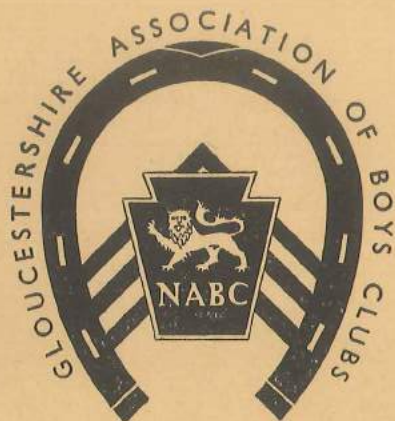


GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS



HANDBOOK  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR  
1954—1955

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## FOREWORD

BADMINTON, GLOS.

*In reading the Report for the past year, I consider there are 3 notable features. The increase in the number of valuable courses and important conferences, the improvement in the standard of sport, and the fact that for the first time since the formation of the Association in 1947 the Statement of Accounts shows a balance of income over expenditure. The last one is, I think, the most important, and I hope the financial position will continue to improve, in order that the standard of Boys' Clubs in this county can be maintained.*

*Good luck and best wishes to all connected with our Clubs.*

May 31st, 1955.

(Signed) BEAUFORT.

## INTRODUCTION

Later pages relate both in words and statistics the details of the Association's endeavours during the past year. — What is actually effected may never be known; but, such as it is, it is largely due to the devotion and vision of individual Club Leaders, constantly helped and fortified by the ubiquity and zeal of our Organizing Secretary, though the Committee members, with very few exceptions, work hard and attend meetings with most commendable regularity. Their labours are not in vain, and all of us are again cheered by a further improvement in the financial position, both by the Income and Expenditure favourable balance, and even more in the fine progress of our Vice-President's effort to extinguish the 8-years-old overdraft at the Bank.

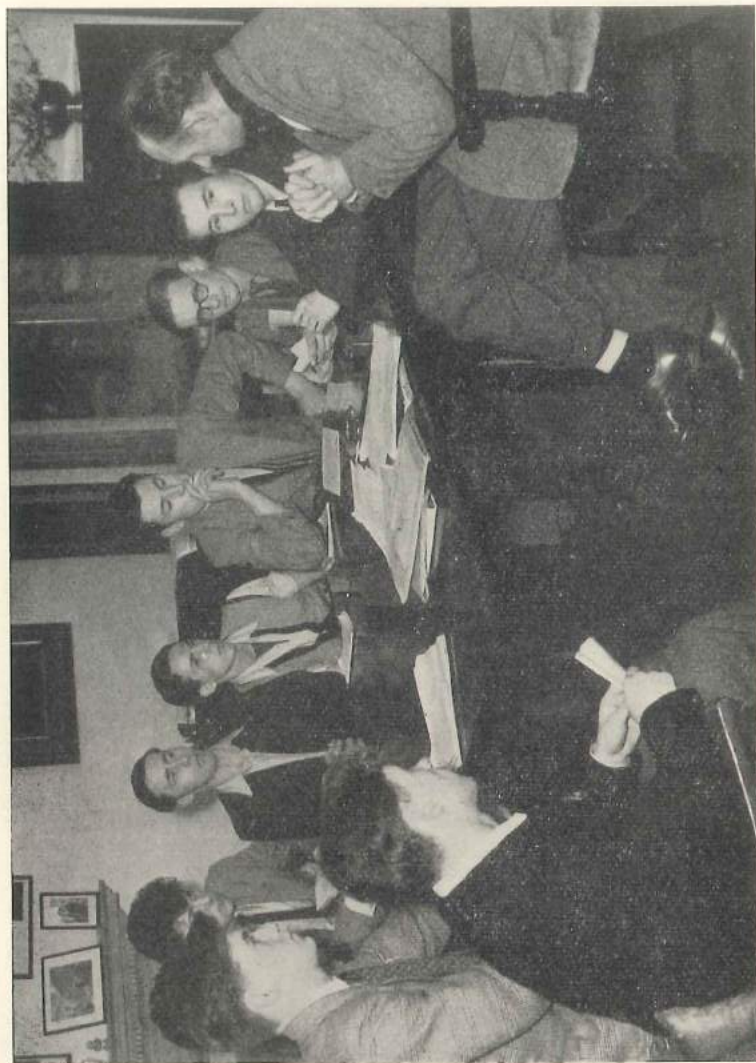
The attention of subscribers and of all who receive this Report is particularly drawn to the date of the Annual General Meeting, Thursday, September 22nd, at 4.0 p.m. in the Town Hall, Cheltenham. The proceedings begin with Tea; and the general body of persons interested will do very much to stimulate and hearten the official members of the G.A.B.C. by their presence, when they in turn can feel sure of listening with real interest to our Visitor, Sir Basil Henriques, Chairman of the Development Committee at the Headquarters of N.A.B.C., well known as an expert on all matters of Boys' Clubs, and recently knighted by Her Majesty in the New Year's Honours, in recognition of his long record of constructive work in this very important field.

The Association is modestly, but, it believes, not mistakenly, conscious of some real advance in the past year at various points on the wide front. But the remarkable growth of population in many Gloucestershire towns and villages, largely but not wholly due to the rapid industrialisation of the County, continually increases the challenge to those responsible, whether in voluntary or statutory Services, for trying to supply what the schools cannot and the homes so often do not provide for that large section of the country which official jargon classifies as 'male adolescents', the Boys of 13 to 18 years of age. Let them drift, and the manhood of England decays; capture them for healthy and instructive and personally vigorous use of their leisure, and then 'naught shall make us rue'.

13th June, 1955.

