

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS



HANDBOOK
AND
ANNUAL REPORT
for
1956—1957

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**THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS**

WHAT DO BOYS' CLUBS DO ?

1. *They cater for boys aged between fourteen and eighteen years.*
2. *They offer healthy alternatives to lounging or gangsterism.*
3. *They base their activity on Religion.*
4. *They give them opportunities to make friends.*
5. *They teach them their duties towards other Club members and so their duty to their neighbour.*
6. *They encourage a sense of responsibility.*
7. *They try to keep boys healthy in mind and body.*
8. *Boys' Clubs, with the other Youth Organisations, compose the best answer to " Juvenile Delinquency."*

WHAT DOES THE G.A.B.C. DO ?

1. *It employs a full-time and fully trained Secretary, whose job is to help all Clubs at any time.*
2. *It encourages existing Clubs and helps them to keep up their enthusiasm and liveliness.*
3. *It helps to create new Clubs on sound lines.*
4. *It trains leaders.*
5. *It organises inter-Club events productive of keenness.*
6. *It runs " Adjustment to Industry " Courses for boys, just starting in factories, to develop a right attitude towards their work from the start ; strongly supported by numerous Firms.*
7. *It works under the direction of the National Association of Boys' Clubs and in close co-operation with the Statutory Youth Service of the Local Education Authority.*

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FOREWORD

BADMINTON,
GLOS.

It is most satisfactory that the total affiliations should show an increase on last year, and I wish every success to the new clubs opened in Dursley, Stroud and Yate. It is encouraging to know that other clubs are being formed which I hope will be functioning in the near future.

I attach great importance to the Training Courses and hope advantage will continue to be taken of these opportunities of providing a reserve of informed and trained leaders.

The results of the Club Week were excellent, and the large increase on the previous year's figure is a credit to all who took part.

I wish all the boys and those who are interesting themselves in the welfare of the Association good luck in their excellent work.

(Signed) BEAUFORT.

16th May, 1957.

INTRODUCTION

A year ago it was stated on this page of the Report that the opening of new Clubs and the revival of others then in abeyance was the main task immediately confronting the G.A.B.C. It is a real satisfaction that at Stroud, Dursley, and Yate such new Clubs have been opened and are now in operation. Our total affiliations are thus up on last year's number; and two other future foundations have already got Management Committees at work, and one of these should have its Club in action before the year is out.

This Report gives news of the very successful "King George VI Training Course for Junior Leaders"—involving ten week-end sessions over Saturday and Sunday—which was completed after publication of the 1955—6 Report. The very high percentage of attendance and final qualification was most encouraging to all concerned and a real reward to our Organizing Secretary for his enthusiastic work in this enterprise especially, as in the many other activities of the Association. The success of this experiment, explicitly approved at Headquarters of the N.A.B.C., is underlined by the fact that a number of the fourteen students are already actively working in various Gloucestershire Boys' Clubs. A second course has accordingly been conducted during the current year, though with less spectacular results.

The Adjustment to Industry Courses for Apprentices continue to receive full support from Firms in the County, mainly but not exclusively Engineering.

The 1955 effort in Club Week was felt to be good, but not good enough. So our aim was raised to £500 for 1956; and it is very gratifying that so unanimously did the Clubs set about the money-raising task that the hoped-for sum was exceeded by £150.

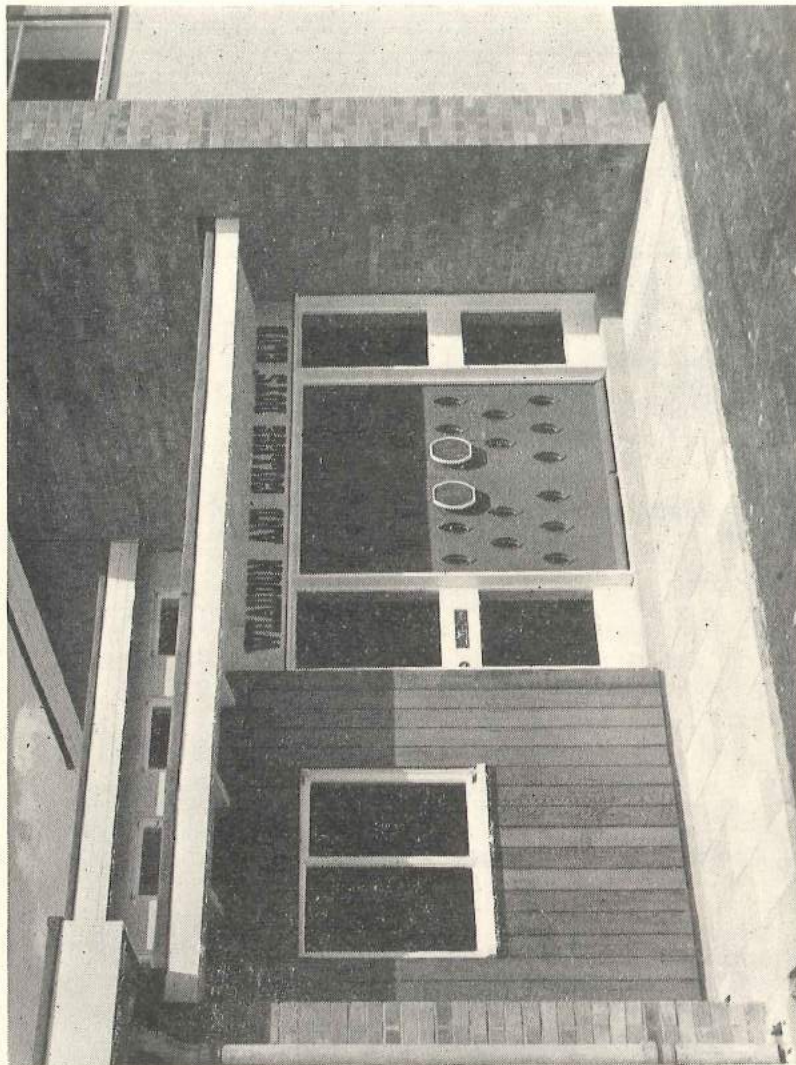
That must not suggest (through the allocation of fifteen per cent of the total £650 to the G.A.B.C.) that financial anxieties are ended. We have little in reserve, though not "in the red"—nearer it than in 1956. Our late Hon. Treasurer, D. E. Rae, worked most zealously during his year of office, but has now unfortunately left the County, though he has helped us by finding a successor in A. D. V. Ridlington, also of the Foreign Office Staff in Cheltenham.

