland. Class C (under 18½). 11st. 2lb. had a walkover.

All three went forward to the National Quarter-Finals held at Slough on March 11th. Franklin and Winter were narrowly defeated on points in the preliminary bouts during the afternoon; Leatherland won his afternoon contest but was defeated in the evening after a close contest.

Football

(a) *Godman Cup Competition.*—The entry for this inter-Club Competition for teams under 18 years was six teams, an increase of two teams on last year. Progress of the competition was as follows:—

Nailsworth B.C.	} Cirencester (won 4-1)	} Cirencester (won 4-3)	} Cirencester B.C.
Cirencester B.C.			
Baker St. Y.M.C.A.	} Baker St. (W.O.)	} First match drawn.	} Longford won the
B.C.			
City Y.C.	} Longlevens Y.C.	} Longford was dis-	} Longlevens Youth
Bye			
Bye	... Longford Y.C.	} qualified for	} Club was awarded
		} G.A.B.C. rules.	} Cirencester B.C.
		} Club was awarded	} time



County Football Team, 1952—3

b) *Junior Football Competition (Under 16).*—An entry of eight teams shows an increase of five on last year's entry. Progress of the Competition was as follows:—

Longlevens Y.C. St. Mark's Y.C. (Cheltenham)	} Longlevens (won 3-2)	} Longford (won 8-0)	} Longford (won 12-1)
Longford Y.C. Nailsworth Y.C.			
Ramblers' L.C. St. John Bosco B.C. (Blaisdon Hall)	} St. John Bosco (won 9-0)		
Stow-on-the-Wold B.C. Winchcombe Y.C.			

(c) *N.A.B.C. National Football Championship (Inter-County).*—Although more nominations were received from Clubs than last year, there were insufficient to hold a trial match from which to select a team to represent Gloucestershire in the N.A.B.C. Championship and accordingly a paper selection was made. The team finally selected to play for the County was as follows:—

	F. Edgington (Cirencester)	
S. Catley (Hereford)		W. Minchin (Cirencester)
G. Perkins (Nailsworth)	K. Edwards (Hereford)	M. Gleed (Cirencester)
C. Terry (Hereford)	P. Sumner (Capt.) (St. Mark's)	G. Dunkley (Longlevens)
		W. Lewis (Nailsworth)
		C. Capel (St. Mark's)

The team's progress was as follows:—

	Result
1st Round—Gloucestershire v. Wiltshire (at Cirencester)	Gloucestershire won 4-0
2nd Round—Bristol v. Gloucestershire (at Bristol)	Gloucestershire won 3-2
3rd Round—Dorset v. Gloucestershire (at Dorchester)	Draw 2-2
3rd Round (Area Final)—Replay at Cheltenham	Dorset won 2-1

Reserves played in one or more games and all players were presented with their County Football Colours by the Chairman.

Cricket

There were 19 entries in this Competition, 16 in the senior section and 3 in the junior. This is the most successful entry in any Cricket Competition hitherto, and the one which ran itself most congenially. The two finalists in the senior section were much honoured by a visit to the field by Sir Derrick Bailey who presented the Cup to St. Mark's Youth Club (Cheltenham) who beat Tetbury Youth Club on August 16th, 1952 on Reeve's Field at Cheltenham College.

Longlevens Youth Club team beat Cirencester Boys' Club on September 14th on what must have been the coldest day on which cricket has ever been played. The Chairman presented a *Sunday Chronicle* bat to the winners—Longlevens Youth Club—to hold permanently.

Here are the entries and progress of the competition:—

SENIOR DRAW				
1st Round	2nd Round	Semi-Final	Final	
Lydbook B.C. Broadwell B.C.	} Broadwell	} Longlevens	} Tetbury	
Longlevens Y.C. Archdeacon Y.C.				} Longlevens
Painswick C.C. Tetbury B.C.	} Tetbury			
Cirencester B.C. Pillely B.C.				} Cirencester
Winchcombe Y.C. St. Mark's Y.C.	} St. Mark's	} St. Mark's Y.C. (Cheltenham)		
College Club Down Hatherley				} College Club
Longford B.C. Ramblers' L.C.	} Longford			
Baker St. Y.M.C.A. City Y.C.				} City Y.C.

