

A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF
WICKWAR SOCIAL CLUB

Compiled to celebrate the 90th Anniversary
1936 - 2026



This is a provisional document, describing events leading up to the opening of the club on 9th March 1936. A complete version, including the early years of the club, the war, the purchase of the building and more recent events, will be made available as a printed and bound book in time for the 90th Anniversary Year celebrations in May 2026.

Wickwar Social Club was founded on 30th January 1936.

Mr F C Powell was appointed as Honorary Secretary.

This letter documents the first meeting of the sixty founding members. It requests a financial contribution from local dignitary Capt D W Gunston.

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Jan. 31st 1936

Capt. D. W. Gunston M.C. M.P.,
Wickwar.

Dear Sir,

At a Meeting held at the (late) "Beaufort" on Jan. 30th it was decided, if sufficient support forthcoming, to inaugurate a Social Club, with quarters at that house and obtain a licence for "drinks" to the Members.

It was pointed out to those present that at least £50 would be required irrespective of fees to commence the Club, and it was suggested those interested advance sums, at their discretion, without interest; such sums to be repaid when available.

This suggestion was well received and £25 were at once promised.

In view of the foregoing I was asked to ask if you could see your way to give the generous support.

Members' Fee has been fixed at 6/-p.a. 60 have signified their willingness to pay.

The next Meeting has been fixed for Thursday 6th at 7.30 pm and I extend a hearty invitation to attend.

If this is not possible I shall greatly appreciate a note before the Meeting saying that we can count on your kind support.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.
Wickwar

ANA
J.A.A.
A.T.H.
Rev. TAG.

STATION } WICKWAR.
TELEGRAMS }
TELEPHONE: WICKWAR 10.

SOUTH END,
WICKWAR,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Feb 4. 1936

Dear Mr Powell.

I am afraid that I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Social Club on Thursday as I shall be in London.

I enclose a cheque for

£3-6-0 £3 towards the sum required to be loaned

to the Club for many years to come.

Yours very sincerely

Dennis D. Gunston

Capt Gunston contributed £3-6-0.

Within a week of the first meeting, loans totalling £40 had been advanced.

FOUNDER MEMBERS

K.H. Alway	H. Millard
A.E. Alway	B. Merrett
M.S. Amos	R. Merrett
A. Bridgeman	E. Moore
J. Beasley	A. Philpott
F. Blaken	F.T. Powell
H. Blaken	A.E. Powell
J. Beard	F.C. Powell
R. Barton	M.H. Perrett
J. Barber	J. Parker
R. Button	E.J. Pollard
C.H. Corder	C.J. Pavey
A. Chappell	G.H. Pullin
S. Clark.	A.W. Philpott
G.S. Critchley	T.H. Poole
J. Clarke	C. Pain
A. Carter	E.E. Powell
C.I. Childs	B. Rose (Snr)
N.A. Flook	C.C. Robinson
C.R.T. Foster	- Rea
T. Feltham	B. Rose (Jnr)
Capt. Sir D. Gunston (M.P.)	E.P. Ranger
C. Green	H.V. Robinson
M. Gunning	H.E. Richings
F. Goodman	J.H. Roberts
C. Gardener	G. Richmond
P. Garraway	F.S. Robinson
J.R. Gillyon	D.F. Stinchcombe
H. Gay	D.S. Stinchcomb
E.H. Hills	G.H. Stinchcomb
H. Honeyborne	E. Shipway
A.T. Halsey	E. Shipp
A. Honeyborne	G. Thompson
W. Hook	A. Thompson
F. Harvey	L. Thompson
J. Haines	S. Thompson
A. Hughes	L. Townsend
F. Hobbs	D. Thompson
F. Handoll	P.C. Vaisey
W.H. Hodges	L. White
J. Hull	A.E. Wilcox
F. Isaac	F. Whitworth
P.J. Jobbins	G. Williams
J. Lovell	H.G. Watts
R.E. Lees	V.M.D. Watts
D.V. Lovell	H.S. Watts
W.F. Long	G. Whitworth
P. Minett	R. Wogan
	S.E. Weaver

Further loans were requested from local breweries, including Stroud Brewery, Bristol Brewery and Cheltenham Brewery.