We are glad to announce that at the Annual General Meeting on September 26th, General Sir William Platt, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., a Governor of the "Outward Bound" School (Eskdale), will be our visiting Speaker.

So the outlook is promising, if all concerned continue and increase their efforts; but even so the thought still remains in our minds, "So little done, so much to do."

H. H. HARDY,
Chairman.

May 20th, 1957.



This is the entrance to the fine new building for the Whaddon and College Boys' Club which was opened on June 15th, 1957, by Lt.-Col. A. B. Lloyd-Baker, D.S.O., formerly, for 24 years, Secretary of the Cheltenham College Mission which did great work in Nunhead, S. London, for 50 years (1890-1940).

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

Total affiliations are up on last year's figures (twenty-two for Gloucestershire), though down by one in Hereford. Of the twenty-seven Clubs in Gloucestershire, those at Bisley, Broadwell and Upton St. Leonards are in abeyance.

We are very glad indeed to welcome, as newly affiliated Clubs, the Tredworth Youth Club and the newly formed Boys' Clubs at Stroud and at Yate.

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 their Chairman, who is a member of the N.A.B.C. Council and also a member of its Executive Committee. The Secretary serves on the following Committees at Headquarters in London :—

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.

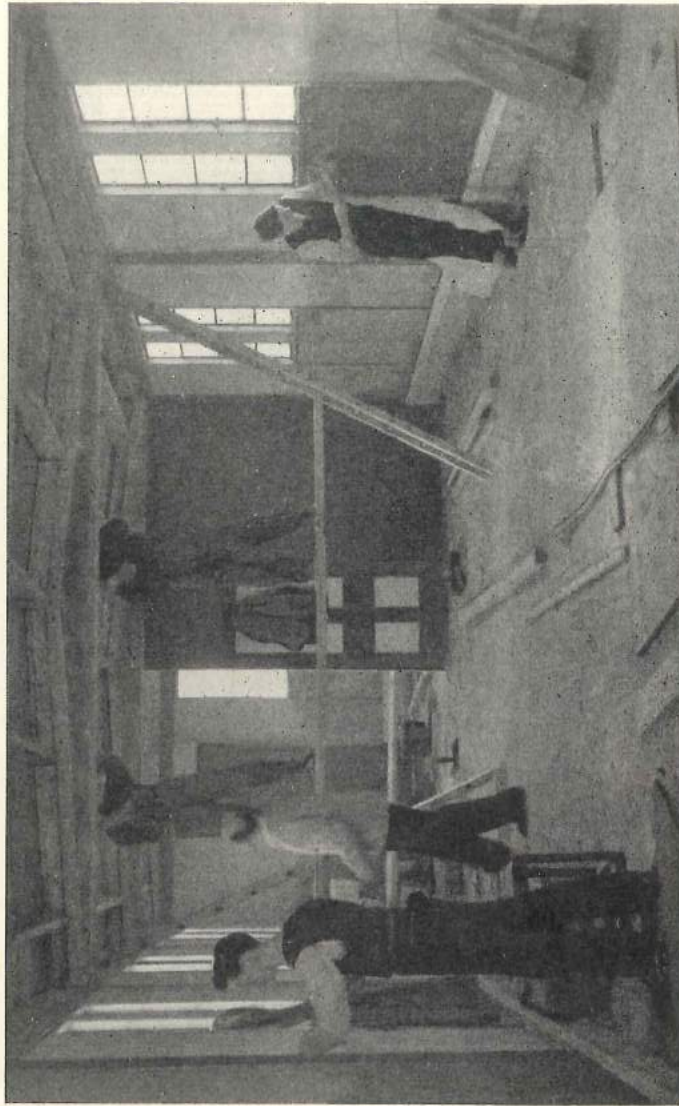
County Youth Cricket Council.

Amateur Athletic Association.

