

C DSHB Records Relating to Hull Boys' Club

1902-2015

Accession number: 15/35

Historical Background: Founded in 1902 and based in an old grain warehouse in Trundle Street and, as membership increased, further premises in Roper Street, The Hull Boys' Club was pioneering in its outlook and was soon copied by other areas across the country.

Its aim was to provide a safe environment where boys of all ages, the majority of them from deprived backgrounds, could meet and undertake a range of physical activities to ensure they remained fit and healthy. Later it became necessary to add a Men's Section or Senior Section where boys who had attained the age of 18 could continue to attend.

In 1934 the original premises in Trundle Street and Roper Street were deemed unfit and dangerous following a survey by Sir Alfred Gelder and Mr. D.C.Carter of Messrs. John Watson and Carter, Surveyors. Following the survey it was decided that the old buildings should be demolished and a new club built on the same site.

Opened on the 4th March 1936 by Sir Philip B. Reckitt Bart. O.B.E., and costing nearly £11,000, the new club contained up to date showers, baths and toilets, a drill hall, gym which could be used as a concert or cinema hall, instructions and games rooms, a kitchen and offices. It was the first purpose built boys club in the country.

Over the years the club offered boxing, rugby, karate, kick boxing, football, handball, Table Tennis, and weight training to the boys and young men of Hull. Many trophies and titles were won and many boys went on to develop sporting careers . Members of the club who went on to play sport at higher levels include Johnny Whitely, captain of Hull F.C., Yorkshire and Great Britain, Rob Nolan who went on to play for both Hull F.C. and Hull Kingston Rovers, Paul Speckman who played for Hull Kingston Rovers, Pete Morrison who won the Olympic Bronze Medal at Bantamweight at the 1948 Olympics, and Tommy Green who was the 1957 British A.B.A. Lightweight Champion.

Membership began to decline towards the end of the twentieth century and with the redevelopment of the area in 2015 the Hull Boys' Club was demolished.

For a full history of the club see *A Century of the Hull Boys' Club, Play The Game* at C DSHB/5/4. This book can be borrowed from the Local Studies Library collection at the History Centre. It's class number is: L.369.42

Custodial history: Deposited by Mr Jim Brown, Honorary Secretary of the Boys' Club 1997-2015, in July 2015

Description: Includes Minute books of the Executive Committee & Sub Committees, 1903 framed Empire Day Parade banner, accounts books and rule book, new building book, Peter R. Lovell's M.B.E. Medal and Citation Certificate, publications and 2 DVDs of photographs of the history of The Hull Boys' Club

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Arrangement :

C DSHB/1	Minutes	1902-2005
C DSHB/2	Legal Records	1903-1928
C DSHB/3	Financial Records	1904-1961
C DSHB/4	Scrapbooks	1893-1937
C DSHB/5	Visitors Book and Publications	1903-2015
C DSHB/6	DVD of Photographs	1902-2015
C DSHB/7	Items Relating to Tommy Sutton	1925-1982
C DSHB/8	Items Relating to Peter Lovell	1980
C DSHB/9	The Original Club Banner	1903

Extent: 6 boxes, 1 outsize item

Related material:

C WM/194 A Meeting in Hull regarding a proposed Hull Boys Club

L.796.333 *The Hull boys club*, Roper Street

L.796.333 *The Hull boys' club*, Roper Street, Hull. Roll of representative honours

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader. Some of the items are in poor condition and must be handled with care.

C DSHB/1	Minutes of The Hull Boys' Club Minutes of The Boys' Club commence in 1902 with the Executive Committee minutes which continued until the 7th October 1913 when the duties of that committee were taken over by the House Committee for the duration of the First World War. 15 volumes, 2 items	1902-2005
C DSHB/1/1	Minutes of the Executive Committee and the House Committee and Executive Committee Certificates The duties of the Executive Committee were taken over by the House Committee for the duration of The First World War 11 volumes, 2 items	Nov 1902- Nov 2005
C DSHB/1/1/1	Minutes of the Executive Committee There is a gap between the 7th October 1913 and 19th December 1922 when the duties of the Executive Committee were taken over by the House Committee for the duration of The First World War. Includes minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee. 1 volume	25 Nov 1902- 19 Dec 1922