JUNIOR DRAW		
SEMI-FINAL		
City Y.C.	} Longlevens	} Winner
Longlevens Y.C.		
Bye	} Cirencester B.C.	} Longlevens

Cross Country Running Competition

The Fifth Annual Cross Country Race was again held from Rotol Sports Ground and the courses for both Junior and Senior events were arranged and manned by the Leader and members of Down Hatherley Youth Club who performed this job with their customary efficiency.

The following entries were received:—

Junior Event	Senior Event
Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	Archdeacon Youth Club
Coney Hill Boys' Club	Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club
Ramblers' Lads' Club (2 teams)	Coney Hill Boys' Club
St. John Bosco Boys' Club	Ramblers' Lads' Club
	Whaddon Boys' Club

TEAM RESULTS

<i>Junior Event</i>		<i>Senior Event</i>	
1st—Rambler's Lads' Club	17 pts.	1st—Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	16 pts.
2nd—St. John Bosco Boys' Club	25 pts.	2nd—Archdeacon Youth Club	30 pts.
		3rd—Rambler's Lads' Club	44 pts.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Junior Event—K. Tether and M. Dixon (Rambler's Lads' Club) tied for first place.

Senior Event—First man home—T. Dicks (Coney Hill Boys' Club); time 17 mins. 46 secs.

Mr. Larry Cummins the former Olympic runner presented Col. Godman's Cup to the winning Senior Team, a certificate to the winning Junior Team and bronze medals to the first men home in each event.

The event was run under the auspices of the Gloucestershire Amateur Athletic Association.

Annual Athletic Sports Meeting

The Association's Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was taken over and run entirely by the Cirencester Boys' Club who combined it with their annual August Bank Holiday Fête held on the Cirencester Grammar School Sports Field on August 4th, 1952.

The success of the event was entirely due to the energy and enterprise of the boys' committee under the direction of Dr. R. Hill then leader of Cirencester Boys' Club, whose departure for Aberdeen shortly afterwards was deplored by everyone connected with the Club.

The "Echo" Shield presented three years ago by the proprietors of that newspaper for award annually to the Boys' Club winning most points at the Annual Sports Meeting was won by Cirencester Boys' Club who gained eleven points.

Clubs taking part:—

	<i>Points</i>
Archdeacon Youth Club, Gloucester	Nil
Cirencester Boys' Club	11
Gloucester City Youth Club	2
Innsworth Youth Club, Gloucester	3
Nailsworth Boys' Club	Nil
St. Mark's Youth Club, Cheltenham	4

INTER-COUNTY COMPETITION

In an inter-County competition, run in conjunction with the inter-Club events, Oxfordshire had an easy victory over Gloucestershire, scoring 51 points against 23. All Oxfordshire athletes came from Cowley Boys' Club.

SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Eight Clubs took part in the football competition won by Lougford Youth Club who beat St. Marks in the final by six goals (18 points) to nil.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

100 yards, senior: 1—I. McDowall (Oxford), 2—D. Miles (Cirencester), 3—N. Brooks (Oxford) 10.6 secs.; Junior: 1—D. Pritchard (Oxford), 2—R. Preece (Hereford), 3—K. Manners (Oxford) no time taken.

220 yards, senior: 1—I. McDowall (Oxford), 2—N. Brooks (Oxford), 3—R. Parsons (Oxford) 24.5 secs.; Junior: 1—D. Pritchard (Oxford), 2—M. Parsons (Oxford), 3—R. Preece (Hereford) 25.8 secs.

440 yards, senior: 1—J. White (Oxford), 2—G. Heath (Archdeacon St. Y.C.), 3—R. Mills (Oxford) 56.4 secs. Junior: 1—T. Harrilow (St. Mark's, Cheltenham), 2—M. Pickford (Oxford), 3—P. Sellwood (Oxford) no time taken.

880 yards: 1—J. Gassor (Cirencester), 2—G. Smith (Oxford), 3—G. Heath (Archdeacon St. Y.C.) 2 mins. 12 secs.

1 mile, senior: 1—R. Wyman (Cirencester), 2—D. Owen (Oxford), 3—J. Woods (Oxford) 4 mins. 50.6 secs.

High Jump, senior: 1—N. Brooks (Oxford) 4ft. 8ins., 2—F. Strange (Cirencester), 3—I. McDowall (Oxford); Junior: 1—M. Pickford (Oxford) 4ft. 10ins., 2—K. Manners (Oxford), 3—P. Sellwood (Oxford).