Georges Stroud *Copy*

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.
Feb. 7th 1936

The Secretary,
The Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd.,
Cheltenham.

Dear Sir,

At a Meeting held in Wickwar recently, it was decided to inaugurate a Social Club for the village, and obtain a licence for the sale of "drinks" to the members.

It was pointed out to those present that a sum of approx. £ 50 to £100 would be required, irrespective of members' fees to commence the Club. Sums have been advanced totalling £40 on loan, free of interest, by intending members.

I am writing to ask if your Company could give the movement your kind support, either in the way of a loan, free of interest, (which would be repaid from profits when available) or a subscription to the Club, when we would be pleased to pass you a proportion of our requirements.

Would you kindly send me your prices and terms for all liquors (beer, wines, & spirits). The favour of early reply would much oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.
Wickwar Social Club.

The breweries were also asked to quote for the supply of beers, wines and spirits ahead of the opening of the club.

The breweries all declined the loan request, mentioning an agreement not to advance money to new clubs. They did, however, offer to supply the club.

The Stroud Brewery Company, Limited.

TELEPHONE Nos 463 & 464.

Stroud.



The Bristol Brewery Georges & Company Limited.



THE CHELTENHAM ORIGINAL BREWERY COMPANY LIMITED.

TELEGRAMS: "ORAL CHELTENHAM."
TELEPHONE: Nos 3017-3018.



Cheltenham.

20th February, 1936.

VHC.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst., we regret that as we have an agreement with other Breweries not to advance money to new Clubs we shall be unable to do as you suggest.

We should of course be pleased to supply you with any goods you require at any time.

Yours faithfully,

V. Moore

DIRECTOR.

Mr. F. C. Powell,
The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

The club initially rented the premises from
 Mr Douglas Stinchcombe of Hall House, Wickwar
 who purchased the former Beaufort Arms from Arnold Perrett & Co Ltd
 on 7th of February 1936.

This Conveyance made the *seventh*
 day of *February* and
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7th February 1936.
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 P.D. Stamp.

Examined with original
at our office this 3rd
May 19th.

Litchams Montague
Solicitors
1924 Chipping Sodbury
W. Bristol

BY CONVEYANCE of this date made between GEORGE CLISSOLD of Windmead Nailsworth in the County of Gloucester Esquire WOLSTAN EDWARD FRANCIS BERKELEY of Bruton Manor Portishhead in the County of Somerset Esquire and COLONEL ROBERT CHAPMAN O.M.G., D.S.O., M.P. of Undercliff Cleadon Sunderland in the County of Durham (the Mtgees) of the 1st part ARNOLD PERRETT & CO LIMITED whose registered office was formerly situate at Wickwar in the County of Gloucester but was then situate at No.160 High Street Cheltenham in the sd County of Gloucester (the company) of the 2nd part and DOUGLAS STINCHCOMBE of Hall House Wickwar aforesaid (the Purchaser) of the 3rd part

SUPPLEMENTAL
 ABSTRACT OF THE TITLE
 of
 TRUSTEES OF WICKWAR SOCIAL CLUB
 to
 freehold premises formerly known as "The Beaufort Arms" situate in High Street, Wickwar in the Coy of Gloucester.

SUPPLEMENTAL to the several Indentures mentioned in the Second Schedule to abstracting Deed:
 RECITING:-

