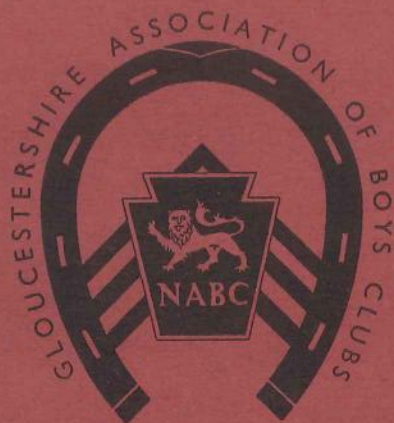


GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS



HANDBOOK
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for
1955—1956

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FOREWORD

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The Report for the past year is both interesting and encouraging. It is true that total affiliations are down on the previous year's figures, but I trust this is only temporary.

The real challenge comes in the Development Survey which shows that at least fifteen new Boys' Clubs will be required. This will mean a great effort if it is to be accomplished.

It is good to know our financial position continues to improve and I hope we shall continue to do well in all forms of sport.

Good luck and my thanks to all who work for the welfare of Boys' Clubs in Gloucestershire.

(Signed) BEAUFORT.

28th April, 1956.

INTRODUCTION

Last year's Report had in it a note of restrained financial hope, after a decade of real, often acute, anxiety. This year that subdued note has swelled to something like optimism, for Sir Percy Lister's vigorous campaign among the Engineering and other Industrial Firms of the County has attained its goal, the extinction of our overdraft at the Bank. Further, the year's operations have produced a favourable credit balance of income over expenditure, making possible an increase of activity in the current financial year from April 1st.

Once again early notice is given of the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held in the Town Hall, Cheltenham, on Thursday, September 27th, proceedings beginning with Tea at 4 p.m. Last year's meeting secured a considerably larger attendance than usual, and it is hoped that this year's may surpass it; for the presence of subscribers and well-wishers in large numbers is a very real encouragement to the Officers, Committee, Club Leaders, and all others who share the actual work of the Clubs. Our Visitor and Speaker will be Brigadier Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D., doubly welcome as Leader of the greatest post-war adventure on Everest, and now Secretary of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award,' specially planned by H.R.H. to encourage all-round alertness and competence in boys of Club age.

The opening of new Clubs and the revival of others now in abeyance remain the main task of the Association. In particular, there is great need for a Boys' Club in several of the large new Housing Estates which spring up in various areas, both urban and rural, of Gloucestershire, and in their early years palpably lack the normal social organization of older and established communities. This problem continually exercises the Committee of the G.A.B.C. and is the most pressing of all the duties undertaken by our Organizing Secretary. To-day's new social set-up, with high wages paid to the great majority of workers, has not yet solved the problem of the best use of leisure for any age-group; and very certainly television is not the right answer for healthy boys between the ages of 14 to 18, for whom the N.A.B.C. seeks to provide more enterprising alternatives likely to develop self-reliance and initiative. A perusal of the following pages may remind readers both of the needs and the possibilities which confront all persons of maturer years who naturally wish the rising generation to be attracted to the more vigorous and responsible uses of the money and leisure which so very many adolescents now enjoy, not always to their advantage, nor indeed to their present or future happiness.

H. H. HARDY,
Chairman.

May 12th, 1956.