Amateur Boxing Association.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CLUBS

Local Committees which were set up last year in Stroud and Yate have opened new Clubs during the year. The Committee at Dursley opened a new Boys' Club there on May 4th, 1957. The Ministry of



Leader and members of Dursley Boys' Club working on their new premises subsequently opened in May, 1957

Education has already approved a £700 grant for the proposed Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club—the local Committee, comprising members of Cheltenham Rotary Club, local residents and representatives of nearby industry, has already raised nearly all the balance required. It is expected that this Club will open before 1958.

The Executive Committee is already engaged with plans for the establishment of a Boys' Club at Ashchurch and the next proposed site for development is Tetbury.

TRAINING

King George VI Memorial Foundation Junior Leaders' Training Course

During the period under review, the last three monthly week-ends of the year's Training Course, inaugurated in September, 1955, were held in April, May and June, 1956, respectively.

Fourteen students started the Course (representing six Clubs—two in the City area, four in the County). One was obliged to drop out after the sixth week-end.

One prospective Social Student joined the course at the seventh week-end and continued to the end.

Two Leaders designate attended one and two week-ends respectively.

Thirteen students attended the course consistently throughout. Of these:—

7 made 100% attendances ;

4 made 90% attendances ;

2 made 80% attendances.

Certificates of satisfactory attendance were presented at the close of the final week-end.

In November, 1956, a similar sessional course of seven monthly week-ends was started. Thirteen students enrolled, but wastage was greater than on the previous course and only seven students achieved satisfactory attendance. The final week-end in this course was held at Beverstone Training Centre in May, 1957.

These courses are 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.

Students attending courses pay a monthly contribution towards their cost.

The courses are 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 14-18 year old age group.

Many of those who attended the first course are already working as voluntary activity Instructors in their own Clubs.

Senior Boy Training Courses

Three Senior Boy Training Courses were held during the year at St. Pierre, Chepstow, in November, 1956, and in January and February, 1957, respectively.

On each occasion attendance averaged twenty boys, representing seven or eight different Clubs in the County area.

The courses were staffed by Club Leaders, by members of the National Boys' Club, and also by students of last year's 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. We are convinced that the experiment is proving of real value.

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, visited Clubs in Cheltenham and Gloucester on April 17th and 19th, 1956, and conducted training sessions in a Gloucester Club on April 18th.

Adjustment to Industry Courses

Five Adjustment to Industry Courses have been held during the year. All were fully booked, except that held in July, 1956 (for boys recruited from non-engineering firms).

The Committee is particularly grateful to Dowty Equipment Limited, and to the Royal Army Educational Corps, who are now providing one tutor each for each successive course.

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 15 and 18 years of age by giving them a proper understanding of the history, organisation and economics of Industry.

National Boys' Club

Three boys attended a Candidates' Week held in connection with the National Boys' Club at St. Pierre in August, 1956, and, after proving themselves satisfactory in the various situations calling for initiative and self-discipline, were elected to membership of the National Boys' Club. Their names were :—

Richard Newport } Cirencester Boys' Club
Roy Strange }
Peter Stokes, Whaddon 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.

Gloucestershire members of the National Boys' Club, numbering 10, have now been formed into a County group by the N.A.B.C. Regional Officer. The main object of this group is to assist in the work of our Association.

Training for Full-time Leadership

Norman Godwin, a former member of St. Mark's Youth Club, Cheltenham, joined the six-months Training Course, run by the N.A.B.C. at St. Pierre, Chepstow, for those intending to make Club Leadership their career. This Course started in December, 1956.

Visitors to the County

The Committee was very glad to extend an opportunity to two visitors who came to Gloucestershire, under the auspices of the N.A.B.C. to gain experience of Boys' Club work in a County Organisation.

Mr. Deodatt Singh, Scout Commissioner in Fiji ;

Mr. John Sutton, County Secretary Designate for Staffordshire.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Association has been appointed an experimenting body for the purposes of the Pilot Scheme now running in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Two Clubs are taking part in the Pilot Scheme :—

Nailsworth Boys' Club ; Whaddon Boys' Club.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Management Committee Conference was originally planned for December, 1956, but owing to travel difficulties in the early stages of petrol rationing it had to be postponed until June 6th, 1957.

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SUNDAY

On May 13th, 1956, the Rev. Robert Skillern, the N.A.B.C. Religious Adviser, preached at St. Stephen's Church, Gloucester, on the occasion of the Annual Foundation Service of St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club. Over one hundred past and present members of the Club attended the Service and they were joined by representatives from other affiliated Clubs in Gloucestershire.

REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

The following entries have been received for the 1957 Festival :—

Whaddon Boys' Club : One play.

Nailsworth Boys' Club : Eleven handicraft entries.

The play gained a 2nd class award.

The handicraft entries gained three 1st class awards, six 2nd class awards, and two 3rd class awards.



Frankie Vaughan toasts Club Week with the Leader and members of Nailsworth Boys' Club during Club Week, 1956

CLUB WEEK

Twenty-two affiliated Clubs in Gloucestershire took part in Club Week, which ran from October 26th to November 3rd, 1956. They jointly raised nearly £650, an increase of almost £400 on the previous year's figure, when only nineteen Clubs took part. A list of Clubs taking part and the amounts raised by them is given on page 13.

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. Seventy per cent 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, the Secretary, and four Club boys. The boys carried loyal messages from the Mayors of Cheltenham and of Gloucester, and from our 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.