- (1) By an Indre made the 20th July 1886 mentioned in the Second Schedule to abstracting Deed the ppty deod in the First Schedule to abstracting Deed and thereby conveyed was with other heredit conveyed unto and to the use of Arnold & Co Limited in fee simple subject to a Mtge dated the 20 August 1883 and made between William Hewitt of the 1st part Thomas Halsey of the second part Thomas Arnold and Thomas Halsey of the 3rd part and the Company of Gloucester Banking Company Limited of the 4th part for securing an overdrawing Banking account up to £16000 and further charges to the sd Banking Company amounting to £2000
- (2) By an Indre dated the 25rd September 1886 mentioned in the sd second Schedule to abstracting Deed Arnold & Co Limited assumed all liability under the sd Indre of Mtge dated 20th August 1883 and further charges in conson of the company of Gloucester Banking Company Limited releasing the original mtgors from all liability thereunder and the ppal sum then due and owing in respect of the sd Mtge and Further Charges was stated to be £17000 only
- (3) By an Indre dated the 5th October 1887 mentioned in the Sec nd Schedule to abstracting Deed the Company of Gloucester Banking Company Limited reconveyed all the ppty thereby conveyed (together with other ppty) unto and to the use of Arnold & Co Limited in fee simple freed and discharged from the before-mentd Mtge and Further Charges
- (4) By a Special resolution duly passed and confirmed in December 1887 the sd Arnold & Co Ltd. changed its name to Arnold Perrett & Co Limited and a New Certificate of Incorporation was issued on the 14th December 1887 in the name of Arnold Perrett & Co Limited
- (5) By the Indre dated the 22nd December 1924 mentioned in the Second Schedule to abstracting Deed (the Trust Deed) the sd heredit thereby conveyed were together with other ppty conveyed unto and to the Trustees therein named in fee simple upon certain trusts for securing an issue of certain Debenture Stock and it was thereby agreed and declared that all the trusts and charges declared and created by a therein recited Indre dated 25th June 1894 mentioned Number 4 in the Second Schedule to abstractg Deed and the several other deeds to wch the Indre then in recital was expressed to be made supplemental and numbered 5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 in the last mentioned Schedule shld cease and determine.

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Ahead of the opening of the club, the printing of application forms, membership cards and rule books was arranged.

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Jan 27th 1936

Dear Sir,

Please quote me alternate prices for printing and 200 copies of the enclosed Club Rules, in book size approx. 3" x 4½". semi-stiff covers. Please have your quotation without fail by Thursday morning post.

GENERAL PRINTING OFFICE, 400
HORSE STREET, CHIPPING SODBURY,
Nr. Bristol.

Jan 28 1936

Mr. F. C. Powell, The Hill, Wickwar
Dr. to EDGAR ILES,
PRINTER, STATIONER and NEWSAGENT.

Quotation

For Printing 100 Copies
Rules Wickwar Social
Club 3" x 4½" + covers

£1-50

200 sets

£1 15 0

TELEPHONE 84.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM

E. A. HERRICK,
LETTERPRESS
PRINTER

Mr. F. C. Powell

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.

Jan 1 1936

Dear Sir,

Enclosed copies +
prices as required
500 proposal forms on white
paper 8 x 5 6/-
500 membership cards folding
print both sides. 13/6.
(lamin card extra)
Receipt book 200 pages
printed at heading with
counterfoil at side 6/-
Yours truly
E. Herrick

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Jan 28 1936

F. C. Powell,
Printer,
Chipping Sodbury.

E. Herrick
Wotton

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of your quotation for which I thank you. Will you please put 200 copies in hand at once. I have enclosed the draft as before.

I should also be glad if you could quote me for printing 500 ~~or 200~~ Pinked Proposal Forms for acceptance of members. 7-100 each of Temporary members & Honorary members, as per attached.
For 500 Subscription cards.
Duplicate Receipt Books.

A billiards table and darts board was purchased.

The Wickwar Social Club,
Wickwar.

Mar 17th 1936

Messrs Gaskell & Chambers,
13, Bath Street,
Bristol.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please send to the above Club 1. "Bristle"
Dart Board No 5308 B. together with the necessary darts.

Dear Sir,

Re Billiard Table

At a recent Meeting of the
purchasing a Billiard Table was
found on enquiry that our Club
to take a full sized table.

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The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Feb 26th. 1936

Messrs C Spencer & Sons,
4, Bond Street,
Bristol.

Dear Sirs,

The Wickwar Social Club

In connection with the above I have been asked to enquire what you can offer in the way of second-hand Billiard and Bagatelle tables. Our club room is rather narrow so I should be glad if you could inform me the minimum space required for a full-sized Billiard table.