H. H. HARDY,

*Chairman.*



Capt. J. Grant, D.S.O., R.N. (Retd.) conducts a Group Tutorial with his group during an "Adjustment to Industry" Course at Cowley Manor

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Gloucestershire Association comprises 23 Boys' Clubs in Gloucestershire plus 3 Boys' Clubs in Hereford affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

This total of 26 Clubs is two up on last year's figures because Tetbury Youth Club reopened under new Leadership, and Broadwell Boys' Club (near Coleford), after reconstitution by the Association, came to life again in October, 1954.

No new Clubs were opened during the year, but those planned for Bishop's Cleeve and for Stroud are still on the stocks.

The Organising Secretary is in constant touch with all affiliated Clubs, which he visits regularly. He serves on the Management Committees of most Clubs and is thus able to advise and help whenever necessary. This is one of the most important aspects of the service provided for Clubs by the Association.

The Executive Committee is in close touch with the activities of the National Association of Boys' Clubs through Major C. Jackson, A.F.C., who is a member of the Senior Boy Training Committee, and through the Secretary, who serves on the following Committees at Headquarters in London :—

- Council.
- Executive Committee.
- Advisory Committee (Joint Secretary).
- Senior Boy Training Committee.
- Informal Conferences with the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs.

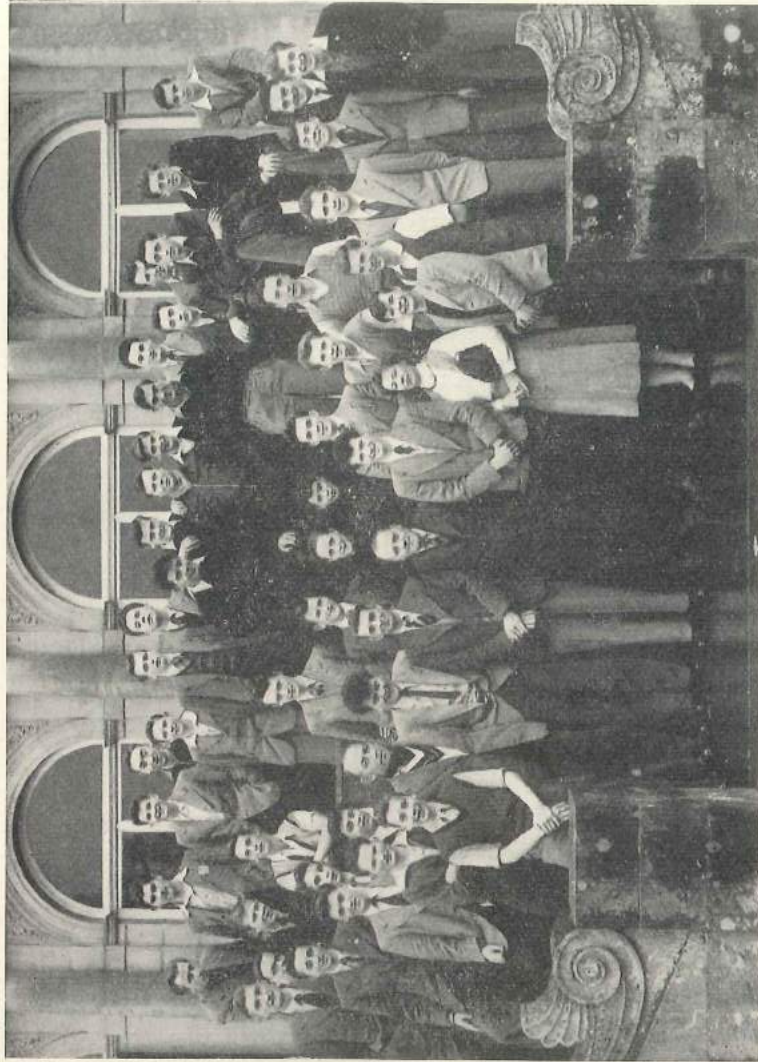
Similar contact is maintained with the following Committees through the Secretary :—

- Cowley Manor Management Committee.
- Diocesan Youth Committee.
- Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations.
- County Youth Cricket Council.
- Amateur Boxing Association.

## TRAINING COURSES

### SENIOR BOY TRAINING.

Two Senior Boy Training Week-end Courses were held during the year, one in October, 1954, at St. Pierre (near Chepstow) and the other at Cowley Manor in February, 1955. Attendance at each course averaged 33 boys—a total of 13 affiliated Clubs was represented. Club Leaders attended and helped run the programme.



Students and Staff at the 8th "Adjustment to Industry" Course held in November 1954 at Cowley Manor

The aim of these courses is to give senior boys a better understanding of the aims of the Boys' Club Movement and to equip them to take responsibility in their respective Clubs. We hope soon to be able to report that not only half, but all of our constituent Clubs have sent representatives.

#### ADJUSTMENT TO INDUSTRY COURSES.

These courses are gaining an increasing measure of support from Firms in Gloucestershire and Hereford; four were held during the year, one each in May, November and December of 1954 and the other in March, 1955, all at Cowley Manor.

Numbers attending each Course varied from 36 to 42 boys who between them represented 15 or more Firms on each occasion.

#### NATIONAL BOYS' CLUB.

Two boys attended candidates' week at Ford Castle in August, 1954, and, after proving themselves satisfactory in the various situations which called for initiative and self-discipline, were elected to life membership of the National Boys' Club; their names are:—

George Perkins of Nailsworth Boys' Club.  
Royston Preece of Hereford Lads' Club.

The National Boys' Club was instituted by the N.A.B.C. in 1951 in order to give special recognition to boys whose service in their own Clubs was outstanding.

#### MOBILE TRAINING WING.

The N.A.B.C. Training Wing spent a week in Gloucestershire during November, 1954. The tour was arranged by the Local Education Authority who recruited audiences of Club Leaders and other interested persons at Tewkesbury, Longlevens, Chipping Sodbury, Moreton-in-Marsh and Churchdown.