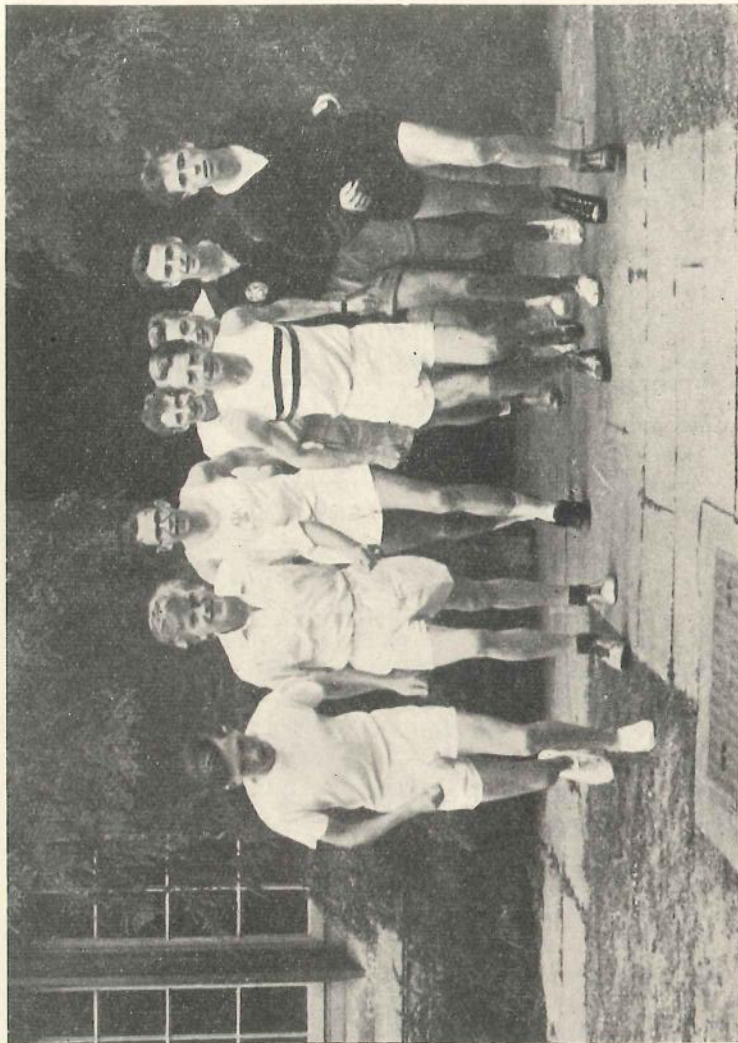


Photo by courtesy of Dennis Horn, Esq., Leader, Wolverhampton Central Boys' Club.

“Chris Chataway with members of the National Boys' Club at St. Pierre of Whaddon Boys' Club, Cheltenham, on extreme left.” Jim Coates

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Gloucestershire Association of Boys' Clubs comprises twenty-two Boys' Clubs in Gloucestershire plus three Boys' Clubs in Hereford, all of which are affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

Total affiliations are down on last year's figures because Clubs at Hawling, Tetbury and Upton St. Leonards are in abeyance, either for lack of boys or for lack of leadership, and the Coney Hill Boys' Club has closed down.

We are very glad indeed to welcome as newly affiliated Clubs the Coney Hill Youth Club and Bussage Boys' Club.

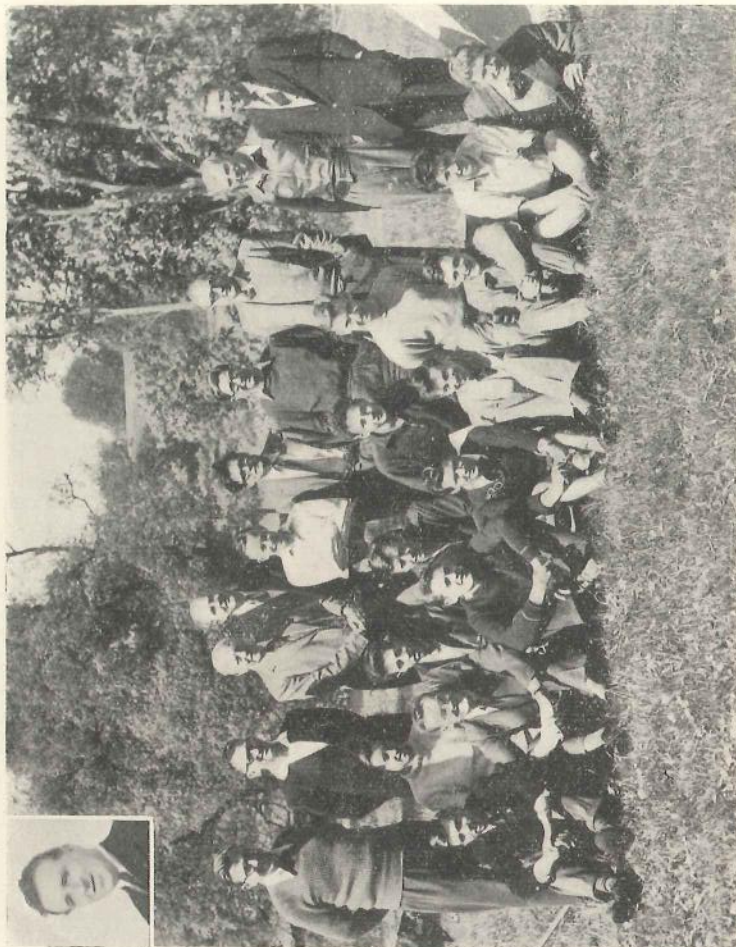
The Organising Secretary is in constant touch with all affiliated Clubs, which he visits regularly. He serves on the Management Committees of most Clubs and is thus able to advise and help whenever necessary. This is one of the most important aspects of the service provided for Clubs by the Association.