A reply by return would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

ILLUSTRATED LIST ON APPLICATION



SPENCERS
"PERFECTA"
CUSHIONS
HIGHLY
COMMENDED
BY THE WORLDS
GREATEST PLAYERS
WALTER LINDRUM
JOE DAVIS
TOM NEWMAN
THE ORIGINAL
UNSOLICITED
TESTIMONIALS
FROM THE
ABOVE PLAYERS
CAN BE INSPECTED
AT OUR SHOWROOMS

Mr. F. C Powell, Hon. Secretary,
Wickwar Social Club,
High Street,
Wickwar, Glos. GSS/KS

Dear Sir,

We beg to confirm our offer to supply Billiard Bagatelle Table No. 598 size over all 10'6" x 4' fitted with 9 Cups, 4 Pockets, in good playing condition, complete with Accessories. £15/-/- payable 20/- per month.

We have erected this table and shall be glad if you will kindly call in at your earliest convenience to inspect it.

Yours faithfully,

G. SPENCER & SONS,

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HM Customs & Excise were informed about the opening and responded with details of the required registration procedure.

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Mar 4th 1936

The Officer of Customs & Excise,
Chipping Sodbury.

Dear Sir,

Wickwar Social Club

I am writing to inform you that we are opening the above Club on Mar 9th. I understood from Mr Harris (Clerk to the Justices) that I should hear from you when I procured the licence, which I received on Feb.

I understand I have to fill in certain forms for excise and also keep a record of all spirits bought. I should be much obliged therefore if I could see you or that you write telling me what returns I have to furnish.

Yours faithfully,

Hon.Sec.



Receipt of your letter dated
the Clerk to the Justices
the Club's registration,
setting forth the revenue
and have not yet sent me
now that our requirement
purchases of Exciseable
suggest in your letter)-
Wines Beers Cider Liqueurs.

Every year ending 31st December a form of Return is sent to Club Secretaries, on which they render a Statement of such purchases during the year. Relative invoices etc. must be attached to the Statement unless there is a Certificate of accuracy given by an Accountant. After scrutiny and acceptance, the Club Duty is assessed on the basis of Threepence in the Pound on the total purchases and a demand note for this Duty is sent, requiring payment of it not later than 1st March.

You will see, therefore, that your immediate

Insurance cover was arranged with Prudential.

GENERAL BRANCH

Agent, Mr. _____

Under the Supcty. of Mr. _____

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY Limited.

Chief Office: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON, E.C.1.

Proposals for INSURANCE OF TRADE BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS FIRE and LOSS OF PROFITS DUE TO FIRE.

Rubber Stamp.	
Dist. No.	
Agcy. No.	
Agcy. Code No.	

<small>NOTE.—If space is insufficient for any of the particulars required in this Proposal please sign and attach separate Schedules.</small>	1. The Proposer (If a Firm give full names of Partners)	The Mickwar Social Club. (Hon. Sec. F. B. Powell.)
	2. Address of Proposer	High Street, Mickwar.
	3. Trade or Occupation	Mickwar.
	4. Have you been previously insured against Fire or Loss of Profits or applied for such insurances either in respect of the property now proposed or for any other? If so, with what Company?	No.
	5. Has any application made by you or on your behalf for Fire Insurance or Loss of Profits on this or other property been declined by any and if so, what Office?	No.
	6. Has the renewal of any insurance been refused or an increased rate demanded for renewal?	No.
	7. Have you ever made a claim for loss by Fire or Loss of Profits? If so, please give particulars	No.
	8. How long have you occupied the premises proposed for insurance?	From Nov. 9 th 1936.
	9. How long have you been in business and where?	
	10. Is an account kept of your daily Receipts and Takings?	

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TO BE INSURED AGAINST FIRE.