Long Jump, senior: 1—D. Miles (Cirencester) 20ft. 2½ins., 2—N. Brooks (Oxford), 3—W. Minchin (Cirencester); Junior: 1—K. Manners (Oxford) 17ft. 2ins., 2—D. Pritchard (Oxford), 3—J. Massey (Longford).

Inter-County Relay, senior: 1—Oxfordshire, 2—Gloucestershire; Junior: 1—Oxfordshire, 2—Gloucestershire. Inter-Club Relay, senior: 1—Cirencester, 2—Innsworth, 3—Gloucester City.

Rugby Football

Soon after the paragraph was written under this heading in last year's Annual Report there was a fresh upsurge of interest in Rugby Football on the part of Clubs in and around Gloucester City. Accordingly a team was selected and the following matches were played:—

1952

April 26th—v. Warwickshire. Gloucestershire won 22-11.

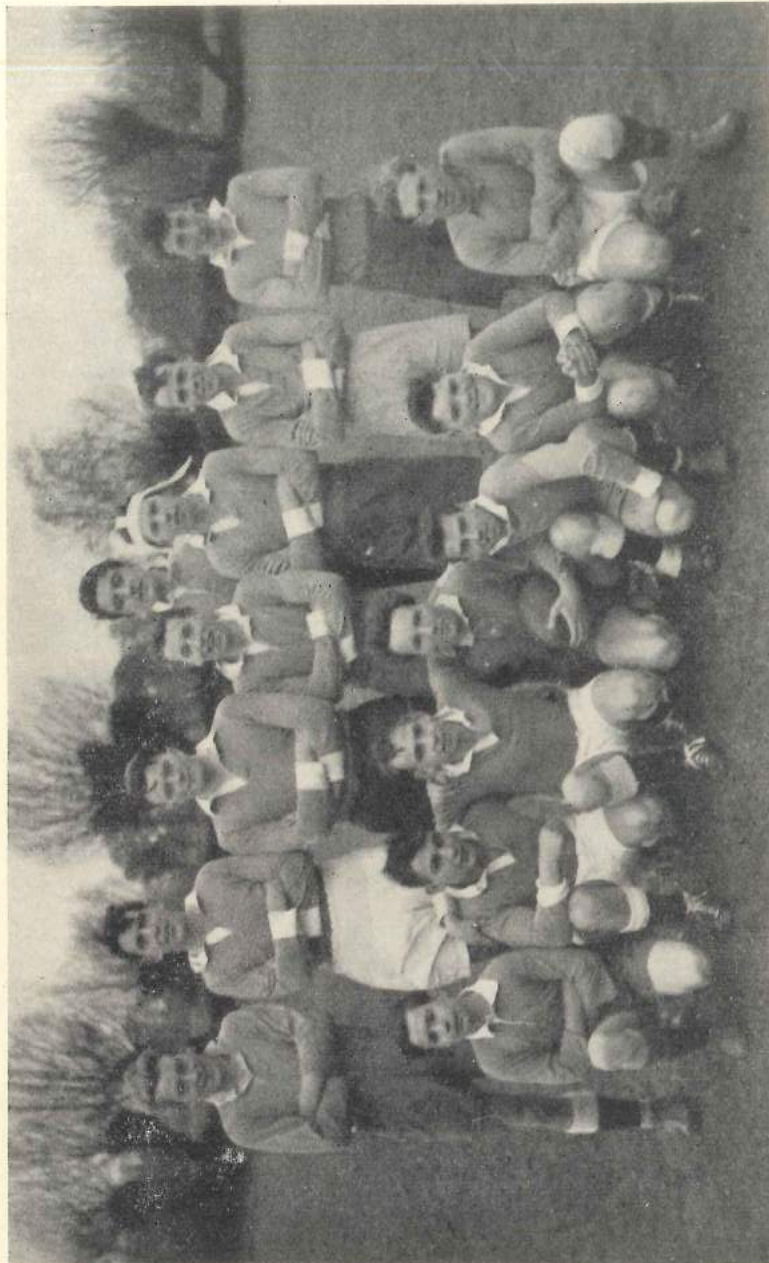
December 13th—v. Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs. Drawn 6-6.

December 20th—v. Oxfordshire. Gloucestershire won 9-5.