#### JUNIOR FITNESS LEADERS' COURSE.

One boy, a member of a Club now closed, attended a course at Ford Castle during August, 1954.

#### LEADERS' LOG BOOKS.

Two Club Leaders have applied to the N.A.B.C. for recognition as Club Leaders under the Log Book Scheme. The Log Books are normally kept for a year and contain a record of training courses attended and comments on the efficiency of the Club made by the Organising Secretary on periodic visits. Both Candidates now await an Assessment Board.



Informal discussion at the Management Committee Conference.  
 Left to Right—The Chairman, Major Hugh Hill (Chairman of Stow Boys' Club)  
 The Deputy Chairman and the Hon. Treasurer

## CONFERENCES

### LEADERS' CONFERENCE.

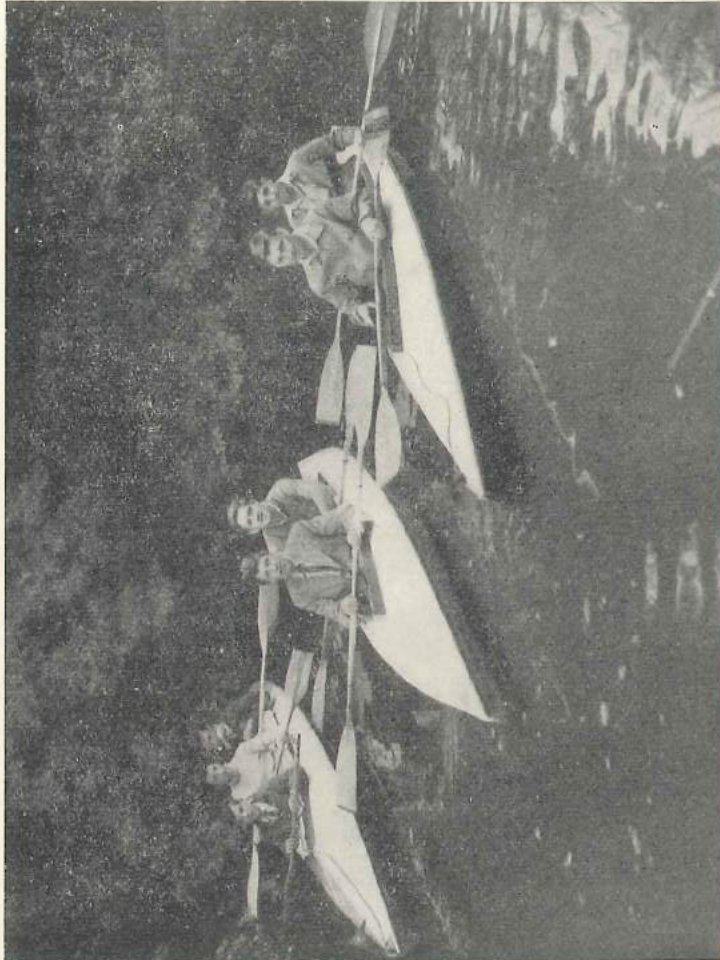
A Leaders' Conference was held at St. Pierre during a week-end in October, 1954. Plans for a proposed Junior Leaders' training course to be held under King George VI Foundation were discussed in addition to other matters concerned with the Association's existing services to Clubs.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE.

This was held in Cheltenham in December, 1954, and took the form of a social event during which a guest speaker from N.A.B.C. Headquarters, Mr. Randal Keane, the Secretary for Training, addressed those present on the work of the Boys' Club



Jim Coates (Whaddon Boys' Club) receiving a Club Week message from the Mayor of Cheltenham to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. Also in the picture are Colin Mullinder (Hawling Boys' Club) and Roger Bayliss (St. Stephen's Ramblers Lad's Club, Gloucester).



Members of the Nailsworth Boy' Club and St. Mark's Youth Club (Cheltenham) on the Stroudwater Canal at Wall Bridge, Stroud, in home built canoes.

Management Committees. A number of the audience contributed helpfully in the subsequent discussion.

There were 47 people present (including a party from Hereford), who between them represented the Management Committees of 75% of the Clubs in the G.A.B.C.. Much appreciation of the event was felt, and requests were many that the idea might be repeated during the next year.

#### CLUB WEEK.

Eleven affiliated Clubs took part in Club Week, which ran from October 27th to 30th, 1954. They jointly raised a total of £183 8s. 5d., an increase of £78 on figures for the previous year.

Club Week is an annual event in the lives of Boys' Clubs throughout the country. During this week Club members do all they can to raise funds for their Club, for their County Association, and for the National Association. 70% of money raised stays in the Club, the remaining 30% is divided equally between the two Associations.

The G.A.B.C. was represented at the Club Week Opening Ceremony, held at County Hall, London, by the Chairman and Secretary and by four Club boys. The boys carried loyal messages from the Mayors of Cheltenham and of Gloucester and from the President—His Grace The Duke of Beaufort. The messages were handed to H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, who presided at the Ceremony.

#### CAMPING.

Nine boys drawn from Oddington, Whaddon and Pilley Boys' Clubs went to the Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs camp at Looe in August, 1954.