	Sum to be Insured thereon
<small>The construction of the building must be stated whether the building is to be insured or not.</small>	
1.—On the BUILDING, including Landlord's Fixtures and Fittings	£
2.—On STOCK IN TRADE therein	£ 100.
3.—On TRADE FIXTURES, FITTINGS, UTENSILS, MACHINERY, AND PLANT therein	£ 100.
4.—On GOODS IN TRUST, OR ON COMMISSION, for which the Proposer is responsible, therein	£
5.—On OFFICE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS therein	£ 100.
6.—On HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS (except money, securities, manuscripts, documents, books of account and stamps), the property of the Proposer or of the Proposer's Family or Servants (no one curio or work of art to be valued at more than 5 per cent. of the sum insured on this item) therein	£
<small>The Insurance on property as described in item No. 6 extends to cover the said property (unless otherwise insured) whilst temporarily removed and remaining in the United Kingdom (excluding property removed for Sale or Exhibition or property in a Furniture Depository) provided that the value of the property so removed shall be taken not to exceed 15 per cent. of the sum insured on this item, and shall be deducted from the value of the property hereby insured in the above described Building.</small>	
The Building is built of _____ and roofed with _____ situate _____	
and occupied by _____ for the purpose of _____ (said building is lighted by _____ and heated by _____).	
7.—On the Building of the STABLING AND COACH-HOUSE OR MOTOR HOUSE all communicating or under one roof	£
8.—On VEHICLES (excluding Motor Vehicles), Horses, Harness, Stable Utensils and Fodder therein	£
9.—On MOTOR VEHICLES and accessories the property of the Proposer therein	£
The Building is built of _____ and roofed with _____	
heated by _____ lighted by _____ The maximum quantity of petrol stored is _____ gallons.	
10.—*On _____	
11.—On _____ calendar months' RENT at the rate of £ _____ per annum in respect of the above buildings in proportion to the sums insured on each. (This item need not be filled in, if included in the Loss of Profits insurance below)	£
<small>*Note—This space is provided for the Insurance of the buildings and/or the contents of other outbuildings on the premises. Separate sums must be placed on (a) the building and (b) the contents of each, and the construction in every case stated.</small>	
If this insurance is to cancel an existing policy with this Company please state No. _____	
Total Sum Insured... £	

LOSS OF PROFITS DUE TO FIRE.

Please complete this section if Loss of Profits insurance is required.

Proposal for an Insurance against Loss of Profits through reduction in Turnover, and/or Increase in Cost of Working to maintain normal Turnover during the period of indemnity of twenty-one weeks after each fire in the premises described in the schedule hereon. Amount to be insured in respect of Loss of Profits, i.e., Annual Net Profit and Standing Charges £

Standing Charges to be covered are as follows:—Rent, Rates and Taxes, Salaries and Wages to Permanent Assistants; Insurance Premiums; Interest on Mortgages and Loans.

Delete items not required and add any others desired.

It is desired to effect insurances as above with The Prudential Assurance Company Limited in the Company's usual forms for these classes of insurances on the warranty that the above statements and any supplementary particulars which are or may be supplied in connection with these insurances are true and complete and that nothing materially affecting the risk has been concealed.

Date _____ Signature *F. B. Powell*

This form is issued for the convenience of the Proposer; it is understood that separate policies will be issued in respect of each insurance. Signing this Form does not bind the Proposer to the rates.

AGENTS' DECLARATION

Local breweries and other suppliers were asked to quote to supply the club.

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Feb. 26th.1936

copy

Dear Sirs,

Will you please send me your prices and terms
for draught beers, bottled beers, wines and spirits
delivered to The Wickwar Social Club, High Street,

be greatly

The Bristol Brewery Georges & Co. Limited.



Telephone

R. 117



BREWERIES:
BURTON-ON-TRENT
— AND —
ROMFORD. AT/SRP.
TELEPHONE No. 3139.
DISTRICT MANAGER:
A. TINKLER.

Ind Coope & Allsopp Limited.

Office: George Street,
Stores: Market Parade,
Gloucester.

27th February, 1936.

Mr. F. C. Powell,
The Hill,
WICKWAR,
Glos.

Dear Sir,

The Wickwar Social Club,
High-street, Wickwar.