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C DSHB/1/1/2	<p>Minutes of the House Sub-Committee, House Committee and the Committee of Workers Indexed</p> <p>The House Committee took over the duties of the Executive Committee for the duration of The First World War. The minutes cease on Monday 7th June 1921. A letter attached to the back of the volume dated 16 February 1931 concerns the securing of photographs of past presidents of the club.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	2 Feb 1903- 16 Feb 1931
C DSHB/1/1/3	<p>Minutes of the House Committee and the Executive Committee</p> <p>1 volume</p>	5 Jul 1926- 1 Nov 1948
C DSHB/1/1/4	<p>Minutes of The Executive Committee</p> <p>Photographs on the front cover show the main drill hall, the weights section of the multi gym, the boxing hall, the Trundle Street entrance in October 1903 and the earliest known photograph of the club and its members in October 1903</p> <p>1 volume</p>	6 Dec 1948- 7 Nov 1955
C DSHB/1/1/5	<p>Minutes of The Executive Committee</p> <p>Photographs on the front cover of the first anniversary parade of the Hull Boys' Club and the Yorkshire Champions gymnastic teams of 1910, 1911 and 1912</p> <p>1 volume</p>	2 Jan 1956- 2 Dec 1963
C DSHB/1/1/6	<p>Minutes of The Executive Committee</p> <p>Photographs on the front cover of the Hull Boys' Club Band in 1913</p> <p>1 volume</p>	6 Jan 1964- 6 Dec 1972
C DSHB/1/1/7	<p>Minutes of The Executive Committee</p> <p>Photograph on the front cover of The Yorkshire Amateur Gymnastic Association Boys Brigades Champions of 1910. The caption names the boys and the officials in the photograph.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	10 Jan 1973- 12 Dec 1979
C DSHB/1/1/8	<p>Minutes of The Executive Committee</p> <p>Photograph on the front cover of 'The Magnificent Seven, 1931' the club's boxing team of that year. The caption names each of the boys along with the Boxing Honorary Secretary Mr Charlie Gibbons and the HBC Life Vice President, Mr Jack Bartlett.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	9 Jan 1980- 10 Dec 1986

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C DSHB/1/1/9	Minutes of The Executive Committee Photograph on the front cover of the visit of Queen Elizabeth and King George VI to the club on the 19th October 1937. King George is signing the visitors book watched by Dr. T C Jackson, Honorary Secretary and founder of the club, whilst Queen Elizabeth chats to the club president, J R MacDonald. Includes a photograph of the club with all boys and officials [n.d.]. 1 volume	21 Jan 1987- 9 Dec 1992
C DSHB/1/1/10	Minutes of The Executive Committee Photographs on the front cover of the Rugby League section of 1988 and the Executive Committee with four England Internationals on the 5th February 1988. 1 volume	13 Jan 1993- 9 Dec 1998
C DSHB/1/1/11	Minutes of The Executive Committee Photographs on the front cover of the Hull Boys' Club under 15s Challenge Cup Winners of 1996/97 and the president of the club, Mr N H White esq. presenting a silver salver to 'Mr Tom' on the occasion of his retirement on the 25th April 1997. 1 volume	13 Jan 1999- 9 Nov 2005
C DSHB/1/1/12	Executive Committee's Certificate Blank certificates issued by the Executive Committee to individuals in recognition of good work rendered to the club over a number of years. The recipient's name would be added to the role of Honorary Life Membership. 2 items	n.d.
C DSHB/1/2	Minutes of the General Purposes Committee 4 volumes	Oct 1932- Jun 1963
C DSHB/1/2/1	Minutes of The General Purposes Committee 1 volume	10 Oct 1932- 21 May 1937
C DSHB/1/2/2	Minutes of The General Purposes Committee 1 volume	21 May 1937- 23 Jun 1950
C DSHB/1/2/3	Minutes of The General Purposes Committee 1 volume	23 Jun 1950- 17 Jun 1963
C DSHB/1/2/3	Minutes of The General Purposes Committee 1 volume	23 Jun 1950- 17 Jun 1963