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.
- Recruitment and 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.



King George VI Memorial Foundation Junior Leaders' Training Course—9th week-end at St. Pierre, Chepstow. Students (seated and kneeling). Tutors—Mr. N. Hutchins (standing 5th from left); Mr. A. Humphries (inset); Lecturers, Staff and Visitors (standing).

DEVELOPMENT

Local Committees have been set up in Bishop's Cleeve, in Dursley, and in Stroud, and it is hoped that these Committees will form new Clubs in the very near future.

DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

In the autumn of 1955 and at the request of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, the Association, in consultation with L.E.A. Youth Service Officers, produced a plan for the development of new Boys' Clubs in areas in the County where a large increase of population is scheduled.

From this survey it is apparent that at least fifteen brand-new Boys' Clubs will be required. The Executive Committee will do its utmost to implement this proposed development as time and funds permit.

TRAINING

King George VI Memorial Foundation Junior Leaders' Training Course

In September, 1955, a sessional Training Course was inaugurated, comprising ten week-ends at monthly intervals. This Course is designed specifically for young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two, recruited from Boys' Clubs, who wish to prepare themselves for leadership at some time in the future.

During the period under review, seven out of the ten week-ends were held. Absenteeism was very low, and all who are attending the Course have profited very greatly.

The Course is financed by the King George VI Memorial Foundation (per N.A.B.C.), and also by the Gloucester City and Gloucestershire County Local Education Authorities.

The fourteen students attending the Course pay a monthly contribution towards its cost.

This Training Course is being held in order to provide a reservoir of informed and trained Leaders, many of whom will be available for running the new Clubs which will be necessary in the next few years in order to provide Club facilities for the population "bulge" when it reaches the fourteen—eighteen-year-old age group.

Senior Boy Training Courses

Three Senior Boy Training Courses were held during the year— one at St. Pierre, Chepstow, in April, 1955, and two at Cowley Manor in November, 1955, and February, 1956, respectively.

On each occasion, attendance averaged twenty-five boys who between them represented some eight or nine different Clubs.

The Courses were staffed by Club Leaders, by members of the National Boys' Club, and also by students attending the King George VI Memorial Foundation Junior Leaders' Training Course.

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.

Adjustment to Industry Courses

These Courses are now all run to capacity and can no longer meet the demand from Industry. The Executive Committee has, therefore, decided to increase the number of Courses held from four to six during the coming year.

An experimental Course held in June, 1955, for boys recruited from non-engineering firms met with success and it was felt that there was a demand for this kind of Course. It will therefore be repeated.

Each Course is now attended by forty-four boys who between them represent an average of fifteen firms on each occasion.

These Courses are residential and last for five days. Their aim is to develop a right attitude to work in the minds of boys between fifteen and eighteen years of age by giving them a proper understanding of the history, organisation and economics of Industry.

National Boys' Club

Jim Coates, a member of Whaddon Boys' Club, attended a Candidates' Week held in connection with the National Boys' Club at St. Pierre in August, 1955, and, after proving himself satisfactory in the various situations which called for initiative and self-discipline, was elected to life membership of the National Boys' 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 Mobile Training Wing of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, now being run under the auspices of the King George VI Memorial Foundation, spent four days in the County in the autumn of 1955.