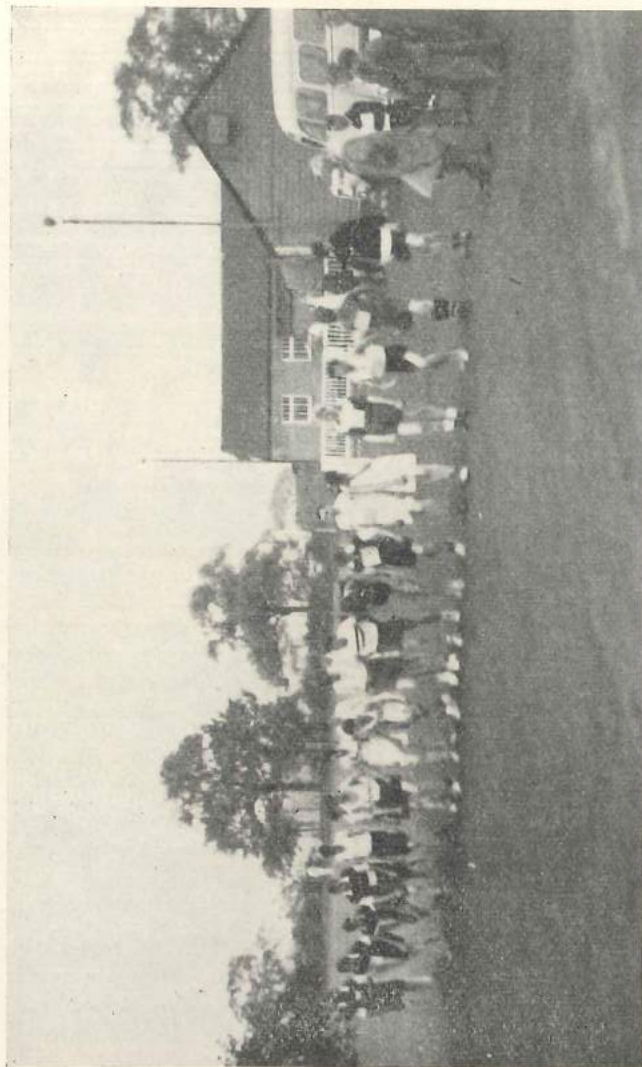
Three boys joined the Slough Boys' Club camp held at Wiesbaden in August, 1954.

In co-operation with the Local Education Authority many small parties of boys from several Clubs were issued with light-weight camping gear for camps of short duration throughout the summer. Assistance was given in selecting suitable sites.

#### CANOEING.

Clubs are gradually, and one after another, adopting canoe building as a Club activity. Help is given where necessary in obtaining materials and in the actual building of the canoe.

Day trips on the Avon and on the Stroudwater Canal have been organised at frequent intervals for Clubs which have taken up the activity.



The Chairman starting the Senior Section of the Cross Country Race at the Rotol Sports Ground

## SPORT.

Entries in the inter-Club sports competitions were well up to standard and in some cases more numerous than in the previous year.

Nominations for Soccer and Rugby County trial matches were more numerous than ever before.

We were well represented in N.A.B.C. trial matches; one boy was selected to play in the International Rugby matches against Wales, and one to play in the International Football match against Scotland.

A County Cricket XI was selected in 1954 for the first time; one match was played against Oxford Association of Boys' Clubs at Cowley Manor on June 26th. Score: Oxfordshire 82 runs, Gloucestershire 64.

Details of the following events and teams organised may be found in the following pages:—

- County Cricket Team.
- County Football Team.
- County Rugby Team.
- Inter-Club Football Competition.
- Inter-Club Cricket Competition.
- Cross Country Race.

## MAJOR SHENNAN'S SPORTS EQUIPMENT FUND.

The Honorary Secretary of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association, Major Kenneth Shennan, offered the Association a half-share of the fund subscribed in recognition of his 25 year's service to the G.P.F.A., on condition that the money was used to encourage the games traditionally associated with English playing fields.

Major Shennan and his Committee have agreed to the scheme submitted by the Association—that the money be used for the purchase of sports clothing and equipment for use of County representative teams and for loan to affiliated Clubs for special occasions or in cases of special need.

This generous gift amounting to £92 has made it possible for us to ensure that our boys are well equipped when meeting boys from other Counties in the Association's many sports fixtures.

## FINANCE.

For the first time since the formation of the Association in 1947 the Statement of Accounts shows a balance of income over expenditure. The figure would have been bigger than that shown



by our accountants (in fact over £600) if amounts due to the Association before March 31st, 1955, but not received by that date, had been taken into account. In addition, capital payments on the purchase of the Bedford station wagon, now, completed, amounted to £125.

But the deficit at March 31st, 1954, was over £400, and this largely offsets the surplus in hand, but leaves a small balance in hand in place of the usual deficit.

This comparatively favourable position is very largely due to the efforts of our Deputy President, Sir Percy Lister, who, by making personal appeals to many Firms and individuals has raised nearly £400 during the year in a successful effort to abolish the Association's perennial overdraft. We are deeply grateful to him.

Another factor was the successful Fireworks Display on Guy Fawkes Day organised and run by the Rotary and Round Table Clubs of Cheltenham on behalf of the Association, which produced (despite a very wet evening) the very welcome sum of over £90.

Yet another reason is that practically all activities arranged during the year have paid for themselves or have made a considerable profit.

The financial situation, though better than ever before, leaves much room for further improvement and the Committee is still not complacent, though much encouraged by continued support from Industry, Commerce, and from individual subscribers, and very appreciative of substantial grants from the King George V Jubilee Trust via the N.A.B.C., and from the City and the County Council Education Committees.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Once again the Executive Committee acknowledges with deep gratitude the many services and great assistance provided by the National Association of Boys' Clubs, by Industry, by Club Leaders and by many individuals who have contributed so much to the year's work.

H. H. HARDY, *Chairman.*

H. E. HALL, *Secretary.*

13th June, 1955.