On Friday, October 26th, a reply to his message to the Duke of Gloucester was delivered to the Mayor of Gloucester on the stage of the Regal Cinema, Gloucester, by a member of St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club. Copies of this reply were distributed to representatives of the other affiliated Clubs in the City attending this ceremony.

Features of Club Week, 1956, were the Flag Day and House-to-House Collection, through which most Clubs raised substantial amounts, and the visit of Frankie Vaughan, who made two personal appearances in a local store, visited the Clubs at Cirencester and Nailsworth, and gave a performance at a Dance in Gloucester organised and run by the six affiliated Clubs in the City. We are most grateful to this well-known old Club Member for his personal interest and generosity.

The total sum achieved, by a long way our 'record' so far, does great credit to the many Clubs concerned up and down the County. It is gratifying to know that at the National level the Club Week results considerably exceeded those of all former years.

CAMPING

Ten members of Pillely Boys' Club joined the Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs' Camp at Goodrington for a fortnight in August, 1956.

CANOEING

Canoe building is still increasing slowly but surely as a Club activity, and the Association continues to give practical help and advice to Clubs involved. Several day trips, in which five Clubs regularly participated, were organised over a 15-mile stretch of the River Wye.

SPORT

Entries in the Inter-Club Sports Competitions were well up to standard and, in some cases, more numerous than in the previous year, notably in the Cross-Country Race.

Nominations for the County Soccer Trial Matches were well up to standard, and the Association also nominated players for the N.A.B.C. International Rugby and Soccer Trial Matches. We are glad to report that D. Gibbons of Hereford Lads' Club played in two International Soccer Matches and was invited to join the N.A.B.C. team scheduled to tour Germany in May, 1957.

A County Cricket XI was again selected. Two matches were played at Cowley Cricket Ground:—

June 2nd, 1956: G.A.B.C. 108 runs; Oxfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs 81 runs.

June 30th, 1956: G.A.B.C. 108 runs; Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs 111 runs for 2 wickets declared.

Six members of Cirencester Boys' Club qualified for Proficiency Certificates in connection with the N.A.B.C. National Fitness Scheme, which is run under the Chairmanship of Dr. Roger Bannister.

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

The Association has incurred a deficit on this year's working which somewhat reduces the favourable balance of the previous year. This is partly because there are no items of income to match last year's Sir Percy Lister Appeal and Major Shennan's Jubilee Sports Fund donations, partly due to the exchange of the old station-wagon for a somewhat newer motor car in June, 1956. In the main however, it is due to general rise in prices which has affected every department of the Association's work.

Though there has been an improvement in the value of the Association's capital assets, the current account shows that the Committee has no room for complacency and must work hard during the coming year to augment the generous support from Industry, Commerce, and from individual subscribers, and the considerable grants from the K.G.V. Jubilee Trust via the N.A.B.C., from the N.A.B.C.,

and from the City and the County Council Education Committees, all of whom have aided and encouraged the Association most generously during the past year.

It is appropriate here to pay tribute to the brief but very active period Mr. D. E. Rae spent in the office of Honorary Treasurer. He was appointed Honorary Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting of last year (taking over from Mr. J. H. Gregory the very healthy finances he had built up since 1950), but was obliged to resign his office in March of this year because of his transfer to Surrey. He is succeeded by Mr. A. D. V. Ridlington who very kindly agreed to take his place as Honorary Treasurer and was so appointed in March by the Committee.

We are also greatly indebted to Mr. K. J. Hume for his services as Appeal Secretary; he has relieved the Association's Office and the Honorary Treasurer of a considerable amount of correspondence and other paper work.

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

14th May, 1957.

1956 CLUB WEEK RESULTS

	£	s.	d.
Archdeacon Youth Club	7	6	8
Baker St. Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	18	8	5½
Bussage Boys' Club	25	0	0
Cirencester Boys' Club	73	19	0
Coney Hill Youth Club	11	10	8
Down Hatherley Boys' Club	2	16	3
City Youth Club	61	12	2
Lydbrook Boys' Club	4	10	0
Nailsworth Boys' Club	46	10	0
Oddington Boys' Club	14	8	11
Parry Hall Youth Club	32	10	7
Pilley Boys' Club	38	6	2
St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	76	17	11½
St. Mark's Youth Club	42	6	2
Stow Boys' Club	2	10	6
Stratton & Bowling Green Boys' Club	30	19	5
Whaddon Boys' Club	41	8	1
Winchcombe Youth Club	17	0	7
Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club	6	9	0
Dursley Boys' Club	42	1	6
Yate Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	9	7	7
Tredworth Youth Club	41	16	11