C DSHB/1/3	<p>Minutes of the New Building Sub-Committee The New Building Sub-Committee was composed of members of the Executive Committee. It was set up after the original premises in Trundle Street and Roper Street were deemed unfit and dangerous following a survey by Sir Alfred Gelder and Mr. D.C.Carter of Messrs. John Watson and Carter, Surveyors. Following the survey it was decided that the old buildings should be demolished and a new club built on the same site.</p> <p>The new club contained up to date showers, baths and toilets, a drill hall, gym which could be used as a concert or cinema hall, instructions and games rooms, a kitchen and offices. 1 volume</p>	Feb 1934- Jul 1939
C DSHB/1/3/1	<p>Minutes of the New Building Sub Committee 1 volume</p>	19 Feb 1934- 28 Jul 1939
C DSHB/2	<p>Legal Records Includes copies of the original conveyances to the Trustees of the Hull Boys' Club of the property on which the club was built, an insurance policy from 1911 and copies of the Club's Rules 6 items</p>	Jan 1879- Jun 1928
C DSHB/2/1	<p>Conveyance for land in Trundle Street Copies of an original conveyance to the Trustees of the Hull Boys' Club of the property on which the Club was built: (i) Edward Gosschalk Esq to (ii) Sir William A Gelder and others Conveyance of land and hereditaments situated in Trundle Street in the City and County of Kingston upon Hull and used as the Hull Boys' Club to be held in fee simple Dated: 4 Nov 1903 Includes a sketch of the land 1 item</p>	10 Jan 1879- 4 Nov 1903
C DSHB/2/2	<p>Conveyance for land in Trundle Street and Roper Street Copies of an original conveyance to the Trustees of the Hull Boys' Club of the property on which the Club was built: (i) Edward Gosschalk Esq to (ii) Sir William A Gelder and others Conveyance of land and hereditaments situated in Trundle Street and Roper Street in the City and County of Kingston upon Hull, to be held in fee simple</p>	2 Sep 1908

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1 item

C DSHB/2/3	Public Liability Insurance Policy issued by the Royal Insurance Company Ltd. to indemnify the Hull Boys' Club against accidental bodily injury to anyone not in the service of the Club, and against accidental direct damage to the property or goods of anyone on the Club premises. The premium was £1.10s and the indemnity was not to exceed £250 per case. 1 item	19 Jul 1911
C DSHB/2/4	Hull Boys' Club Rules Detailing the role of the six Trustees, Officers, Council, Executive Committee, the Honorary Secretary and subscribers and when the A.G.M.s would be held One copy of Rules dated Nov 1902-Dec 1903 and two copies of the Jun 1928 Rules 3 items	Nov 1902- Jun 1928
C DSHB/3	Financial Records Includes a financial Journal and the Hull Boys' Club's Reports and Balance Sheets. The Reports include the Balance Sheets and Accounts up to the 1938 copy held within this collection. The later copies of the Report held within this collection do not include a copy of the Balance Sheet and Accounts due to the cost of printing. They were however made available for inspection at the A.G.M. There are gaps in the Reports and Balance Sheets. We hold copies of: 1904, 1906-1907, 1909-1911, 1922, 1926, 1928-1929, 1931-1933, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1955 and 1961. The latter three only contain the Annual Report. 1 volume, 19 items	Nov 1904-1961
C DSHB/3/1	Financial Journal 1 volume	30 Nov 1904- 30 Sep 1948
C DSHB/3/2	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1904
C DSHB/3/3	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1906
C DSHB/3/4	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1907

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C DSHB/3/5	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1909
C DSHB/3/6	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1910
C DSHB/3/7	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1911
C DSHB/3/8	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1922
C DSHB/3/9	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1926
C DSHB/3/10	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1928
C DSHB/3/11	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1929
C DSHB/3/12	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1930
C DSHB/3/13	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1931
C DSHB/3/14	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1932
C DSHB/3/15	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1933
C DSHB/3/16	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1936
C DSHB/3/17	Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1 item	1938
C DSHB/3/18	Annual Report 1 item	1954
C DSHB/3/19	Annual Report 1 item	1955
C DSHB/3/20	Annual Report 1 item	1961
C DSHB/4	Scrapbooks Scrapbooks containing newspapers cuttings, photographs, celebration dinner invites and menus, relating to the Hull Boys Club. Some	1893-1952

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items in C DSHB/4/1 pre-date the club.
2 volumes

