

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS**



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FOREWORD

BADMINTON,
GLOS.

It is very satisfactory that the total affiliations should have increased during the past year, and I wish the new Clubs every success.

Encouraging, too, are the great efforts made by the boys themselves, not only to support their own Club, but to extend their help to the community about them.

Of all our activities, perhaps that which receives the most publicity and greatest attention is the Adventure programme, but it is important, too, that the balance is maintained between this and the cultural side of our work.

New Clubs are needed as more boys of Club age leave school, and for this the training of leaders and senior boys will continue to be of the utmost importance.

Club Week again raised a record amount, and Clubs can be congratulated on their fine effort.

I would again thank all connected with our Boys' Clubs for their excellent work, and extend a welcome to the many adults who will be needed to help and lead more boys in more Clubs.

22nd June, 1959.

(Signed) BEAUFORT.

PREFACE

Major Hardy

The Association reports with the greatest regret the death of Major H. H. Hardy, C.B.E., who with enthusiasm, unbounded energy and great wisdom, directed the affairs of the Association for so many years. His influence spread much wider than the County, and the Boys' Club Movement has lost an inspired leader and a good friend. It pleased him to recall that one of his last public appearances was at the opening of the Boys' Club in his own village of Bishop's Cleeve.

The Year's Work

Those who read this Handbook will find much to stimulate and interest them, and will be aware not only of the growing number of Clubs, but of the wide field covered by our work. The year has been one of increasing activity and development on all sides, and the co-operation of our many friends, of our leaders, and our boys, has done much to help our plans forward. Many will have seen accounts of some of our activities in the public press and on television, but these are only brief glimpses of the day to day work of our Clubs, and show little of the tremendous efforts made by boys to raise a record amount for Club Week, and of the Industrial, Senior Boy, and Leader Training going on week by week throughout the year. The special honours won by individual boys through Club Work or Sport receive little publicity, but are none the less real, the quiet progress of Public Service and willingness to give without thought of reward may pass unnoticed, but these, like adventure, initiative testing, and the will to make the best of one's gifts, are all part of the pattern of the Boys' Clubs of Gloucestershire, as is the friendliness and comradeship one finds within them. We believe that the example set by our good Club members is bound to have an influence for good among the less steady boys, and so does its bit in checking juvenile crime.

The coming year will bring many problems, not least being the famous "bulge" in the numbers of boys leaving school, who will shortly be clamouring for Clubs. Many Clubs are now full to capacity and new Clubs will be needed; more leaders and helpers must be recruited and trained; more clubs will be erecting or converting their own buildings, and all will be reaching out to wider horizons. The calls for the Association's services will place an even greater strain on our resources, but we are confident that we shall gain more and more of the public support, which is the real life-blood of the voluntary movement.

J. C. GURNEY,
Acting Chairman, G.A.B.C.

June 30th, 1959.

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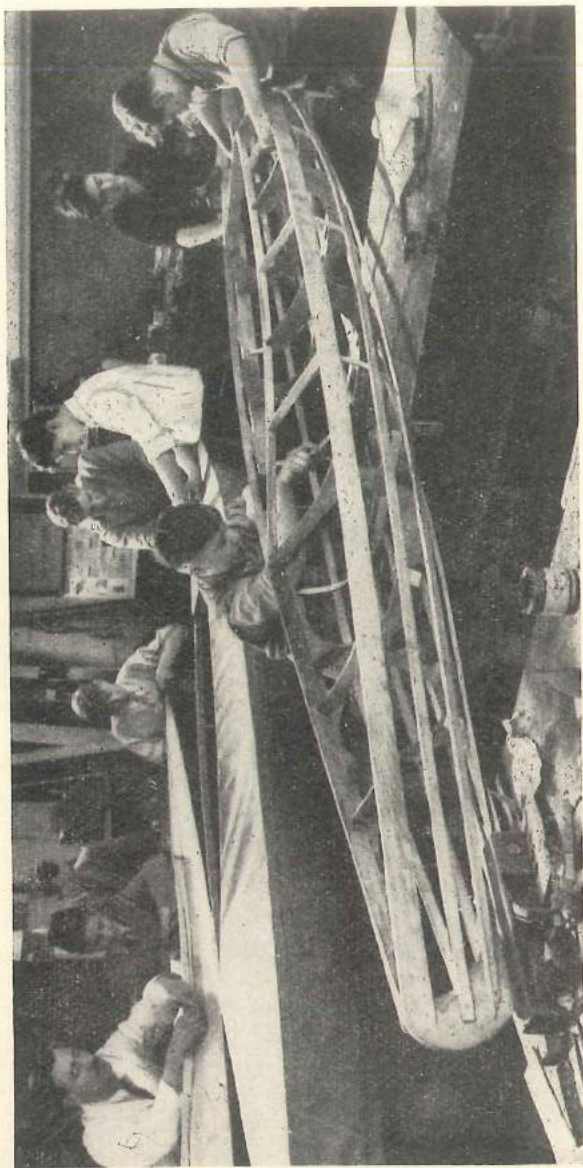
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Canoe building—a typical Club activity
(One example of the wide choice of interests in which men with
knowledge can hand on their skill and enthusiasm to boys.)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Gloucestershire Association of Boys' Clubs now has thirty-one member Clubs, twenty-nine in Gloucestershire and two in Hereford, all of which are affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