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,057	14	0			
„ National Insurance	33	0	4			
„ Pension Fund	59	19	3			
„ Office Expenses :—				1,150	13	7
Rent	63	15	0			
Heating, Cleaning, etc.	48	5	1			
Telephone	81	7	2			
Postage	54	4	4			
Stationery, Printing and Literature	220	17	5			
„ Travelling Expenses :—				468	9	0
Petrol and Oil	127	15	5			
Subsistence and Entertainment	70	4	2			
Car Servicing and Repairs	84	9	5			
Road Tax	12	10	0			
Insurance and A.A. Subscription	28	2	9			
Fares	6	9	7			
„ Courses :—				329	11	4
Adjustment to Industry	901	1	2			
King George VI Leaders' Training	251	3	1			
Senior Boys' Training	84	16	3			
„ Sport				1,237	0	6
Club Week				83	4	9
Camp				210	9	9
Subscriptions				74	12	6
Conference Fees				8	17	6
N.A.B.C. Goods				2	15	6
Annual General Meeting				11	18	9
Bank Charges, Cheques and Document Stamps				16	15	6
Advertising				2	18	3
Insurance				1	1	0
Auditors				4	4	9
Honorary Officers' Expenses				3	3	0
Refund to Secretary for gas heating (3 years)				18	3	2
Miscellaneous Expenditure				15	7	4
Depreciation : Old and New Cars	104	8	4			
Office Furniture, Equipment, Kit, etc.	21	18	9			
				126	7	1
				£3,771	11	10

For the Year ended 31st MARCH, 1957

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Donations and Subscriptions	318	3	7			
„ Subscriptions under Deed of Covenant	118	3	11			
„ Recovery of Income Tax on Deeds of Covenant	76	11	1			
„ Grants for Administration :—				512	18	7
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.	650	0	0			
Gloucester City L.E.A.	7	0	0			
King George VI Jubilee Trust	90	0	0			
N.A.B.C.	170	0	0			
„ Junior Leaders' Training Courses :—				917	0	0
Grants : King George VI Memorial Fund	80	0	0			
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.	58	0	0			
Gloucester City L.E.A.	13	0	0			
Students' Fees Received	12	4	6			
Sale of Photographs	1	9	6			
„ Senior Boys' Training Courses :—				164	14	0
N.A.B.C.	26	0	0			
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.	58	6	10			
Students' Fees Received	28	17	4			
Accommodation Paid For	1	1	0			
„ Adjustment to Industry Courses :—				114	5	2
Fees	1,190	4	0			
Other Receipts	16	18	6			
„ Sport				1,207	2	6
Club Week				29	4	9
Camp				309	4	0
Sale of Advertising Space in Annual Report				75	0	0
Sale of N.A.B.C. Goods				182	14	0
„ Miscellaneous Income :—				23	3	6
Telephone Calls Paid For	3	9	8			
A.G.M. Teas Paid For	4	2	9			
Refund of Excess Car Repair Payment	4	5	0			
Affiliation Fees Refunded by N.A.B.C.	4	19	1			
Sundry	18	3	0			
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income				34	19	6
				3,570	6	0
				201	5	10
				£3,771	11	10

BALANCE SHEET—as at 31st March, 1957

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	*173 12 3	185 17 10
Accumulated Fund as at 31.3.1956	654 9 11	33 10 0
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	201 5 10	219 7 10
		453 4 1	21 18 9
			350 0 0
			454 3 6
			45 8 4
		£626 16 4	408 15 2
			14 6 4
			6 5 9
			£626 16 4

ASSETS	£ s. d.
Office Furniture, Equipment, Kit, Etc., as at 31.3.1956
Additions
Less Depreciation
Car at Cost
Less Sale price
Aggregate Depreciation
Less Sale Price	.. 165 0 0
Aggregate Depreciation	.. 185 0 0
Car at cost
Less Depreciation
Lloyds Bank Limited
Cash in Hand

We have compared 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.

1st July, 1957.

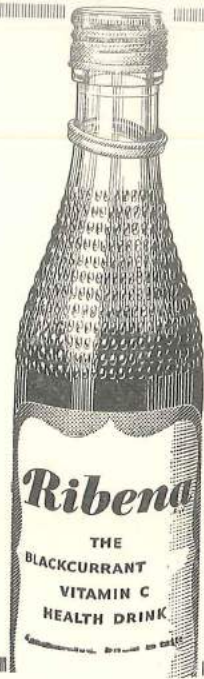
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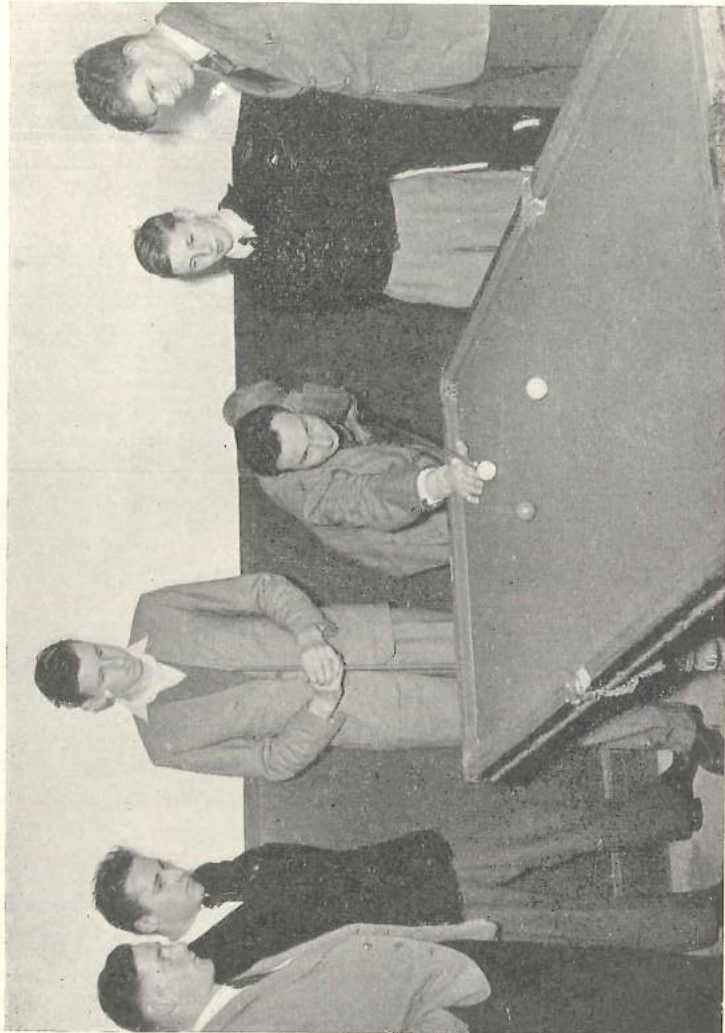
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Capt. P. R. Bosworth, then Chairman of Stroud Boys' Club, plays first shot at the opening of the Club in October, 1956.