No formal training sessions were held, but the members of the Wing visited Clubs and attended meetings of Club Management Committees.

Leaders' Log Books

Certificates of recognition as Club Leaders have been awarded to Mr. Arthur Humphries, Leader of Nailsworth Boys' Club, and to Mr. Norman Hutchins, Leader of Whaddon Boys' Club, after final interview by the N.A.B.C. Log Book Assessment Board.

To gain this recognition, both Leaders were obliged to keep a Log Book for a year. The Log Book contains a record of training courses attended and comments on the efficiency of the Club made by the Organising Secretary on periodic visits.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

This Conference was held in Cheltenham in December, 1955, and took the form of a social event, during which a guest speaker from N.A.B.C. Headquarters, Mr. R. E. Goodwin, the General Secretary, addressed those present on current problems and responsibilities of Club Management Committees. A number of the audience contributed helpfully in the discussion.

There were fifty 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. Sir Percy Lister, Deputy President of the G.A.B.C., presided at this Conference.

REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The following awards were gained in the Music Section of the Regional Arts Festival held at Bath in April, 1955:—

Nailsworth Boys' Club : One award in each of the First, Second and Third Classes.

Whaddon Boys' Club : One Second-Class award.

In the Handicraft Section of the Festival, held in Bristol in March, 1956, the following awards were gained:—

St. John Bosco Boys' Club : Four First-Class awards, One Second-Class award.

Whaddon Boys' Club : One Second-Class award, Eight Third-Class awards.

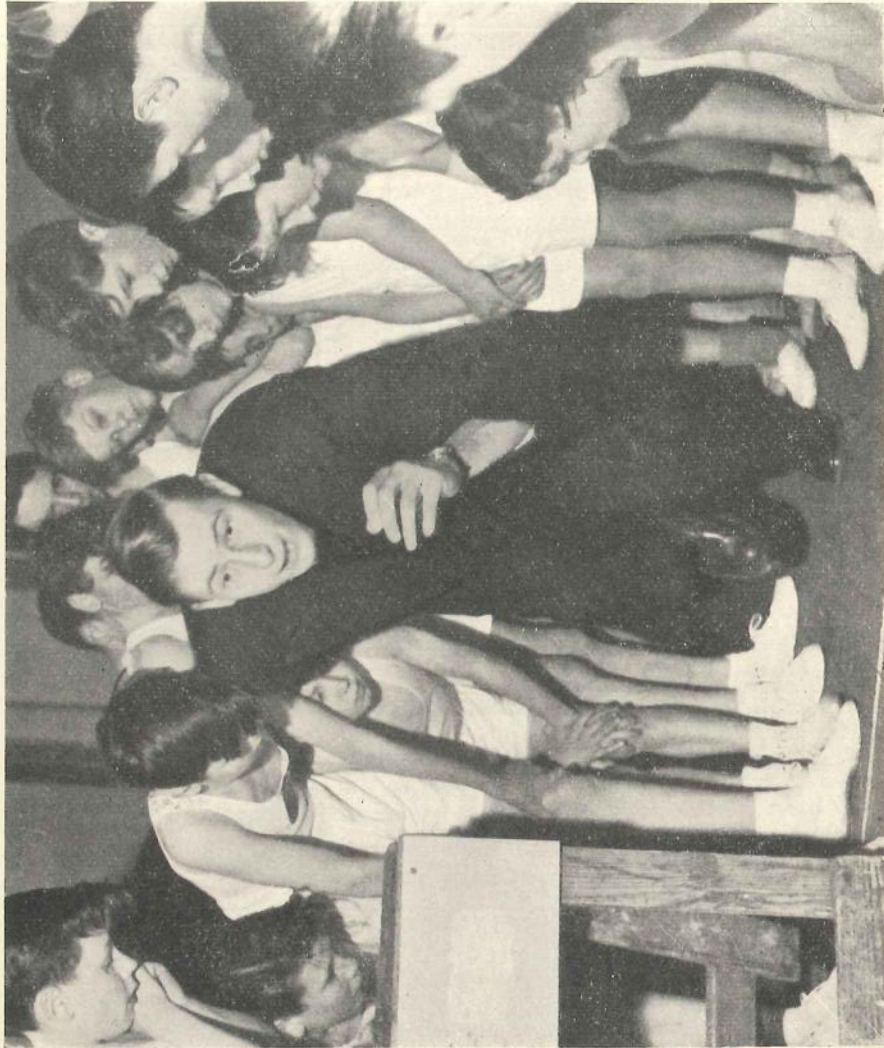
In the Drama Section of the Festival only one play was entered, and this by the City Youth Club, Gloucester. The entry gained a Third-Class award.