Affiliations show an increase of four over last year, and we welcome our new members at Bishop's Cleeve, Wickwar, Broadwell, and Cheltenham.

The Organising Secretary serves on the Management Committee of most Clubs, and is always available to advise and help, whilst the friendly contact maintained through regular visits to all affiliated Clubs is one of the most important facets of the work of the Association.

The Executive Committee is in close and constant touch with the National Association through their Chairman, who is a member of the National Executive Committee, and through the Secretary who is a member of the Advisory and Regional Committees. Similar contact is maintained with the following Committees through the Secretary, who also works in close and friendly contact with the County, City, and Borough Youth Services through their Youth Officers:—

Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations.
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinating Committee.
Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.
Diocesan Youth Committee.
County Training Committee.
County Youth Cricket Council.
Amateur Athletic Association.
Amateur Boxing Association.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CLUBS

The Executive Committee gives full priority to the need for continued development, and it is encouraging to see the steady growth of new Clubs. During the past year, the building of the Club at Bishop's Cleeve was completed and opened by our President, His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, and an active Club now meets regularly. Helped by a group of men, who had themselves been Boys' Club Members, a new Club has been opened in Broadwell in the Forest of Dean, and two more Clubs, Whaddon Community Association in Cheltenham and Wickwar in the south of the County, have been accepted for affiliation. In addition, several Clubs previously holding Associate Membership, have now been up-graded to Full Membership. Development work continues in both Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and there are new Clubs which can be expected to reach the standard necessary for affiliation during the coming year.

It has been the policy of the Association to extend help to other Clubs, who, though not affiliated, show interest in our work, and we have been able to give assistance in this way to many leaders and boys, who may well look forward to membership in the future.

CLUB BUILDINGS

One of the most interesting forms of development has been the drive made by existing Clubs to establish their own Headquarters. In addition to the new Club at Bishop's Cleeve already mentioned, the Bussage Boys' Club has by its own labour, and with a great measure of local support, erected its own Club building in record time. Two further projects await Ministry approval, and both Nailsworth and Tewkesbury Swifts' look forward to erecting or converting premises of their own in the very near future.

TRAINING

"Adjustment to Industry" Courses

Five "Adjustment to Industry" Courses have been held during the year, all but one were fully booked, and it is worth noting that despite the difficulties in industry during the year, more firms have become interested in these Courses, and have been sending their boys for training.

The Courses, which are residential and last for five days, aim at developing 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 organisation of industry as a whole, and the importance of their own contribution.

The Committee is particularly grateful to the many firms and organisations who give so much help in providing Speakers and Tutors for these Courses.

Leader Training

The Association was fortunate in having the services of the Mobile Training Wing of the N.A.B.C. again this year, and so that as many people engaged in Youth Work as possible might benefit, courses were organised jointly by the G.A.B.C. and the Education Authorities of Cheltenham and Hereford.

This was the first visit of the Wing to Hereford for many years, and support came from a wide area, whilst some thirty leaders and interested people attended each of the two sessional courses arranged in Cheltenham.

Senior Boy Training

Senior Boy Training Courses continue to be an important and popular feature of our work, and each of the three courses held at the Beverstone Centre this year was over-subscribed, one course indeed had to cater for "a stowaway".