SPORTS APPENDIX

NINTH ANNUAL CRICKET COMPETITION (1956)

SENIOR

Round 1	Round 2	Final	Winner
Cirencester B.C.	} Cirencester B.C.	} Cirencester B.C.	} Stow B.C.
Nailsworth B.C.			
Parry Hall Y.C.	} St. Stephen's Ramblers' L.C.		
St. Stephen's Ramblers' L.C.			
Winchcombe Y.C.	} Stow B.C.		
Stow B.C.			
Longlevens Y.C.	} Whaddon B.C. (ceded)	} Stow B.C.	
Whaddon B.C.			

JUNIOR

Round 1	Final	Winner
St. Stephen's Ramblers' L.C.	} St. Stephen's Ramblers' L.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.
Whaddon B.C.		
Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.	
Longlevens Y.C. (ceded)		

NINTH ANNUAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION (1956/7)

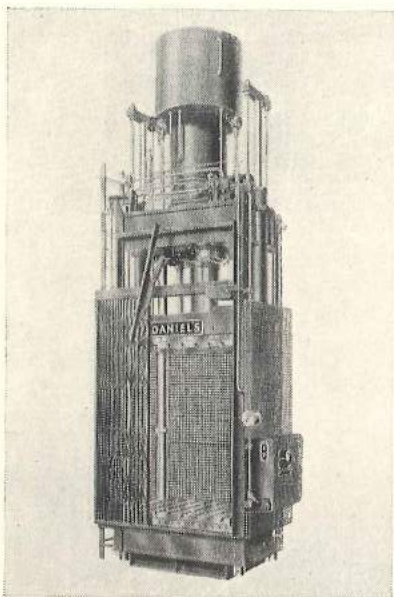
SENIOR (Godman Cup)

Round 1	Round 2	Final	Winner
Bye	} Whaddon B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.	} Nailsworth B.C.
Nailsworth B.C.			
Cirencester B.C.	} Stow B.C.		
Stow B.C.			
Winchcombe Y.C.	} Baker St. Y.M.C.A. B.C.		
Baker St. Y.M.C.A. B.C.			
City Y.C.	} Baker St. Y.M.C.A. B.C.		

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Whaddon B.C.			
	City Y.C.	City Y.C.	
	St. Mark's Y.C.		

NINTH ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

The race was held at Down Hatherley on Saturday, March 16th,
1957, by kind permission of Rotol Ltd.

RESULTS :

Senior Event—Distance 3 miles

1st	Lydbrook Boys' Club	..	..	..	..	16 points
2nd	Whaddon Boys' Club	..	..	..	..	22 points
3rd	Down Hatherley Boys' Club	..	..	..	..	45 points

Junior Event—Distance 2½ miles

1st	St. Mark's Youth Club	..	..	..	..	25 points
2nd	Lydbrook Boys' Club	..	..	..	..	31 points
3rd	Cirencester Boys' Club	..	..	..	..	44 points

There were 49 runners involved in both races

SECOND ANNUAL INTER-COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were organised by the N.A.B.C. and held at Heaton Park,
Manchester, on April 6th, 1957.

Thirty-two Counties were represented in the Senior Event and
also in the Junior Event. There were four boys to a team in each
Event—three to count for placing.

GLoucestershire Teams

(Selected at G.A.B.C. Cross-Country Race on March 16th, 1957)

Senior :

Junior :

	PLACING		PLACING
B. Bick (Lydbrook B.C.)	.. 72nd	S. James (Lydbrook B.C.)	54th
P. Protheroe (Lydbrook B.C.)	.. 101st	D. Courquin (Whaddon B.C.)	63rd
C. Jenkins (Lydbrook B.C.)	.. 102nd	B. Harber (Lydbrook B.C.)	76th
J. Whittaker (Whaddon B.C.)	.. 115th	D. Bridgman (St. Mark's Y.C.)	99th
RESERVE		RESERVE	
A. Coates (Whaddon B.C.)		B. Fletcher (Cirencester B.C.)	