The following is an inclusive list of County players. As there were many changes in the second and third match, the names are given under the Club from which they were drawn and not in the positions in which they played. County Colours were presented to all players:—

Parry Hall Youth Club—

M. H. Riddeford	J. Williamson	T. Ede
B. Lee	T. Kerslake	R. Smith
J. Franklin	B. Print	



County Rugby Football Team, 1952.

Longlevens Youth Club—

M. Booth	J. Bowles	N. Healey
P. Kennedy	D. Williams	
C. Clift	J. Fielding	

Down Hatherley Youth Club—

J. Meadows (Capt.)	M. Longney	P. Stubbs
M. Lloyd		

Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club—

C. Bowstead

Lydbrook Boys' Club—

I. Greenaway

Gloucester City Youth Club—

J. Hart	T. Leatherland	G. Maly
R. Hancock	C. Rich	
J. Carter		

Archdeacon Youth Club—

D. Whiting (Capt.)	G. Heath
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National and International Rugby Players

1.—C. Rich, D. Whiting and N. Healey were invited by N.A.B.C. selectors to play in a trial match held at Birmingham on January 17th, 1953 to select a representative all England team to play Wales at Neath on February 21st, 1953. D. Whiting was selected to travel as a reserve.

2.—C. Rich was invited to play for England against Yorkshire at Bradford on February 14th, 1953 but the match was cancelled owing to adverse weather conditions. The second half of play was to have been televised.

3.—C. Rich, D. Whiting and N. Healey were selected to play for England in the return International match against Wales at Bristol on April 25th, 1953, won by Wales.

Affiliation to the County R.F.U.

It is regretted that the Association's County Rugby Team cannot affiliate to the G.R.F.U. as no provision for the affiliation of such representative teams is made in the constitution of that body.

FINANCE

In September 1952 the Association's estimates of Income and Expenditure for the period ending March 31st, 1953 indicated that by that date the current account at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham, would be overdrawn by well over £500. Provisional plans for retrenchment were made and it was decided that the Secretary should seek other full-time employment in the County and continue to run the affairs of the Association in his spare time, and of

necessity on a reduced scale, for a moiety of his normal salary; the County Education Authority were consulted and generously agreed to continue grant aid at the existing rate.

At this time, however a number of people began to shew concern at the state of affairs which was leading very quickly to a reduction of the volume of work done by the Association for boys in the County—those in Clubs and those in Industry who were benefitting by the Adjustment to Industry Courses—and almost with one accord they began to get busy to raise the necessary funds. Our President secured the active interest of Sir Percy Lister; Mr. A. D. P. Tallents approached his colleagues in various firms in Gloucester, and all three with the support of Mr. C. N. Taylor sought the support of the Engineering and Allied Employers' West of England Association and of its Chairman Mr. A. W. Grant. The Employers' Association launched an appeal for funds from all member firms and our President held a luncheon party to which Industrialists were invited in order that they might hear a description of the Association's work for boys from the Chairman.

These magnificent efforts produced no less than £382 2s. 0d. to which should be added a generous donation of £25 from the Industrial Committee of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association, with the result that at March 31st, 1953 the overdraft at the Bank was as low as £159, and there was a surplus of income over expenditure of some £94 on the year's work.

While they shew a great improvement and give some encouragement, these figures taken from the final accounts for the year give no great cause for optimism and the Association still has a hard struggle ahead if it is to survive and if it is to renew the 1938 car which is now very expensive to maintain but absolutely necessary for the large amount of travelling involved in running efficiently a County the size of Gloucestershire.

The Association is immensely grateful to all those who have given of their valuable time to organising financial support from Industry and indeed to the many firms who have given so generously as a result of these efforts; we would be ungrateful if we did not as well express our gratitude to our regular subscribers, firms and individuals, who have signified their approval of the work we are doing by giving their financial support during the year.

The Local Education Authorities of the County and the City are to be thanked most cordially not only for their increasing measure of financial support but also for their willingness to co-operate with, and to seek the co-operation of, the Association.

N.A.B.C. SERVICES

Once again we are able to report a full use of the many services of our parent body and view with a sympathetic fellow-feeling its inability to maintain the still generous measure of grant aid at the level of former years; the amount though decreasing annually is still substantial.