CLUB WEEK

Nineteen affiliated Clubs took part in Club Week, which ran from October 21st/29th, 1955. They jointly raised a total of £286, being an increase of over £100 on the previous year's figure, when only eleven Clubs took part.

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 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 Duke of Gloucester, who presided at the Ceremony as President of N.A.B.C.



Dr. Roger Bannister—President of the N.A.B.C. National Fitness Panel demonstrates to London Boys

Photo by courtesy of "Illustrated"

On Friday, October 21st, a reply to his message was carried by torchlight runners to the Mayor of Gloucester, who distributed copies to runners who then proceeded to their respective Clubs in the City. A special feature of this year's effort has been the unanimous support for Club Week on the part of all affiliated Clubs in the City area.

CAMPING

Five members of Whaddon Boys' Club, accompanied by their Club Leader, and five members of Pilley Boys' Club camped with the Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs at Goodrington during 1955.

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 have been organised at frequent intervals for Clubs which have taken up the activity.

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 the Soccer trial matches were more numerous than ever before, though insufficient in the case of the Rugby trial match, which had to be cancelled.

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

A County Cricket XI was again selected. One match was played against the Oxfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs at Oxford on July 2nd, 1955. Score: Gloucestershire 50 runs, Oxfordshire 88 runs for 8 wickets.

There was only one entry from the County for the Area Boxing Finals held at Bristol. This boy, Robert Knight of Coney Hill Youth Club, won his contest at Bristol and was defeated in a later round at Reading.

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

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

FINANCE

For the second year in succession since the Association's formation in 1947, the Statement of Accounts shows a balance of income over expenditure, the surplus being £279 3s. 8d.

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 over £500 since December, 1954, in a successful effort to abolish the Association's perennial overdraft. We are deeply grateful to him.

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

25th April, 1956.



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	EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To. Salaries and Wages including P.A.Y.E.	1,004	16	0			
„ National Insurance	28	12	0			
„ Pension Fund	56	16	3			
„ Office Expenses :						1,090	4	3
Rent	46	17	6			
Heating	19	7	0			
Telephone	70	11	8			
Postage	53	15	6			
Stationery, Printing and Literature	180	11	1			
„ Travelling Expenses :						371	2	9
Petrol and Oil	116	18	4			
Subsistence and Entertainment	59	0	0			
Car Servicing and Repairs	82	18	9			
Road Tax	12	10	0			
Insurance	18	8	9			
Committee and Boys' Travelling	15	11	0			
„ Management Committee Conference				305	6	10
„ Adjustment to Industry Courses				12	15	8
„ Fireworks Display				469	6	10
„ N.A.B.C. Goods Purchased				118	16	8
„ Club Week				49	8	6
„ King George VI Leaders' Training Course				51	17	7
„ Senior Boys' Training Courses				162	16	2
„ Sport				92	18	11
„ Annual General Meeting				115	13	5
„ Conference and Affiliation Fees				16	10	0
„ Payments on Gas Fire				14	18	0
„ Advertising				3	5	0
„ Bank Cheques and Charges and Document Stamps				2	14	0
„ Sundry Expenses				16	13	9
„ Depreciation : Office Furniture, Equipment, Kit, etc.				20	13	1
Car				56	0	0
						2,973	3	10
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure				279	19	10
						<u>£3,253</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