We thank you for your enquiry of the 26th.
inst, and have much pleasure in enclosing here-
with our Price Lists for Ale, Bottled Ales and
Wines & Spirits. The Ale is subject to a
discount of 12% and the Bottled Beers 5%. Wines
and Spirits are nett as quoted.

We hope that your committee will decide
to give our beers a trial.

Our Lorry is in your district twice monthly.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For IND COOPE & ALLSOPP LTD;

A. Tinkler
District Manager.

377 High Street

(CORNER OF REGENT STREET).

Cheltenham February 27th 1936.

TELEPHONE 2228.

Wickwar Social Club,
High St. Wickwar.

Obliged by your enquiry of the
enclose price-lists for your

to carry a discount per barrel
shown in Margin, and bottled
Spirits are nett.

monthly account. no deposit on
or casks, but all losses to be

that a trial of our goods
attention and a standard of quality
is maintained.

If you wish to interview our
representative we will arrange for you to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Per Pro. FLOWER & SONS LTD.

A. C. Flower
CHELTENHAM MANAGER

Orders were placed ready for the opening.

The Hill,

Dear Sirs,

Will you please deliver to the Wickwar Club
the following (this week certain) :-

- 8. Doz ½pts Cheltenham Ale
- 2. " " Bass.
- 2. " " Worthington.
- 6. Bottles White Label .
- 6. " John Haig.
- 3. " Gin (Burnett's White)
- 2. " Rum (Old Vatted)
- 1. " Brandy (Martel X I X)
- 4. " Port (Sandeman One Star)
- 2. " Sherry (Rich Brown)

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

Messrs The Cheltenham Original Brewery
Cheltenham.

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.

Mar 3rd 1936

Dear Sirs,

We thank you for your price lists received Feb. 28th.

Will you please deliver to the Club this week ,

- 1. kil B. Bitter Ale
- 1. kil XXX. Mild Ale

If you are not in the district this week I would suggest you send it to Wickwar L.M.S. Goods. and I would arrange to collect, if you advise me.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

Messrs Ind Coope & Allsopp Ltd.,
George Street,
Gloucester.

Mar 3rd 1936

Messrs Fernley Mineral Water Co Ltd.,
Hill Street,
Iydney.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please deliver the following
the above Club :-

- 1. doz Syphons Soda Water
- 2. " 6oz. Lemonade
- 2. " " Dry Ginger
- 2. " " Tonic Water
- 2. " " Grape Fruit

I should be glad of your price list

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

Messrs Gaskell & Chambers,
13, Bath Street,
Bristol.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please send the following to the above
Club. We should be glad to receive as early as possible
as the Club opens on Monday next the 9th. inst.

- 2. Doz. Stamped Pts. No 12
- 2. " Barrel Cans No 215 ½ Pts.
- 2. " Spirit Ponies Plain No 25 1/10 qt.
- 4. Brass Taps ¾" " Racco".

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

Final arrangements were made.

Wickwar Social Club

High Street,
Wickwar,
Glos

Mar 3rd 1936

The Officer of Customs & Excise,
Queen Square,
Bristol.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find P.O. value 5/-. Pleasesend me
a licence to sell Cigarettes and tobacco in the above
Club.

Yours fa

The Hill,
Wickwar,
Glos.
Mar 3rd.

Dear Sirs,

Wickwar Social Club

I am writing on behalf of the above Club to notify you
that we are renting the premises of the late " Beaufort Arms"
High Street, Wickwar. from the 9th inst. and will be taking
over the meter as from that day.

I should be pleased therefore if you will send your
man to read the meter on that date and charge us from that
date with all current used.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Sec.