The Courses followed the plan which proved so popular last year, though the members attending were given even more responsibility. Basic Club work formed the main theme, and some really hard work on programme planning, Committee work, and kindred subjects was encouraged through a system of Lectures and Group Tutorials. Responsibility for the planning of the final Course rested on the students and the results fully justified the faith placed in them. Each course included one session designed to give new interests, and in "Speaking Personally" on subjects of their own choice, visiting speakers opened up prospects of new adventurous activities. The Night Adventure is now a firm feature of these Courses, and the hours of darkness set a challenge to boys new to map reading, compass work, and moving in the country at night.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During the past year, six members of the Nailsworth Boys' Club have qualified for, and received their silver awards from Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Chairman of one of the Outward Bound Schools, and have now progressed well towards the Gold Standard. Boys in a number of other Clubs in Cheltenham, Cirencester and Dursley are qualifying for, or have now reached, the Bronze Standard, and participation in the scheme is steadily growing.

The Secretary is a member of the County Co-ordinating Committee for the Award Scheme, and has been able to offer help with adjudication with pursuits and with expeditions to a number of unattached groups in the County. Progress is slower than one would have hoped, and many more adults will be needed to bring to boys their own skills and interests, if full use is to be made of the Scheme in the coming years.

National Boys' Club

Four more Gloucestershire boys attended National Boys' Club Candidates' Week aboard the Foydroyant, and three were subsequently admitted to membership of the Club, which gives special recognition to boys who have given outstanding service to their own Club. This, the highest honour in the Boys' Club Movement, was awarded to:

Brian Compton	}	Whaddon and College Boys' Club
Stanley Green		
David Francis		

These, and other members of the National Boys' Club, are banding together to form a team of helpers working for the Association.

Outward Bound

Brian Compton was, subsequent to his acceptance as a member of the National Boys' Club, awarded a Bursary to an Outward Bound School, and on his return took on, for a time, voluntary work as assistant leader in Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club.

National Fitness

The N.A.B.C. Fitness Charter Scheme aims at establishing personal fitness standards, and many Clubs are using the Charter as part of their Club programme. The acceptance of the Scheme by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee has meant that it has been fully used in those Clubs where boys are qualifying for the award.

Individual Certificates of Fitness have been gained by many boys throughout the County, and Stanley Wakefield of Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club, in attending a Junior Fitness Leader's Course, not only gained a 5 Star Award but also qualified to give help and instruction in his own Club.

Challenge to Adventure

There can be very few national events of an adventurous nature in which Leaders and boys from Gloucestershire cannot be found. Boys have again faced the challenge of the Putney to Margate Canoe Adventure, and Leaders have offered their services to try tough mountain routes suitable for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, whilst nearer home the adventurous expeditions, assault courses, and the like, have gained local and national publicity, both in the press and on B.B.C. and Independent Television. Clubs both large and



Accepting the challenge

small throughout the County, plan and carry out the most ambitious schemes of night operations, ranging from the Forest of Dean, to the mountains on the borders of Wales, and the Association has always been very ready to help in the organisation and carrying out of schemes of this nature.

Several Clubs now have their own lightweight camping equipment, and camping, canoeing and climbing week-ends are taken as normal throughout the year, also once again Clubs old and new have held their Annual Camp Weeks. It may not be generally realized that, almost without exception, these outdoor activities are linked with some project aiming at widening the interest and experience of the members taking part.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

The work done by Boys' Club Members for people less fortunate than themselves asks no publicity, but it is worth mentioning that:

The Mountain Headquarters, converted for the N.A.B.C. by Gloucestershire boys, is now open for general use.

Local Hospitals are "adopted", and groups of boys play games with the children there.

Boys' Clubs offer a wide variety of Service to Old Age Pensioners in their locality.

Christmas Parties are given for old people.

Children deprived of normal home life are welcome visitors on Club nights.

Help is given to Spastic children attending Swimming Baths.

Help, too, is given to many worthy organisations in their efforts to raise funds, and a boys' club stall is often a feature of the events they organise.

CLUB WEEK

Last year, we were justly proud that we had raised a record total of £700 during this special week, when members really go "all out" to raise money for their Club, for their County Association, and for their National Association. Seventy per cent of the money raised is retained by the Club, and the remaining thirty per cent is divided equally between the two Associations.