For the Year ended 31st March, 1956

	INCOME		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Donations and Subscriptions	337	2	3			
„ Sir Percy Lister Appeal	164	2	0			
„ Subscriptions under Deeds of Covenant	107	6	0			
„ Recovery of Tax on Deeds of Covenant	134	16	10			
						743	7	1
„ Donation : Shennan Jubilee Sports Fund				92	0	0
„ Grants for Administration :								
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.	650	0	0			
Gloucester City L.E.A.	25	0	0			
N.A.B.C. (For Gloucestershire)	145	0	0			
K.G. V Jubilee Trust (Per N.A.B.C.)	95	0	0			
N.A.B.C. (For Herefordshire)	10	0	0			
						925	0	0
„ Junior Leaders' Training Course :								
Grants : King George VI Memorial Fund			66	10	0			
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.	63	0	0			
Gloucester City L.E.A.	8	10	0			
						138	0	0
Students Fees Received	5	5	0			
						143	5	0
„ Senior Boys' Training Courses :								
Grants : Gloucestershire County L.E.A.			47	4	11			
Gloucester City L.E.A.	5	0	0			
N.A.B.C.	13	10	0			
						65	14	11
Students' Fees Received	20	16	4			
						86	11	3
„ Grant : Management Committee Conference						10	0	0
„ Adjustment to Industry Course Fees				816	10	0
„ Fireworks Display				113	3	0
„ Sundry Sales : N.A.B.C. Goods, Typewriter, Canvas, etc.				42	10	4
„ Club Week				78	17	3
„ Insurance Commission				1	16	9
„ Proportion N.A.B.C. Affiliation Fees				5	0	9
„ Sport : Refund of Travelling Expenses				8	7	4
„ Telephone Calls Paid for				1	5	6
„ Travelling Refunds				13	4	5
„ Refund : Deposit on Film Hire				2	3	0
„ Sale of Advertising Space in Annual Report						170	2	0
						<u>£3,253</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

BALANCE SHEET—as at 31st March, 1956

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Petty Cash Overspent	11 8		
Accumulated Fund as at 31.3.55	374 10 1	Office Furniture, Equipment, Kit Etc., as at 31.3.55	34 8 0
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	279 19 10	Additions	172 2 11
	<u>654 9 11</u>	Less Depreciation	206 10 11
		Car at Cost	20 13 1
		Less Aggregate Depreciation	350 0 0
		Lloyds Bank Limited	126 0 0
			224 0 0
			245 3 9
			<u>£655 1 7</u>

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.

Rodney Chambers,
Cheltenham.
11th May, 1956.

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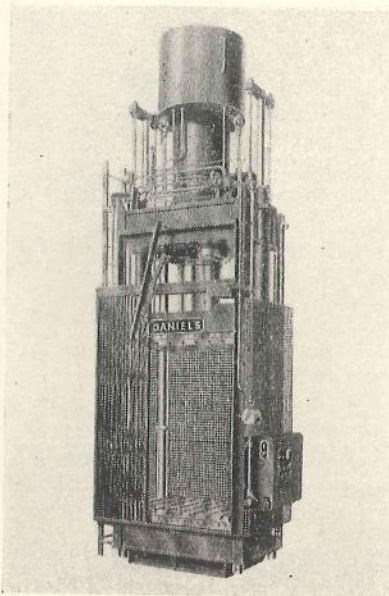
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St. Stephen's Ramblers' L.C.			
Stow B.C.	} Whaddon B.C.	}	
Whaddon B.C.			
Cirencester B.C.	} Tetbury Y.C. Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.	
Tetbury Y.C. Bye			

JUNIOR			
1st Round	2nd Round	Final	Winner
Upton St. Leonards B.C. Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C. (ceded)
Byes			
	} Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Whaddon B.C.	} Whaddon B.C. (ceded)	

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SENIOR (Godman Cup)			
1st Round	2nd Round	Final	Winner
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Baker St. Y.M.C.A.			
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Baker St. Y.M.C.A.		
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Stow B.C.		

SEVENTH ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

The race was held at Down Hatherley on Saturday, May 7th, 1955, by kind permission of Rotol Ltd.