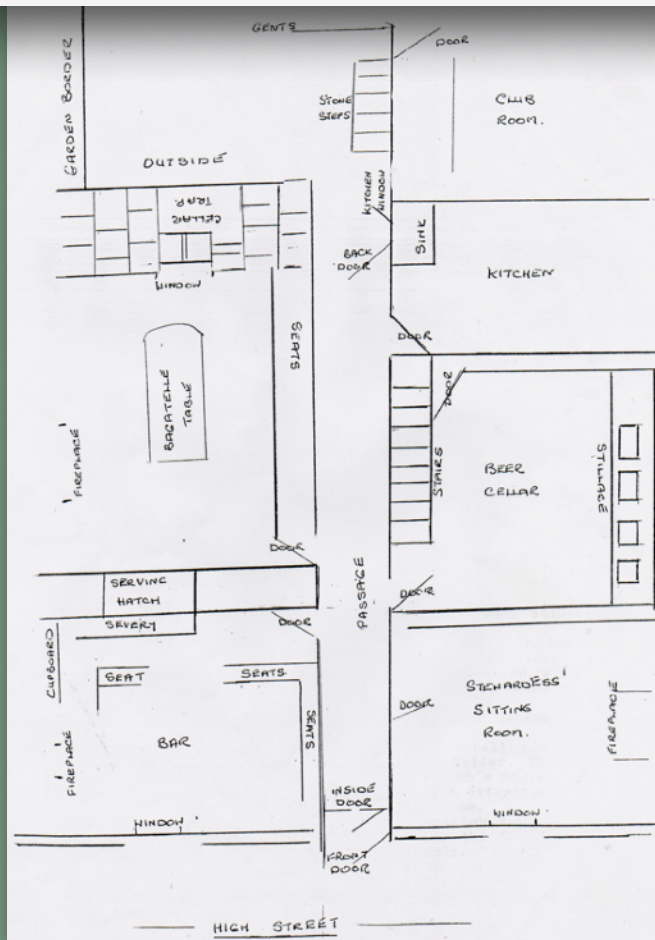
Messrs The West Gloucestershire Power Co Ltd.,
126, London Road,
Gloucester.

Wickwar Social Club opened on 9th March 1936.

The first Club Stewardess was Mrs Lizzie Raggatt who had previously been Landlady of the Beaufort Arms in the same premises.

THE BEGINNING

The Club opened on March 9th 1936. The layout of The Club was much smaller then, walking in through the front door into a passage which ran through to a door at the back. (See Plan). The first door on the left was the Bar with a small Servery for bottled Beers etc. Second door on the left was The Bagatelle Room. First Door on the right was The Stewardess' Sitting Room, second door on the right was to the Stairs and Beer Cellar. The underground Cellar did not come into operation until later. The third door on the right was the Stewardess' Kitchen. The flap to the underground Cellar was outside. Walking out of the back door for about five yards, up stone steps into The Club Room where the Billiard Table was situated in one room and a Table Tennis Table in the other. The Gents Toilet and Store Room were underneath. The use of the Billiard Table cost Sixpence a game and was done on trust, paid to the Stewardess, when you finished.



from
Wickwar Social Club
Diamond Anniversary
notes

An early source of additional income was the rental of a room at the club to the Stroud Holloway Benefit Society for £2 per year.

WICKWAR SOCIAL CLUB

WICKWAR.

Mar 17th 1936

H.V. Robinson Esq.,
Secretary,
Stroud Holloway Benifit Society ,
Wickwar.

Dear Sir,
Rental of room at Club

I have been asked by the Committee of the Wickwar Social Club to write you with regard to the above. A motion was carried at the Committee Meeting held last evening that the room be let to you per annum subject to your agreement an agreement be drawn up and this will meet the matter can be settled

STROUD HOLLOWAY ORIGINAL BENEFIT SOCIETY,

WICKWAR,

GLOS.

18th March 1936.

F.C. Powell Esq.,
Wickwar Social Club,
Wickwar.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date offering me a room at your Club at a rental of £2. per annum.

I shall be pleased to accept this offer subject of course to Mrs. Raggatt being willing to let me use her private room for transacting my Society's business, as I understand no other room is available.

As an alternative, I would suggest that we be allowed to carry on as in the past, and that Mrs. Raggatt should enjoy the rent paid by my Society for the use of her private room, in which case no agreement would be necessary as I can fix up new Headquarters at a moment's notice.