This year, with all Clubs co-operating fully in this effort to raise money and make the general public more aware of our work, not only did we gain new friends, but we raised a record total of £1,066, of which over £900 went into Club funds direct. The value of Club Week cannot be over-estimated when it is realised that even in these days of generous Grant-Aid, Clubs by their own efforts, still raise three-fifths of the money needed for their support.

The G.A.B.C. were represented at the Club Week Opening Ceremony by the Secretary and by Club Members carrying loyal messages from our President, His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, and from the Mayors of Gloucester, Cheltenham, and Tewkesbury, to St. James's Palace, where they were handed to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, who presided at the ceremony as President of the N.A.B.C. More leaders attended the Civic Reception at County Hall, London, and were later joined by members of their Clubs for "Clubs are Trumps", the great show at the Royal Festival Hall, featuring stars of screen, radio and television, many of whom were former Club

Members. Included in the programme, too, were selected acts from Clubs throughout the country, including one from Gloucestershire.

Many special features marked this year's Club Week in the County. Quite apart from a general Flag Day and House-to-House Collection, stalls in the streets, shop window displays, and open nights, all gave publicity. A special prize of a free aeroplane flight was offered by the Cotswold Aero Club to the two boys making the highest individual collection. The prize was won by John Cross and Michael Williams—both of Whaddon and College Boys' Club—who each raised over £16 by his own efforts.

Plans for 1959 are already in hand, and with films of Boys' Clubs booked for local cinemas, publicity prepared to attract adult help, as well as financial support, and boys ready to play their part, we look forward to creating another impressive record again this year.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

We are grateful to the Cheltenham Education Authority, who allowed us the use of "Northlands" for our fourth Annual Conference in June, 1958. This most successful gathering was addressed by the N.A.B.C. Regional Officer, Mr. H. E. Higgins, J.P., who spoke from a wide personal experience of Club problems, and for whom the Conference was an opportunity to meet his many friends before taking up his new appointment as Secretary for Training in London.

ANNUAL MEETING

The many people present at our Annual Meeting will long remember the stimulating talk given by our Guest, Sir Raymond Priestley, who, speaking so movingly of his experiences on the great, if ill-fated, Antarctic Expedition, left us with the sure knowledge that the spirit and endurance of simple men can, with faith, be a force of tremendous power, not only in the Polar wastes, but in our own work and our own lives.

FULL-TIME LEADER TRAINING

Mr. Gordon Pashley, who attended the N.A.B.C. Training Course at St. Pierre, has now been appointed full-time leader of the Stroud Boys' Club.

With the closing of St. Pierre due to heavy overheads, the pattern of training in full-time leadership has changed, and a two-year course at Liverpool University is now offered through the N.A.B.C. Two leaders in the County have already applied for the first of these courses, which should establish the status of the full-time leader as well as give really comprehensive training.

SPORT

Sport plays a part in the life of every boy, and all Clubs cater for this side of Club work by joining in local leagues and competitions. Interest in G.A.B.C. events has grown apace, and it has been found necessary to set up a Sports Committee, representative of Clubs and

sporting organisations, and this Committee will have ample work during the coming season.

The County soccer team won its first match in the National Competition by a substantial margin, only to be beaten equally convincingly in round two. In Rugby we had better fortune, and five more boys gaining national Caps in the international against Wales, brings our total of capped players to ten in two seasons.

With inclement weather throughout the season, we were only able to play one County Cricket fixture against the Bristol Federation, and here the more practised Bristol team carried the day. Details of the many competitions, County and National Sporting events may be found in the following pages.

FINANCE

This year's work has resulted in a substantial deficit. This is largely due to general rising costs, and to the expense involved in replacing the Association's car, after it was stolen in October, 1958. We are indeed grateful that the generous support given by Industry, Commerce and individual subscribers, together with the considerable grants from the King George VI Trust, from the N.A.B.C., and from the City and County Council Education Committees, have been maintained during the past year, for without this help our services could not have been kept at their present level.

There is an urgent need for new income, not only to meet present needs, but to cater for the ever growing demands made upon the Association as the numbers leaving our schools increase, and strenuous efforts are being made so that these demands may be met during the coming year.

It is appropriate that our thanks to Mr. A. D. V. Ridlington be recorded. Increasing commitments made it necessary for him to relinquish the post of Treasurer during the year. He is succeeded by Mr. D. L. Coombe, who kindly agreed to take his place as Hon. Treasurer early this year, and was so appointed in February by the Committee.