Clubs in the County have enjoyed the advantages of the N.A.B.C. Mobile Training Wing, the Insurance Scheme; the National Boys' Club, the services of the Training Department, the Physical Training Department with its Fitness Tests and National Sporting Competitions, the Regional Arts Festival, and above all the ever ready sympathy and advice of its Regional Officer in the South-West, Mr. H. E. Higgins, J.P.

Acknowledgement should also be made to King George's Jubilee Trust for a substantial allocation of funds available for training and development purposes through the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

And lastly the Leaders

without whose keen and active support few if any of their Association's goals could have been reached and Clubs and their members would have been the poorer, for certainly without the Leaders the Rugby, the Soccer, the Cricket, the Cross Country Run and the Training Courses and all the other things in this report could never have been.

H. H. HARDY, *Chairman.*

H. E. HALL, *Secretary.*

28th April, 1953.

**LIST OF AFFILIATED
CLUBS AND THEIR LEADERS**

ARCHDEACON YOUTH CLUB

Mr. D. Spink, c/o Belsize House, Brunswick Square, Gloucester

BAKER STREET Y.M.C.A. BOYS' CLUB

Mr. V. Dymock, 85 Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham

BLADINGTON & FOXCOTE BOYS' CLUB

Major C. Jackson, "Byways," Bledington, Kingham, Oxford

BROADWELL BOYS' CLUB

Mr. John Williams, Broadwell, Coleford, Glos.

CIRENCESTER BOYS' CLUB

Secretary: Mr. K. Aldridge, 25 Castle Street, Cirencester.

WHADDON BOYS' CLUB

Mr. N. Hutchins, 16 Bath Parade, Cheltenham

CONEY HILL BOYS' CLUB

Mr. R. Pugh, 31 Ashgrove Avenue, Coney Hill, Gloucester

DOWN HATHERLEY YOUTH CLUB

Mr. H. Priday, "Peacock Cottage," Down Hatherley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER CITY YOUTH CENTRE

Mr. W. Thompson, Rikenel, Montpellier, Gloucester

HAWLING BOYS' CLUB

Mr. D. Nixon, Roel Hill Farm, Guiting Power, Glos.

HEREFORD LADS' CLUB

Mr. L. Merifield, Lads' Club, Widemarsh Common, Hereford

LONGFORD YOUTH CLUB

Mr. W. J. Massey, "St. Vina," Longford, Gloucester

LONGLEVENS YOUTH CLUB

Mr. R. K. Parsons, 21 Fourth Avenue, Lower Tuffley, Gloucester

LYDBROOK BOYS' CLUB

Mr. J. Brain, 3 Co-op Cottages, Lydbrook, Glos.

NAILSWORTH BOYS' CLUB

Mr. A. H. Humphries, Homelea, Rockness Hill, Nailsworth, Glos.

ODDINGTON BOYS' CLUB

Mr. W. J. Lyon, Brandon's School, Oddington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

PARRY HALL YOUTH CLUB

Mr. D. Spink, c/o "Belsize House," Brunswick Square, Gloucester

RAMBLERS' LADS' CLUB

Mr. R. C. Pockett, 21 Tudor Street, Gloucester

ST. JOHN BOSCO BOYS' CLUB

Rev. Father W. Boyd, Blaisdon Hall, Longhope, Glos.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH CLUB

Rev. E. Stubbs, 21 Brooklyn Road, Cheltenham

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD BOYS' CLUB

Mr. R. Stayt, Beechcroft, Oddington Road, Stow, Glos.

TETBURY BOYS' CLUB

Mr. B. C. Seelig, 5 Silver Street, Tetbury, Glos.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS BOYS' CLUB