RESULTS :

Senior Event—Distance 3½ miles

1st	Whaddon Boys' Club	.. .. .	18 points
2nd	St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	.. .. .	31 points
3rd	Gloucester City Youth Club	.. .. .	44 points

Junior Event—Distance 2½ miles

1st	Whaddon Boys' Club	.. .. .	21 points
2nd	{ St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	.. .. .	34 points
	{ St. John Bosco Boys' Club	.. .. .	34 points

There were 30 runners involved in these races.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

The race was held at Down Hatherley on Saturday, March 17th, 1956, by kind permission of Rotol Ltd.

RESULTS :

Senior Event—Distance 3½ miles

1st	Whaddon Boys' Club	.. .. .	15 points
2nd	St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	.. .. .	29 points

Junior Event—Distance 2½ miles

1st	{ St. John Bosco Boys' Club	.. .. .	40 points
	{ Whaddon Boys' Club	.. .. .	40 points
3rd	Baker St. Y.M.C.A. B.C.	.. .. .	63 points

There were 44 runners involved in both races

FIRST ANNUAL INTER-COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

This was organised by the N.A.B.C. and held at Parliament Hill Fields, London, on April 7th, 1956.

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(Selected at G.A.B.C. Cross-Country Race on March 17th, 1956).

Senior :	PLACING	Junior :	PLACING
A. Dixon (Ramblers' L.C.)	.. 43rd	E. Hannaford (Parry Hall Y.C.)	44th
V. Cole (Whaddon B.C.)	.. 57th	R. Griffin (St. Mark's Y.C.)	71st
J. Coates (Whaddon B.C.)	.. 70th	G. Ponter (Parry Hall Y.C.)	90th
P. Stokes (Whaddon B.C.)	.. 80th	A. Price (St. Mark's Y.C.)	.. 91st
Reserve :		Reserve :	
M. Whittaker (Whaddon B.C.)		D. Bridgeman (St. Mark's Y.C.)	

INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following team was selected at a trial match in which thirty-five boys, nominated by a total of twelve Clubs, took part.

D. Vick, R. Thorndale (Whaddon Boys' Club).
D. Gibbons, E. Tomkins (Capt.), L. Ricketts, R. Jones (Hereford Lads' Club).
B. Baynham (Garden City Youth Club, Hereford).
R. Wells (Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club).
P. Holland (Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club).
M. Roberts (St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club).
R. Dyer (Nailsworth Boys' Club).

Reserves : B. Keylock (Winchcombe Youth Club). R. Ayres (Whaddon Boys' Club).

The team was defeated 3 goals to Nil at Forest Green, Nailsworth, on December 10th, 1955, in the first round, by Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs.

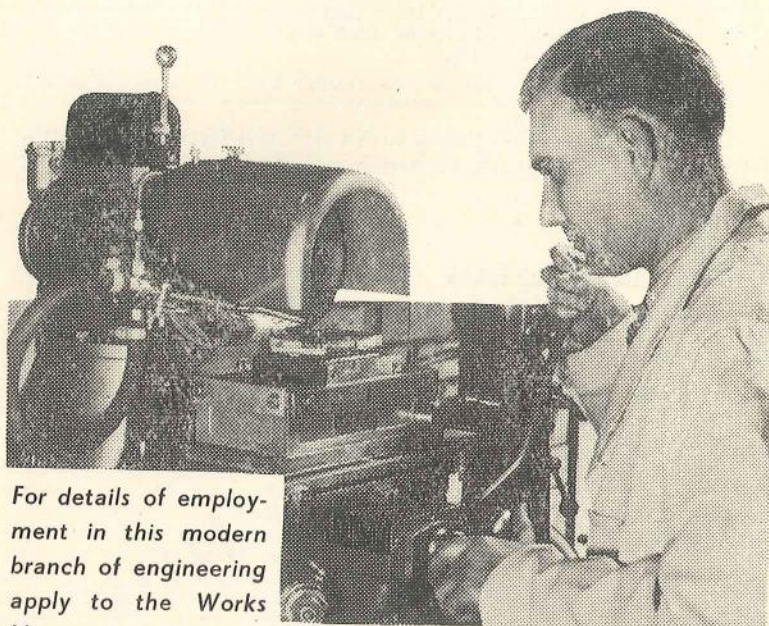
COUNTY CRICKET TEAM

Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	A. Pearce T. Smith R. Wells (12th man)
Cirencester Boys' Club	D. Kilby P. Day (V. Capt.)
Nailsworth Boys' Club	M. Vanstone (Capt.) R. Dyer C. Gay
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 1956/7