We are indebted, too, to Mr. K. J. Hume, who, until his new appointment at Leicester, dealt so ably with the appeal side of our 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 Local and County Education Authorities, by Industry, by Management Committees, by Club Leaders, by Club members, and by the many individuals who have contributed so much to the year's work, and to the firms who by their advertisements in this report have helped towards its publication.

J. C. GURNEY, Acting Chairman.

J. THOMAS, Secretary.

11th June, 1959.

1958 CLUB WEEK RESULTS

	£	s.	d.
Archdeacon Youth Club	16	0	0
Baker Street Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	33	16	7
Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club	27	1	4
Bussage Boys' Club	96	15	1
Cirencester Boys' Club	42	0	0
Coney Hill Youth Club	10	5	10
Down Hatherley Boys' Club	3	6	8
Dursley Boys' Club	38	16	7
Gloucester City Youth Club	21	4	0
Hereford Garden City	8	1	6
Hereford Lads' Club	66	10	10
Lydbrook Boys' Club	7	9	5
Nailsworth Boys' Club	83	19	5
Parry Hall and Tredworth Youth Clubs	87	16	2
St. Mark's Youth Club	87	18	1
St. Stephen's Ramblers' Lads	52	0	0
Stratton and Bowling Green Boys' Club	33	5	0
Stroud Boys' Club	60	17	11
Swifts' Boys' Club	38	19	0
Whaddon Community Association Youth Club	18	8	0
Whaddon and College Boys' Club	167	11	5
Wickwar Youth Club	3	0	0
Winchcombe Youth Club	7	4	0
Wotton-under-Edge Boys' Club	5	10	0
Yate Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club	26	3	0
Broadwell Boys' Club	22	17	0

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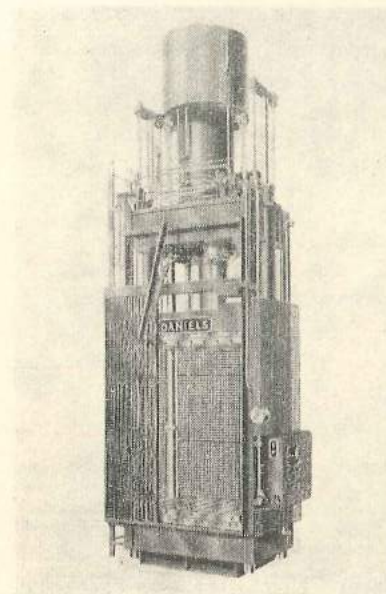
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EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,089	16	5			
„ National Insurance	38	11	1			
„ Pension Fund	51	12	0			
				1,179	19	6
„ Office Expenses :—						
Rent	92	14	6			
Heating, Cleaning, etc.	36	8	6			
Telephone	35	0	3			
Postages	56	17	8			
Stationery	192	8	9			
				413	9	8
„ Travelling Expenses :—						
Petrol and Oil	124	7	6			
Subsistence	11	9	11			
Car Servicing and Repairs	69	2	10			
Road Tax	12	10	0			
Insurance and A.A. Subscription	12	12	2			
				230	2	5
„ Courses :—						
Adjustment to Industry	620	18	11			
Senior Boys' Training	47	15	5			
				668	14	4
„ Sport				76	9	2
„ Club Week				272	14	10
„ Conference Fees and Expenses				6	18	6
„ N.A.B.C. Goods				4	7	0
„ Annual General Meeting				3	6	0
„ Bank Cheque Books				2	0	0
„ Committee Expenses				6	3	7
„ Auditors				3	3	0
„ Payment to Secretary for Clothing stolen from Association Car				19	10	0
„ Purchase of Cricket Equipment				48	13	6
„ Miscellaneous Expenditure				22	14	11
„ Hospitality				7	12	0
„ Depreciation—Stolen Car	137	7	0			
Loss on Sale of Vauxhall Velox	117	17	8			
Office Furniture, Equipment, Kit, etc.	18	6	3			
				273	10	11
				£3,239	9	4