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B. Jones (Whaddon Boys' Club).
A. Pitt (Nailsworth Boys' Club).
B. Baynham (Hereford Lads' Club).
*D. Gibbons (Hereford Lads' Club).
R. Dyer (Capt.) (Nailsworth Boys' Club).
N. Smith (V. Capt.) (Hereford Lads' Club).
P. Price (Nailsworth Boys' Club).
R. Wise (Stow Boys' Club).
M. Evans (Nailsworth Boys' Club).
I. Catley (Hereford Lads' Club).
D. Hutchinson (Hereford Lads' Club).

Reserves :

P. Walker (St. Mark's Youth Club).
J. Hart (Nailsworth Boys' Club).

Matches :

24.11.56 v. Wiltshire Boys' Clubs at Marlborough.
Score : G.A.B.C. 9 goals, Wiltshire 1 goal.
22.12.56 v. Bristol Federation of Boys' Clubs, at Bristol.
Score : G.A.B.C. 1 goal, Bristol 1 goal.
12.1.57 Replay of above.
Score : G.A.B.C. 1 goal, Bristol 5 goals.

*D. Gibbons was selected for international trial by the N.A.B.C. and subsequently played for England v. Wales, England v. Scotland, and then joined the N.A.B.C. team which toured Germany in May, 1957.

COUNTY CRICKET TEAM

Cirencester Boys' Club	D. Kilby (Capt.)
Nailsworth Boys' Club	R. Dyer C. Gay
Parry Hall Youth Club	L. Agg M. Barnes
Stow Boys' Club	A. Jennings
St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads' Club	J. Howes E. Stephens D. Hill
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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.

It offers Clubs a comprehensive accident insurance to cover boys and leaders.

Training

The N.A.B.C. maintains the following centres:

St. Pierre, Chepstow—for the training of full-time and voluntary leaders, helpers, and senior boys.

Nash Court, Ludlow—for all kinds of camping.

Conferences and courses on general and specialised aspects of Boys' Club work and activities are arranged regularly at the above centres and elsewhere.

"Adjustment to Industry" courses are also held in various places for boys during their first years in industry. The purpose of these courses is to teach a responsible attitude towards work.

Religion

A full-time religious adviser, working in conjunction with the N.A.B.C.'s Religious Advisory Committee, helps Clubs to promote the spiritual well-being of their members.

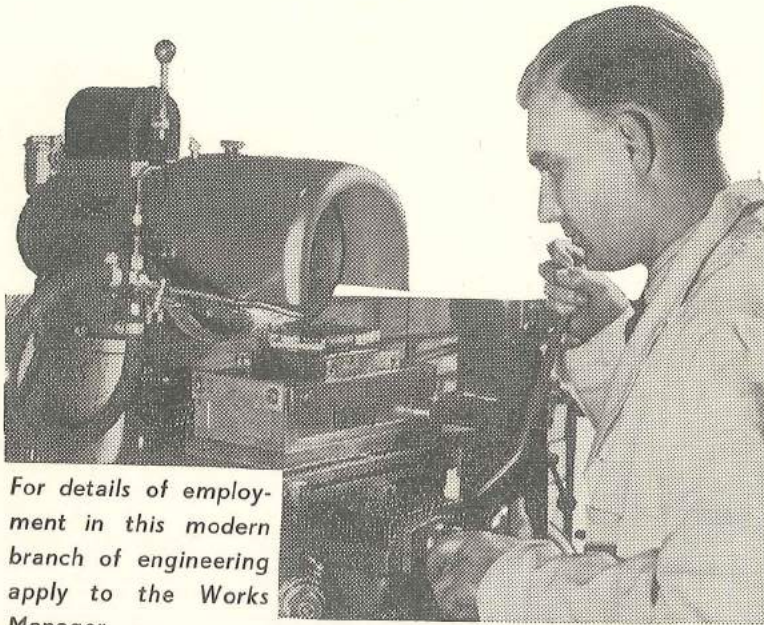
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Publications

All affiliated and associated Clubs receive a free copy of the Association's quarterly magazine "The Boy," which contains articles written by experts on a wide range of subjects. A "News Service" bulletin of topical information is sent to them each month. The N.A.B.C. also publishes many booklets and leaflets on club work and activities. (A list will be sent on request).

Picture Scheme

A number of excellent reproductions of good pictures is available for sale to Clubs at reasonable prices.

AFFILIATION TO N.A.B.C.

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 fifteen boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.
- (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.

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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.)