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*Receipts and Payments Account*  
*for the year ended March 31st, 1955*

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1954						
March 31st. To Cash in hand brought forward ...				5	2	2
1955						
March 31st. To RECEIPTS :—						
<i>Grants—</i>						
King George's Jubilee Trust ...	145		0			
N.A.B.C. ...	95		0			
Gloucestershire Education Committee ...	475		0			
Gloucestershire Education Committee Guarantee for 53/4 ...	200		0			
Gloucestershire Education Committee Senior Boy Training ...	22	9	3			
City Education Committee—Administration ...	25		0			
City Education Committee—Senior Boy Training Grant ...	7	10	0			
N.A.B.C. Senior Boy Training ...	25	8	10			
N.A.B.C. Leaders / Management Committee Conference ...	8	2	0			
N.A.B.C. Work in Hereford ...	10	10	0			
				1014	0	1
<i>Donations and Subscriptions—</i>						
General—Private and Industrial (including Bankers Orders) ...						
Deeds of Covenant ...	94	6	0			
Sir Percy Lister—Special Appeal ...	362	5	0			
				740	4	1
<i>Various—</i>						
Adjustment to Industry—Fees and Receipts ...	832	14	3			
Advertisements in Annual Report ...	137	18	4			
N.A.B.C.—Proportion of affiliation fees ...	4	15	7			
Sales—N.A.B.C. Pens ...	4	4	0			
"    Badges ...	16	19	6			
"    Diaries ...	4	1	0			
"    Sundry ...	10		0			
N.A.B.C. Club Week ...	58	14	11			
Firework Display (Rotary and Round Table of Cheltenham) ...	208	7	5			
Leaders Conference fees received ...	5	5	0			
Annual General Meeting ...	2	3	0			
Insurance Commission ...	1	17	0			
Senior Boy Training—Boys' payments etc. ...	42	12	6			
Sport ...	10	11	6			
Camp—Boys' Payments ...	68	6	2			
Telephone calls paid for ...	2	8	3			
Various refunds ...	7	4	0			
Sundry ...	5		0			
				1408	17	5
1955						
March 31st. Overdraft—Lloyds Bank Ltd. carried forward ...				302	7	8
				£3470	11	5

*N.B.—At March 31st, 1955 amounts due to the Association but not received by that date amounted to £179 2s. 6d.*

## OF BOYS' CLUBS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1954						
March 31st. By Overdraft—Lloyds Bank Ltd. ...				433	5	6
1955						
March 31st. By EXPENDITURE :—						
<i>Salaries etc.—</i>						
Salaries, Clerical & Office Cleaning (including P.A.Y.E.) ...						
Pension Fund Payments ...	872	2	4			
National Insurance ...	56	16	3			
				26	17	6
				955	16	1
<i>Office Expenses—</i>						
Rent ...	31	17	6			
Lighting and Heating ...	16	0	9			
Telephone ...	41	15	3			
Postage ...	46	16	6			
Stationery and Printing ...	93	8	6			
Literature ...	16		1			
				230	14	7
<i>Travelling—</i>						
Petrol and Oil ...	116	6	7			
Subsistence, Entertainment, Hospitality etc. ...	42	16	5			
Car Servicing and Repairs ...	56	8	2			
Road Tax ...	12	10	0			
Insurance (Comprehensive) ...	16	11	6			
Committee's Travelling Expenses ...	9	11	9			
Instalments on Bedford Car ...	144	18	4			
				399	2	9
<i>General—</i>						
Adjustment to Industry ...	530	11	7			
Printing of Annual Report ...	79	4	6			
N.A.B.C. Pens ...	5	12	0			
"    Diaries ...	4	2	6			
"    Badges ...	16	1	6			
"    Club Week ...	2	15	0			
Firework Display ...	117	6	5			
Leaders' Conference (St. Pierre) ...	9	11	10			
Annual General Meeting ...	9	9	0			
Senior Training Courses ...	121	6	2			
Management Committee Conference ...	14	11	5			
Sport—General ...	71	5	10			
Camp ...	68	14	0			
Broadwell Boys' Club ...	3	0	6			
Affiliation Fees ...	11	17	0			
Bank Charges, cheques etc. ...	23	3	6			
Petty Cash ...	10	0	1089	2	9	
				3108	1	8
Balance (Sir Percy Lister A/c) c/f ...				362	5	0
Petty Cash in hand c/f ...						4
				£3470	11	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,  
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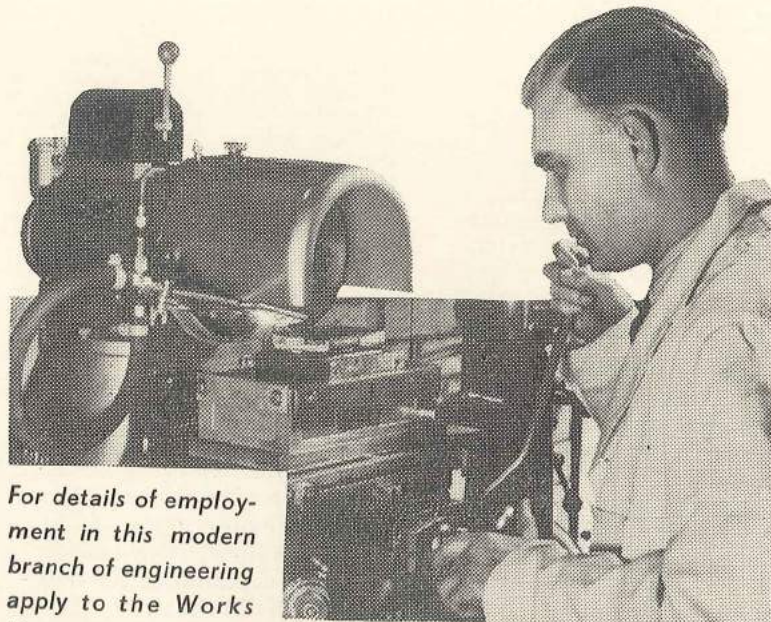
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## INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

### Seventh Annual Cricket Competition

#### SENIOR DRAW

1st Round	2nd Round	Final	Winners
St. Mark's Y.C. Down Hatherley Y.C. Nailsworth B.C. Ramblers' L.C. Whaddon B.C. Coney Hill B.C. Longlevens Y.C. Baker St. Y.M.C.A.	St. Mark's Y.C. Ramblers' L.C. Coney Hill B.C. Baker St. Y.M.C.A.	Ramblers' L.C. Baker St. Y.M.C.A.	Baker St. Y.M.C.A.