Mr. Wakefield, Police Station, Upton St. Leonards

WINCHCOMBE YOUTH CLUB

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BOYS' CLUB

Revd. K. H. Cheal, "Venns Acre," Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand, Secretary, April 1st, 1952 ...				3	10	3
„ RECEIPTS, March 31st, 1953 :—						
Grants—						
King George's Jubilee Trust per N.A.B.C. ...	150	0	0			
N.A.B.C. ...	75	0	0			
Gloucestershire Education Committee ...	300	0	0			
Gloucester Education Committee, Guarantee ...	100	0	0			
				625	0	0
Subscriptions, Various ...	118	8	0			
Playing Fields Association ...	25	0	0			
Wills Charitable Trust ...	10	0	0			
Engineering Employers Association—						
Appeal by—Sir Percy Lister						
A. D. P. Tallents, Esq.						
C. N. Taylor, Esq.	382	2	0			
Covenanted Subscriptions ...	82	9	6			
Covenanted Subscriptions Tax Rebate ...	27	19	8			
Brunswick Covenant Payments per N.A.B.C. ...	19	19	0			
				665	18	2
Senior Boy Training (Weekend Club)—						
Boys' Payments ...	28	10	7			
Glos. Education Committee Grants ...	17	10	4			
N.A.B.C. Grants ...	5	0	0			
				51	0	11
Dinard Camp—						
Boys' Payments ...	381	15	0			
N.A.B.C. Grant ...	15	0	0			
				396	15	0
Phone Call Receipts ...		2	12	0		
Equipment Sold ...		13	13	11		
Proceeds of Cricket Bat Raffle ...		25	11	6		
Adjustment to Industry Reunion Fee ...		1	10	0		
N.A.B.C. Affiliation Fees (50%) ...		4	14	10		
Proceeds of Football and Rugby Matches, Travelling Refunds from N.A.B.C., etc. ...		48	18	3		
Adjustment to Industry Course Fees Received ...		219	0	0		
Outward Bound Bursary (Anon. Donation) ...		25	0	0		
Income from Canoeing ...		2	15	8		
Travelling Expenses Refunded ...		4	1	9		
Affiliation Fees Refunded ...		1	0	6		
Sale of Advertising in Annual Report ...		118	2	6		
Sunday Cinema Contributions ...		17	9	7		
				2226	14	10
„ Overdraft, March 31st, 1953 Lloyds Bank Ltd.,						
Carried Forward ...				159	7	5

We have examined the foregoing accounts with the Books and Vouchers produced to us, and certify the same to be correct and in accordance with these.

T. G. COOKE, TORTONESE & PRICE.
G. A. MARSHALL, *Certified Accountant.*

*Rodney Chambers, Cheltenham,
21st May, 1953.*

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OF BOYS CLUBS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Overdraft, April 1st, 1952, Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...				372	12	9
„ EXPENDITURE, March 31st, 1953 :—						
Salaries, etc.—						
Salaries (including P.A.Y.E.) ...	622	6	7			
Clerical Assistance ...	86	16	10			
National Insurance ...	13	3	4			
Pension Fund Payments ...	49	2	6			
				771	9	3
Office Expenses :—						
Rent ...	32	17	6			
Heating ...	11	9	6			
Cleaning ...	10	9	2			
Telephone ...	52	1	7			
Postage ...	44	5	11			
Stationery, etc. ...	35	0	3			
				186	3	11
Travelling, etc.—						
Petrol and Oil ...	95	12	8			
Subsistence ...	27	0	10			
Car Maintenance ...	80	14	5			
Car Tax ...	12	10	0			
Car Insurance ...	17	10	0			
A.A. Subscription ...	2	2	0			
Committees' Travelling ...	6	17	11			
				242	7	10
Cost of Senior Boy Training (Weekend Club) ...				65	5	10
Costs of Rugby Football Team, etc. ...				18	9	11
Cost of Printing Annual Report ...				58	6	3
Affiliation Fees ...				5	5	8
Solicitors' Fee ...				10	6	
Cross Country Run Expenses ...				3	0	0
Cost of Football Matches (N.A.B.C., etc.) ...				60	2	0
Annual General Meeting Expenses ...				6	1	0
Cost of Adjustment to Industry Courses ...				207	7	0
Cost of entering Regional Arts Festival ...				8	4	0
Cost of Cricket Competition ...				1	18	9
Insurance of Trophies, etc. ...				2	13	9
Adjustment to Industry Reunion ...				1	10	0
Outward Bound Fees and Travelling ...				25	0	0
Cost of Dinard Camp ...				399	9	6
Cost of Canoeing ...				5	14	7
N.A.B.C. Conference Fees ...				2	17	6
Bank Charges ...				13	5	3
Club Week Expenses ...				1	16	8
Printing ...				7	7	3
Various Equipment ...				7	4	11
Petty Cash ...				6	8	
General Expenditure on Sport ...				9	6	3
				2384	17	0
„ Cash in hand of Secretary, March 31st, 1953,						
Carried Forward ...				1	5	3

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G.A.B.C. CALENDAR 1953-54

1953

May 4th—8th—

Adjustment to Industry Course—St. Pierre.

May 30th—

Cross Country Run—Down Hatherley.