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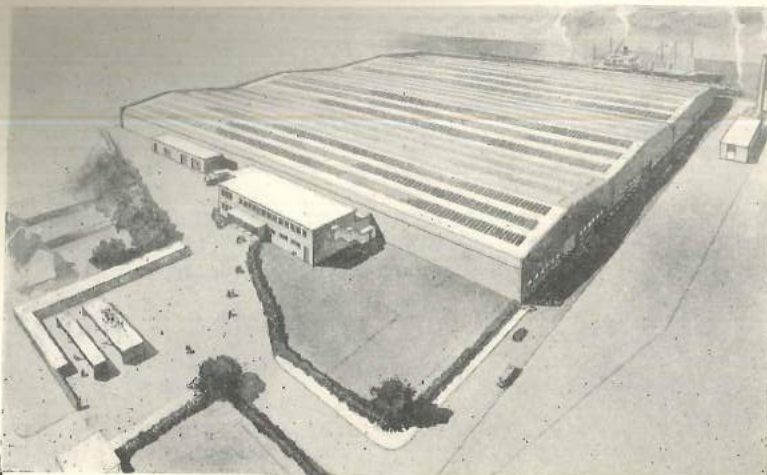
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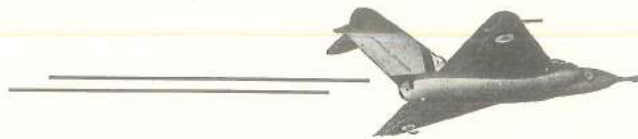
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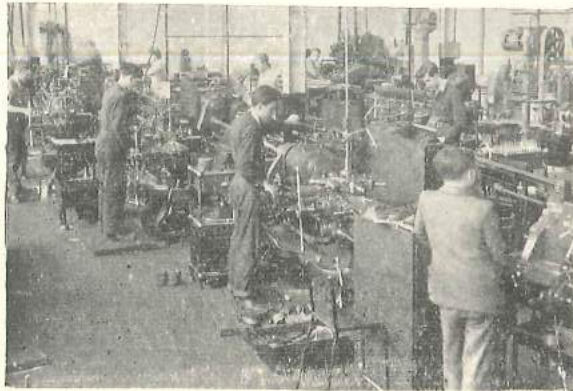
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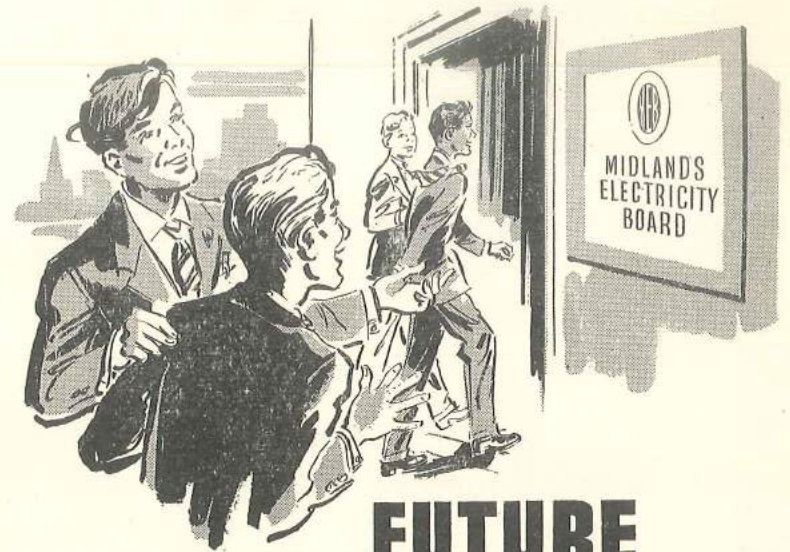


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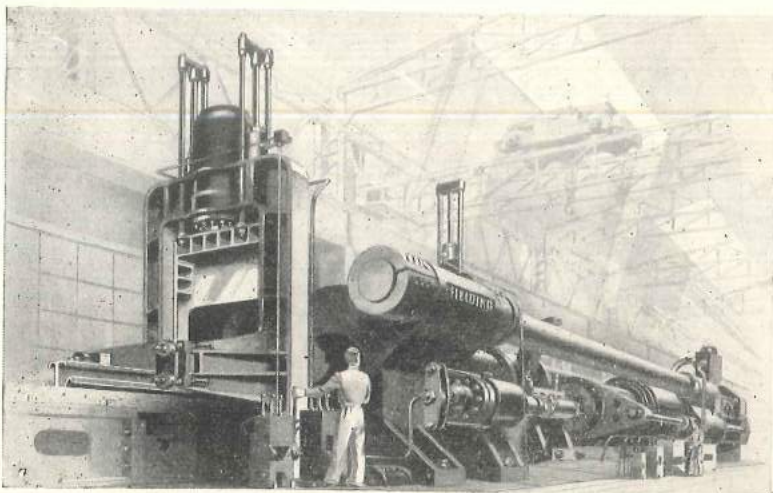
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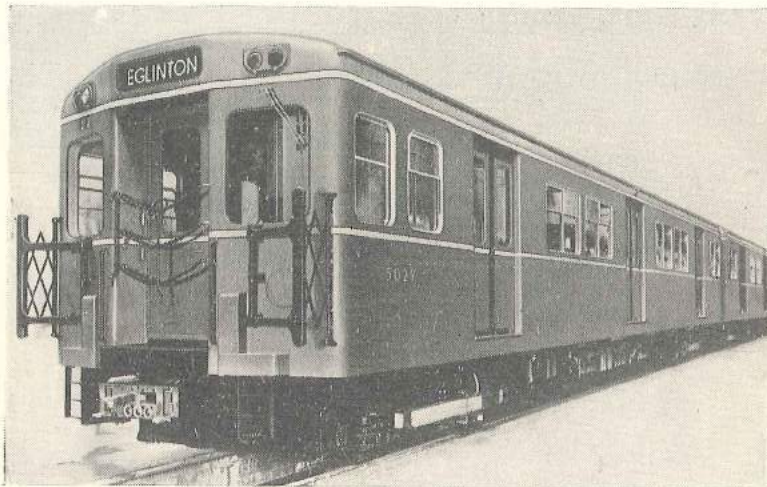
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