#### JUNIOR DRAW

1st Round	2nd Round	Final	Winner
Bye Bye Coney Hill B.C. Ramblers L.C. City Youth Club Whaddon B.C.	Longlevens Y.C. Nailsworth B.C. Coney Hill B.C. Whaddon B.C.	Nailsworth B.C. Whaddon B.C.	Whaddon B.C.

### Inter-Club Football Competition

#### SENIOR DRAW—(GODMAN CUP)

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Final
	Baker St. Y.M.C.A. 3 Stratton B.C. 1	Baker St. Y.M.C.A. 16	Baker St. Y.M.C.A. 7
	Archdeacon Y.C. 1 Winchcombe Y.C. 6 Whaddon B.C. 7	Winchcombe Y.C. 0 Whaddon B.C. 3	
Nailsworth B.C. 3 Stow B.C. 4 Cirencester B.C. 6 St. Marks Y.C. 1 Parry Hall Y.C. 13 Down Hatherley 1	Stow B.C. 3 Cirencester B.C. 4 Parry Hall Y.C. 2	Whaddon B.C. 3 Cirencester B.C. 5	Cirencester B.C. 0

*Winners*—Baker Strtet Y.M.C.A. B.C.

#### JUNIOR DRAW—(G.A.B.C. SHIELD)

1st Round	2nd Round	Final	Winners
	Nailsworth B.C. 8 Stow B.C. 5	Nailsworth 4 1st match drawn 4-4	Nailsworth B.C. (After replay)
	Cirencester B.C. 2 Whaddon B.C. 4	Whaddon B.C. 0	
Glo'ster City Y.C. 3 Whaddon B.C. 11			

### Sixth Annual Cross Country Team Race

The race was held at Down Hatherley on Saturday, May 15th, 1954.

#### Results

SENIOR EVENT—distance 3½ miles.

1st—St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	... 21 pts.
2nd—Whaddon Boys' Club ...	... 25 pts.
3rd—Parry Hall Youth Club ...	... 42 pts.

First man home—E. Godsell (Whaddon Boys' Club).

Time: 17 mins. 17 secs.

JUNIOR EVENT—distance 2½ miles.

1st—Baker Street Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	... 14 pts.
2nd—St. John Bosco Boys' Club	... 32 pts.
3rd—Whaddon Boys' Club	... 49 pts.
4th—Oddington Boys' Club...	... 71 pts.

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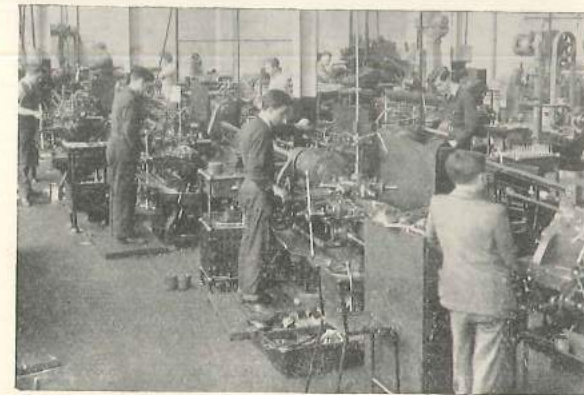
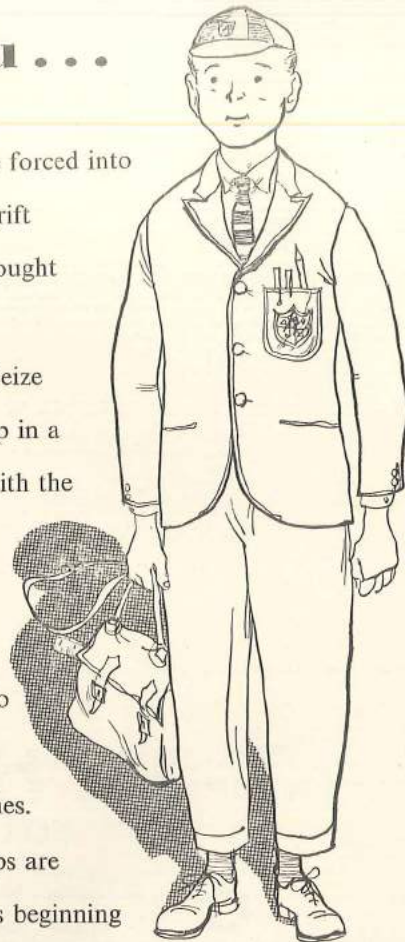
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*July 2nd* :—

G.A.B.C. v Oxfordshire—Cricket—Oxford.

*July 15th/17th* :—

N.A.B.C. Annual Conference—Nottingham.

*August 21st* :—

Chris Chataway broadcasts "Week's Good Cause" for N.A.B.C., 8.25 p.m.

*September 7th/ 11th* :—

12th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.

*September 17th/18th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*September 22nd* :—

G.A.B.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING .

*October 1st/2nd* :—

Leaders' Conference—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd* :—

N.A.B.C. RELIGIOUS ADVISER BROADCASTS FROM BOYS' CLUBS AT 11.30 a.m. IN THE LIGHT PROGRAMME OF THE B.B.C.