July 4th—11th—

G.A.B.C. Week at Ford Castle.

July 10th—13th—

N.A.B.C. Annual Conference—Oxford.

July 25th—

“Echo Trophy” Inter-Club Sports Meeting—Cirencester.

July 28th—August 5th—

Summer Camp at Pinhay, Dorset.

September 24th—

Sixth Annual General Meeting, Cheltenham Town Hall.

September 26th—

Closing date for Godman Cup Inter-Club Soccer Competition.

October 3rd—

Trail Match to select team to enter N.A.B.C. Soccer Championship.

October 10th—

Trial Match to select County Rugby Team.

October 23rd—31st—

CLUB WEEK.

December 5th and 6th—

WEEK-END CLUB—COWLEY MANOR.

December 11th—16th—

Adjustment to Industry Course, Cowley Manor.

1954

January 9th—

Closing date for County Boxing Championship entries.

February 25th—March 3rd—

Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.

March 6th and 7th—

WEEK-END CLUB—COWLEY MANOR.

April 10th—

Closing date for Inter-Club Cricket Competition entries.

May 15th—

Closing date for Cross Country Race entries.

Other events to be announced by circular letter as they are arranged.

AFFILIATION TO N.A.B.C.

To be granted full Affiliation or Associate Membership of the N.A.B.C., a Club must exist for the promotion of spiritual, mental and physical welfare of its members, and must be conducted in conformity with the Principles and Aims of the Association.

Requirements for a Club to obtain full Affiliation

A Boys' Club must—

- (a) Have premises in which it regularly meets.
- (b) Have a male adult Leader.
- (c) Have an Adult Committee of Management.
- (d) Charge a regular Membership Subscription.
- (e) Have a Membership which comprises at least 15 boys between the age of 14 and 18 years.
- (f) Have a Boys' Committee.
- (g) Be open at all reasonable times to be visited by an accredited Officer of the Association.

*Mixed Clubs—*To qualify for affiliation as a Boys' Section of a Mixed Club, a club must fulfil the conditions for a Boys' Club and in addition, either

- (1) Have accommodation such that a boy shall be able to take part in the Club activities with other boys independently of girls; or
- (2) Accommodation must be reserved for Boys on one night in the week for Clubs that open on four or less nights per week, and on two nights for Clubs that open five or more nights per week.
- (3) Village Mixed Clubs unable to comply with normal conditions for affiliation can be accepted if special application is made.

*Associate Membership—*Associate Membership may be granted to a Club which does not fulfil all the requirements for full affiliation.

*Affiliation Fees—*The Club is required to pay an affiliation fee of 2d. for each club member, with a minimum of 5/- per annum and a maximum of £1 5s. per annum.

Old Boys' Clubs—To qualify for affiliation an Old Boys' Club must fulfil the conditions for full affiliation and in addition

- (a) Its Membership must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years; and
- (b) It must be directly related to a Boys' Club and wholly or mainly recruited therefrom.

Further information regarding membership of the N.A.B.C. may be obtained from:—

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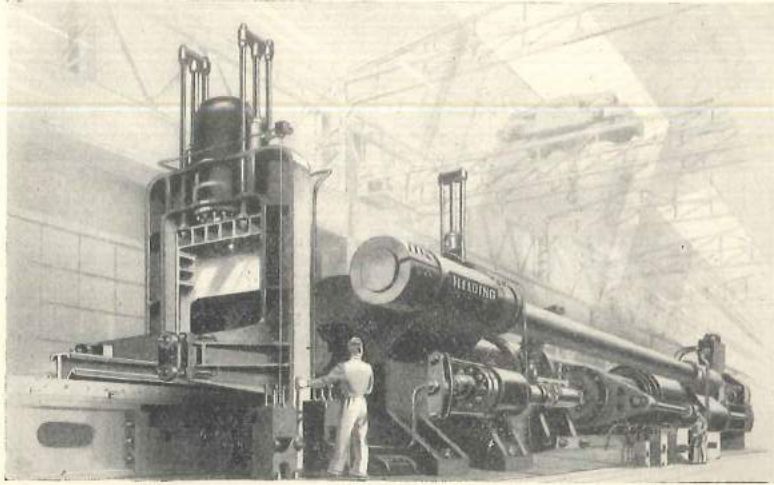
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—(*From a Notice in a Church Porch*).