For the Year ended 31st March, 1959

	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Donations and Subscriptions		338	18	4			
„ Subscriptions under Deed of Covenant		24	12	5			
„ Sir Percy Lister Appeal		80	10	0			
„ Gloucestershire County Cricket Supporters		50	0	0			
					494	0	9
„ Grants for Administration :—							
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.		800	0	0			
Gloucester City L.E.A.		50	0	0			
N.A.B.C.		300	0	0			
					1,150	0	0
„ Senior Boys' Training Courses :—							
Gloucestershire County L.E.A.		19	19	7			
Gloucester City L.E.A.		9	4	0			
N.A.B.C.		19	18	6			
Students' Fees received and Accommodation paid for		24	19	6			
					74	1	7
„ Adjustment to Industries Courses :—							
Fees					901	10	0
„ Sport					33	13	0
„ Club Week					368	2	5
„ Sale of Advertising Space in Annual Report					169	11	6
„ Sale of N.A.B.C. Publications, etc.					5	5	6
„ Club Affiliation					10	0	3
„ Miscellaneous Income :—							
N.A.B.C. Refund Management Committee Conference		8	3	6			
Refund Hereford Expenses		7	0	0			
Conference Fees Refund		5	0	0			
A.G.M. Teas paid for		2	19	0			
					18	7	6
					3,224	12	6
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income					14	16	10
					£3,239	9	4

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We are indebted to the Gloucestershire County Cricket Supporters' Club Fund, whose most generous gift helped us to form a pool of equipment. Cricket gear was made available to Clubs in the Gloucester City, Cheltenham, Nailsworth, Stroud and Lydbrook area, and it was of great value in encouraging more Clubs to take part in leagues and friendly games in their own locality.

FOOTBALL

ELEVENTH ANNUAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION (1958-59)

SENIOR (Godman Cup)			
Round 1	Round 2	Final	Winner
Hereford L.C.	Hereford B.C.	Baker Street	Baker Street Y.M.C.A. B.C.
Whaddon and College B.C.			
Nailsworth B.C.	Y.M.C.A. B.C.	Y.M.C.A. B.C.	
Cirencester B.C.			
St. Mark's Y.C.	St. Mark's Y.C.	St. Mark's Y.C.	Baker Street Y.M.C.A. B.C.
Swifts' B.C.			
Yate Y.M.C.A. B.C.	Nailsworth B.C.	St. Mark's Y.C.	
Baker Street Y.M.C.A. B.C.			

JUNIOR (G.A.B.C. Shield)			
Round 1	Round 2	Final	Winner
Bishop's Cleeve B.C.	Whaddon and College B.C.	Whaddon and College B.C.	Yate Y.M.C.A. B.C.
Whaddon and College B.C.			
Nailsworth B.C.	Y.C.	Yate Y.M.C.A.	
Hereford B.C.			
Yate Y.M.C.A. B.C.	Nailsworth B.C.	Yate Y.M.C.A.	B.C.
Wickwar Y.C.			
Baker Street Y.M.C.A. B.C.	Yate Y.M.C.A. B.C.	Yate Y.M.C.A. B.C.	
Winchcombe Y.C.			

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

For the first time over one hundred boys entered, and fifteen teams lined up for the start in the Annual Cross-Country Race at the Rotol Ground on March 14th, 1959, and we are again indebted to Messrs. Rotol Limited for their very generous help, and to the many adults who helped to make the day a success.

RESULTS:

Junior Event —Distance 2½ miles				
1st	Lydbrook Boys' Club	30 points
2nd	Stroud Boys' Club	42 points
Senior Event —Distance 3 miles				
1st	Whaddon and College Boys' Club	30 points
2nd	Lydbrook Boys' Club	33 points

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NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organised this year by the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Association on behalf of the N.A.B.C., the Championships were held on the Melton Mowbray point-to-point course on the 4th April, 1959. Twenty counties entered teams for the Junior event, and twenty entered for the Senior, three hundred and sixty-eight runners took part, and special mention must be made of C. Beddis, of Lydbrook, who gained third place out of one hundred and seventy-six runners in the Junior event. The Association teams gained seventh and tenth places in the Championships, at which the starter was Mike Rawson.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE TEAMS

(Selected at G.A.B.C. Cross-Country Race)

Senior :

G. Dunsford (Hereford G.C. Y.C.)
D. Corquin (Whaddon & College B.C.)
C. Franks (Whaddon & College B.C.)
R. Carpenter (Nailsworth B.C.)
R. Vick (Nailsworth B.C.)
J. Barnard (Lydbrook B.C.)

Junior :

R. Kirby (Stroud B.C.)
J. Cook (Stroud B.C.)
J. Haslam (Whaddon & College B.C.)
J. Hardwick (Lydbrook B.C.)
D. Baldwin (Lydbrook B.C.)
C. Beddis (Lydbrook B.C.)