*October 8th/9th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*October 18th* :—

CLUB WEEK OPENING CEREMONY.

*October 21st/29th* :—

CLUB WEEK.

*November 5th/6th* :—

Week-end Club—Cowley Manor.

*November 12th* :—

FOOTBALL—County Trial Match.

*November 12th/13th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*December 3rd/4th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*December 7th/11th* :—

13th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.

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*January 14th/15th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*February 11th* :—

RUGBY—County Trial Match.

*February 18th/19th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*February 25th/26th* :—

Week-end Club—Cowley Manor.

*March 10th/11th* :—

King George VI Training Session—St. Pierre, Chepstow.

*March 21st/25th* :—

14th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.

*April 7th* :—

CRICKET COMPETITION—Closing date for entries.

*May 5th* :—

Cross Country Race.



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To be granted affiliation or associate membership a Club must exist for the promotion of the spiritual, mental and physical welfare of its members and must be conducted in conformity with the principles and aims of the Association.

The following is a summary of the conditions laid down in the byelaws of the N.A.B.C. and by the Executive Council.

To qualify for affiliation a Club must :

- a. have premises in which it meets regularly.
- b. have an adult leader.
- c. have an adult Management Committee.
- d. charge a regular membership subscription.
- e. have a membership which comprises at least 15 boys between the ages of 14 and 18.
- f. meet at least two nights a week.
- g. have a Boys' Committee.
- h. be open at all reasonable times to be visited by an accredited officer of the Association.

### Boys' Sections of Mixed Clubs

To qualify for affiliation as a boys' section of a mixed Club, a Club must fulfil all the above conditions and, in addition, either have accommodation so that a boy shall be able to take part in the club activities with other boys separately from girls;

*or*

accommodation must be reserved for boys one night in the week for Clubs that open on four or less nights a week, and on two nights for Clubs that open on five or more nights a week.

(*Note.*—A Boys' Committee is always desirable but may not always be possible for boys' sections of mixed Clubs. If the N.A.B.C. Executive Committee is satisfied that there are good reasons why a Boys' Committee cannot be formed, associate membership may be granted provided the other conditions are fulfilled.

## Old Boys' Clubs

To qualify for affiliation an Old Boys' Club must fulfil the general conditions for affiliation, and in addition :

- it must have at least 15 members between the ages of 18 and 25, and
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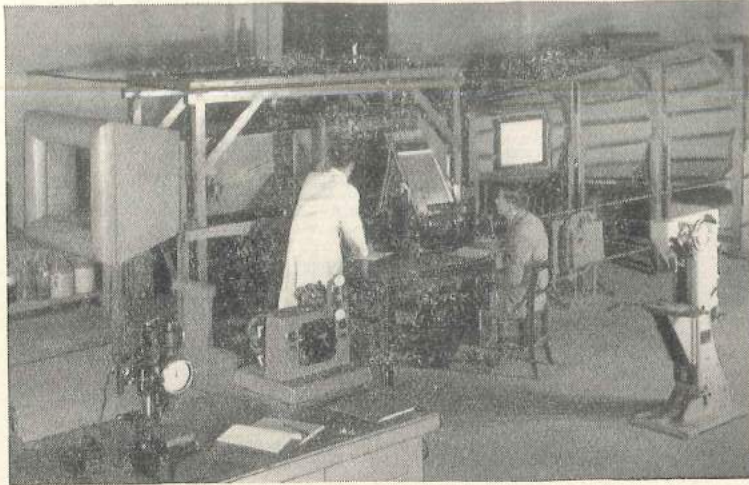
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The N.A.B.C. co-operates with the Ministry of Education, local authorities, other appropriate Government departments and voluntary organisations, on behalf of the Boys' Club movement throughout the country.

It gives advice about club activities, develops new Clubs in areas where they are most needed, and acts as a channel for grants-in-aid from certain funds.

It arranges an annual conference at which leaders discuss matters of national importance affecting Boys' Club work.

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### Religion

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### Regional Arts Festivals

These are held annually in various places and certificates of merit are awarded for the best entries in music, drama, English literature, public speaking, and art and craft work.

## Sport and Physical Fitness

The N.A.B.C. encourages sport and physical activities in all its affiliated Clubs. It holds annual football matches and boxing tournaments between counties on an elimination basis up to a national level. A specialist advisor on physical training helps Clubs throughout the country to prepare suitable programmes. The N.A.B.C. also runs a national fitness charter and scheme in order to improve physical fitness of all club members.