- 1956
- JULY**
 4th—8th 15th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor. (Non-Engineering).
 13th—15th N.A.B.C. Annual Conference—Stoke-on-Trent.
- SEPTEMBER**
 27th G.A.B.C. Annual General Meeting—Town Hall, Cheltenham, 4.45 p.m.
- OCTOBER**
 20th—21st King George VI Memorial Foundation Junior Leaders' Training Course (II) Opens.
 25th CLUB WEEK OPENING CEREMONY—LONDON.
 26th—Nov. 3rd N.A.B.C. CLUB WEEK.
 27th FLAG DAY IN ALL GLOUCESTERSHIRE CLUB AREAS.
- NOVEMBER**
 10th County Football Trial Match.
 14th—18th 16th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.
- DECEMBER**
 1st—2nd Senior Boy Training Course—St. Pierre.
 8th G.A.B.C. Management Committee Conference.
 12th—16th 17th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.
- 1957
- JANUARY**
 16th—20th 18th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.
- FEBRUARY**
 11th County Rugby Football Trial Match.
 16th—17th Senior Boy Training Course—St. Pierre.
- MARCH**
 16th County Cross-Country Race.
 20th—24th 19th Adjustment to Industry Course—Cowley Manor.
- APRIL**
 6th National Cross-Country Championships (date to be announced).
 27th—28th Closing date for Cricket Competition Entries.
 Senior Boy Training Course—St. Pierre.

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- (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 fifteen boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.
- (f) meet at least two nights a week.
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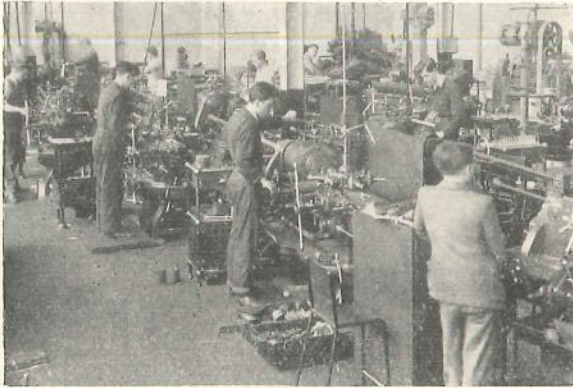
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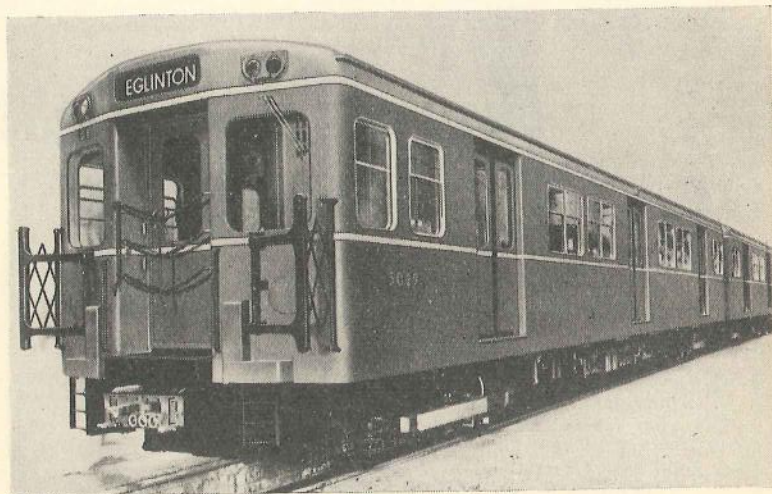
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