INTER-COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The County Team selected through trial matches from boys nominated by Clubs throughout the County, met Cornwall in the first round of the competition on Forest Green Rovers Ground (by kind permission), and defeating them by a good margin, went on to play Devon at Taunton where we were almost as heavily defeated.

Gloucestershire Team

G. Cooke (Whaddon and College Boys' Club).
R. Williams (St. Mark's Youth Club).
B. Williams (Gloucester City Youth Club).
T. Davies (Whaddon and College Boys' Club)
K. Kennedy (Nailsworth Boys' Club)
L. Morley (Wickwar Youth Club)
J. Hercombe (Whaddon Community Association Youth Club)
A. Peart (Bishop's Cleeve Boys' Club)
T. Mince (Parry Hall Youth Club)
A. Bodkin (Tredworth Youth Club)
J. Hale (Nailsworth Boys' Club)
J. Greenway (Nailsworth Boys' Club)
J. Philpott (Wickwar Youth Club)

RUGBY INTERNATIONALS

For the second year the Association had the largest number of players of any County, in the Rugby Internationals against Wales, when five boys gained their "caps". Our total of ten international caps gained in the last two years must be a record.

The Gloucestershire members of the team this year were :

P. Baker (Parry Hall Y.C.)
J. Bayliss (Parry Hall Y.C.)
P. Bera (Parry Hall Y.C.)
E. Morefield (Parry Hall Y.C.)
D. Crowther (Tredworth Y.C.)

NATIONAL BOXING

Interest in boxing is growing throughout the County, and again representatives of the County reached the Area Championships, and J. Bragg of Stroud Boys' Club, and D. Mould and D. Kelly of St. Mark's Youth Club can be congratulated on their performance.

COUNTY CRICKET TEAM

The following players were selected to represent Gloucestershire in inter-County matches.

Nailsworth Boys' Club

J. Greenway
R. Vick

Parry Hall Youth Club

A. Palmer
G. Freeman
B. Richards

Whaddon and College Boys' Club

R. Chitty

Yate Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club

C. J. Dowding
A. Orphan
R. Febry

St. Mark's Youth Club

Down Hatherley Boys' Club

Tredworth Youth Club

B. Woods
B. Taylor
A. Bodkin

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

is a democratic community of Clubs united by a common purpose. The strength of its influence comes from the vitality and support of its constituent self-governing Clubs. It promotes the welfare of boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, and helps Clubs to increase their efficiency in the following ways :—

General Services

Specialised advice and information are given freely by trained and experienced officers about the technique, problems and methods of modern Boys' Club work.

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:

Nash Court, Ludlow, for the training of leaders, helpers, and senior boys, and 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 centre 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.

A two year's training course is offered to intending full-time leaders in co-operation with Liverpool and other Universities.

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.

Regional Arts Festival

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 scheme in order to improve physical fitness of all club members.

Publications

All affiliated and associated Clubs receive a 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.

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 fifteen members between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, and

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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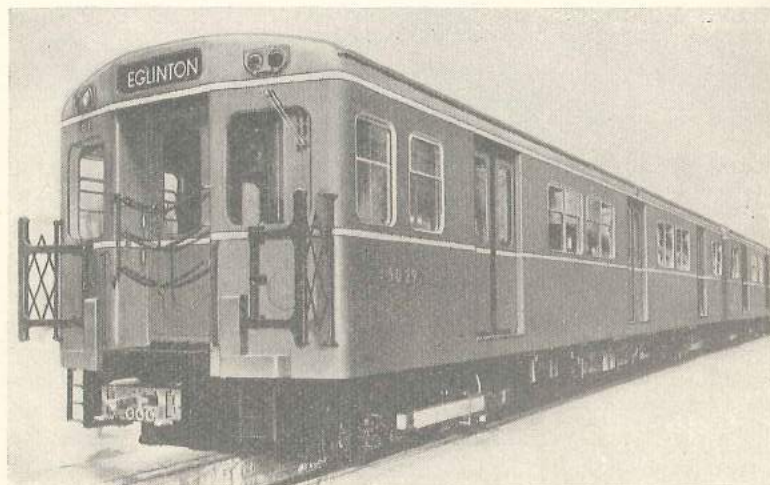
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