### Publications

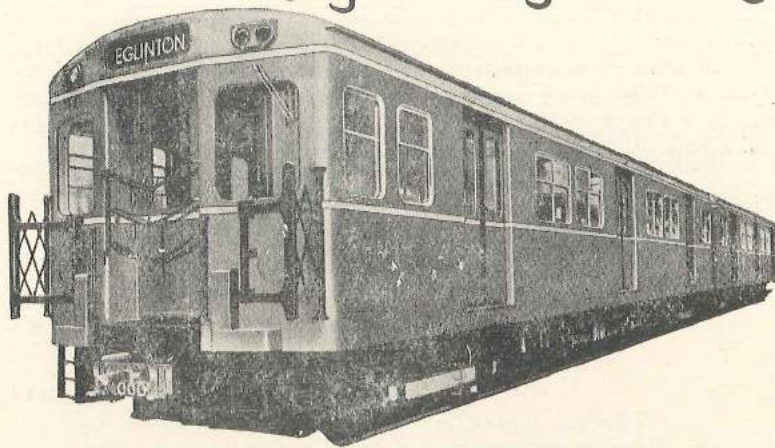
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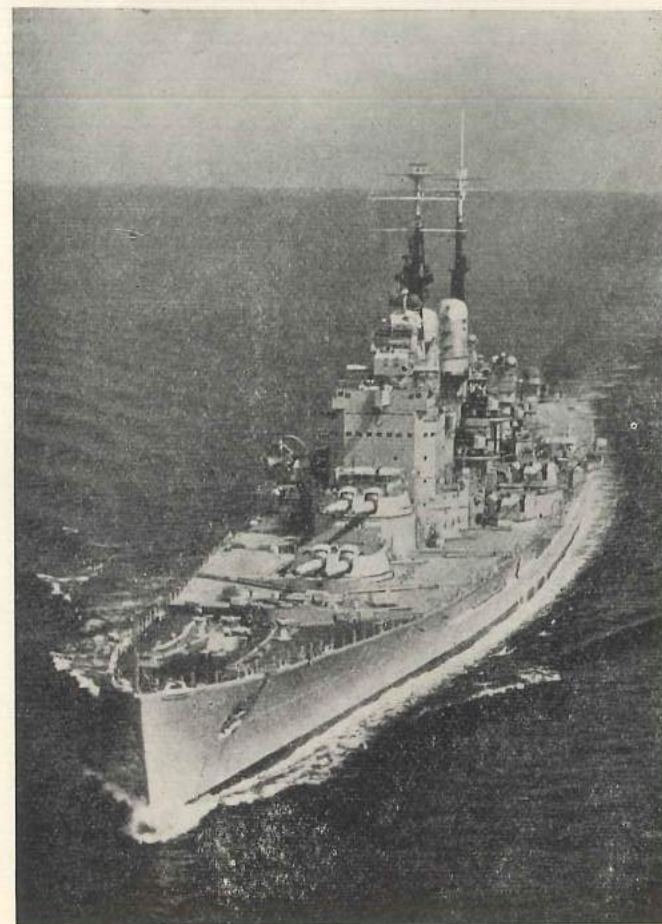
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#### County Soccer Team

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*Reserves*—C. Gibbons, E. Tomkins, M. Morgan (Hereford Lads' Club). C. Gibbons played for England in the N.A.B.C. International Match against Scotland.

The above team was defeated by Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs in the first round of the N.A.B.C. National Football Championships.

#### County Rugby Team

Three matches were played during the season and the teams were selected from the following:—

##### *Coney Hill Boys' Club*

E. Avent  
C. Brazier  
D. Bundy  
E. Edwards  
P. Hawker  
B. Mann  
A. Mann  
H. Meadows  
J. Poulton  
W. Whitmore (Vice-Capt.)

##### *Parry Hall Youth Club.*

B. Amphlett  
L. Cox  
B. Gullick  
G. Hill  
E. Jones  
L. Lane  
K. Ryder  
L. Sullings  
D. Tibbles  
K. Terrett

##### *St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club*

R. Bayliss  
P. Curtis  
M. Dixon  
B. Hatton  
B. Underwood  
G. White (Capt.)

##### *Longlevens Youth Club.*

M. Barnes  
P. Simpson  
H. Stocken

##### *Nailsworth Boys' Club.*

R. Orchard  
B. Vanstone

*Reserves*—I. Dicks (Coney Hill Boys' Club); J. Ewers (Archdeacon Youth Club).

#### Results

Match v Oxfordshire Youth Service at Oxford 5. 3. 55.  
Score: Oxon. 33 pts.—Glos. 3 pts.

Match v Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs at Gloucester 19. 3. 55.  
Score: Bristol 28 pts.—Glos. Nil.

Match v Oxfordshire Youth Service at Down Hatherley 2. 4. 55.  
Score: Glos. 3 pts.—Oxon. Nil.

M. Beard of St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club, Gloucester, played in the N.A.B.C. International Matches against Wales.

#### County Cricket Team

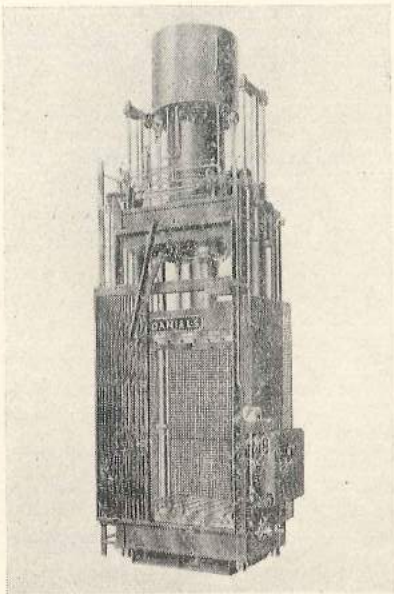
R. Griffin, F. Coates (Whaddon Boys' Club).  
M. Everest, D. Kilby, G. Ace (Capt.), (Cirencester Boys' Club).  
G. Furley (V. Capt.), M. Vanstone, M. Brinkworth, B. Elms (Nailsworth Boys' Club).  
K. Allen, M. Beard (St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club).

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- △ ENCOURAGE EXISTING CLUBS
- △ RECRUIT LEADERS AND HELPERS
- △ TRAIN SENIOR BOYS
- △ ORGANISE INTER-CLUB EVENTS
- △ SUSTAIN CLUBS IN DIFFICULTY

### *Boys need :*

- △ GOOD LEADERSHIP
- △ HEALTHY PLAY
- △ COMMUNITY SPIRIT
- △ CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE
- △ FRIENDLY ATOMOSPHERE
- △ RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS
- △ RIGHT TRAINING
- △ WISE DISCIPLINE

*In fact:* **BOYS' CLUBS**

### *The County Association needs :*

- △ MORE HELPERS
- △ MORE INTEREST
- △ MORE MONEY

*In fact:* **YOUR SUPPORT**