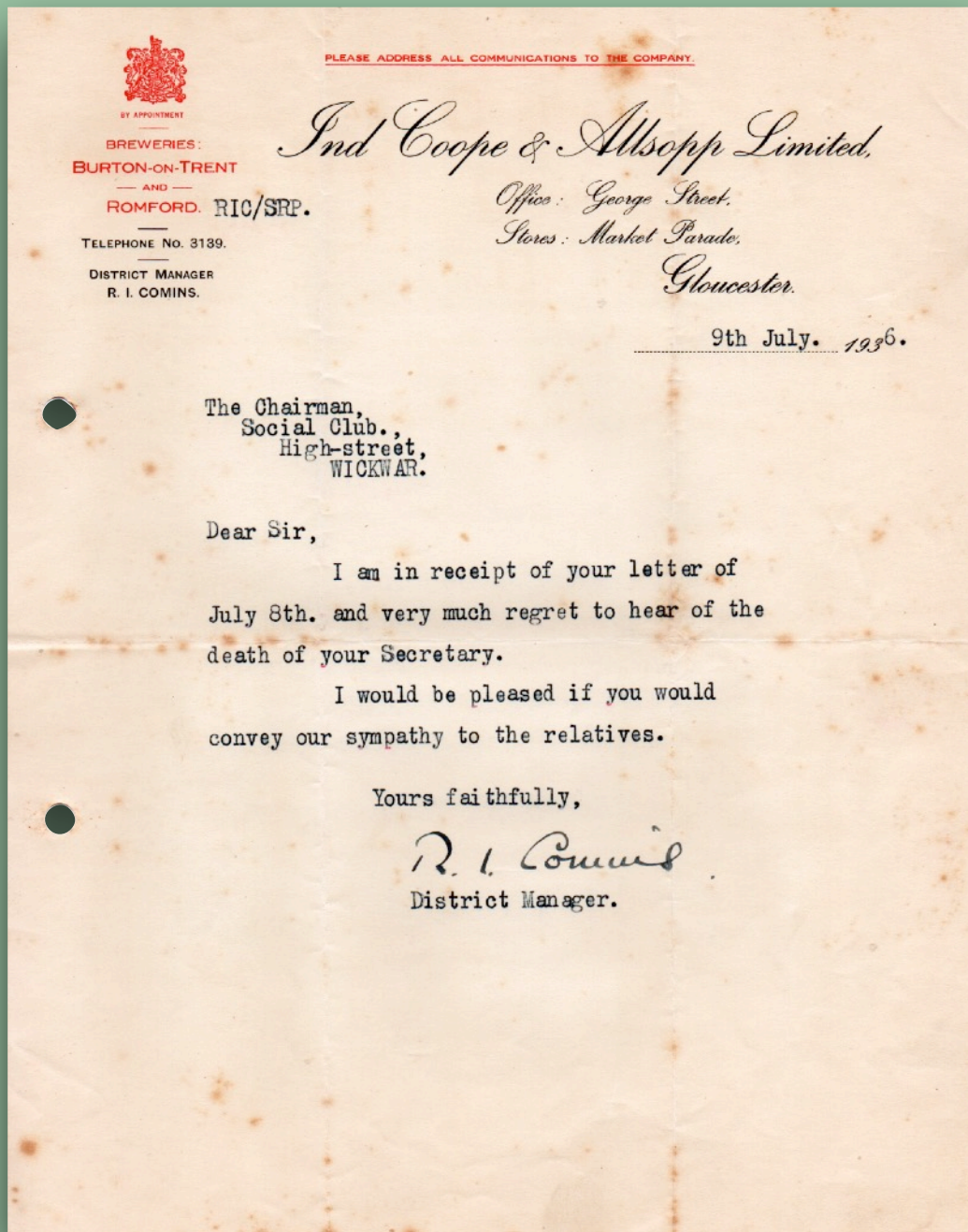
Yours faithfully,

H.V. Robinson

Hon. Sec.

The club's first Honorary Secretary, Mr F C Powell, was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident in June 1936, just a few months after the opening.

His brother A E (Eddie) Powell took on the role.



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