C DSHB/4/1	Some of the items in this scrapbook pre-dates the Hull Boys Club and includes items relating to Kingston Rowing Club, a black & white photograph of an unknown cricket team dated circa 1945, Hull Football Club, and a black and white photograph labelled, 'S.S. Torpedo, 14 April 1893, Hull Dockers Strike' and articles from newspapers relating to the club. Also includes details of a 'Jubilee Trip in 1897 to the trip on the 'Isis' and a Derwent trip in August 1898 on the 'Cam'. 1 volume	1893-1937
C DSHB/4/2	Includes a letter offering Mr. J. Bartlett of the Ellerman Wilson Line Ltd. the title of Life Vice-President of the club, the first to hold this honour, and a black & white photograph of Mr Bartlett being presented with a smokers pipe and kit by George Mankels as a token of appreciation for his 44 years service to the club c.1947. Also includes a number of celebration dinner invites/menus and articles from nespapers relating to the club. 1 volume	1937-1952
C DSHB/5	Visitors Book and Publications 2 volumes, 5 items	1903-2015
C DSHB/5/1	Visitors Book includes signatures of the King and Queen, George R.I. and Elizabeth R on the occasion of their visit to the City on the 19th October 1937. Also includes signatures The Pom Poms Concert Party, The Vaudervillians, the Melodymakers, The Broadway's Concert Party, the Oddesques Concert Party, the Marionettes Concert Party, The Hessle Frolics Concert Party, Miss Sharpes Concert Party, the Luminettes Concert Party, the Catwhiskers Concert Party, the Vagabonds Concert Party, Hull Police Concert Party, the Gems Concert Party, the Technicalians, the Tees Concert Party, the Broadway Follies Concert Party, the Queries Concert Party, the Buckie Concert Party, the Seven Stars, the Black & White Concert Party, the Masqueraders Concert Party, the Crystal Entertainers, the Dusky Reds, and the Black Diamonds. Other visitors to the club include Lord Mayors, Sheriffs and the Town Clerk, A Pickard. Also includes a letter from Kensington Palace on behalf of the Duke of Gloucester and a telemesssage from Lord	11 Mar 1926- 28 Jan 2015

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Westbury and the Executive Committee of
Y.A.B.C. congratulating the club on its 80th
birthday [1982].
1 volume

C DSHB/5/2	Promotional booklet Published for subscribers and intended subscribers to promote the work of the club and to raise funds. Gives the history of the club and the activities and achievements of the club to date. 2 items	1903-1948
C DSHB/5/3	Order of Service for the unveiling by The Lord Middleton of the Memorial Plaque to Dr. T.C. Jackson 1 item	24 Jan 1950
C DSHB/5/4	A Century of the Hull Boys' Club, Play The Game Compiled by Jim Brown with a foreword by Johnny Whiteley, this book provides a pictorial history of the club during its first hundred years 1 volume	2002
C DSHB/5/5	'The Hull Boys' Club 1902-2015, A Journey Through Time' Booklet containing a copy of the minutes of a Public Meeting held on the 18th November 1902 to discuss the formation of a Boys Club 'to provide a place of recreation and improvement for poor and neglected lads'. It was convened by W. Alfred Gelder, Mayor and the motion was carried unanimously. Includes summarised biographies of Dr. Thomas Catherick Jackson LLD. (LOND) joint founder of Hull Boys' Club, and Thomas Harold Jackson Esq. O.B.E., M.A., (Cantab) appointed Patron to The Hull Boys' Club, list of Patrons , photographic portraits of presidents of the Club and the honorary secretaries, a list of Honorary Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members, and a list of recipients of The Roy Waudby Memorial Award. 2 items	1902-2015
C DSHB/6	A DVD containing scans of the photographs and images in 'A Century of the Hull Boys' Club, Play The Game' 312 files, 478MB	1902-2015
C DSHB/7	Items Relating to Tommy Sutton Menus for celebration dinners [1948-1957], an invitation to the re-opening of the Boys' Club, Roper Street [5 Mar 1946], an invitation to a	1925-1982

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dinner & presentation of trophies [26 Sep 1957], a rota attendance card [1 Oct 1925], photocopied document containing names and addresses of registered players of Hull Boys' Club R.F.C. and lists of teams to be picked from [1950-51] and a copy of an article from The Hull Star - 'Old boys are still together', an article celebrating the Club's 80th birthday
1 file

C DSHB/8	<p>Items Relating to Peter Lovell</p> <p>Peter Lovell was awarded an M.B.E. in the New Years Honour List of 1980/81. He was managing director of Brekkes Ltd, the Hull fish merchants and President of the Hull Fish Trades Boxing Club. Included in these items is Mr. Lovell's M.B.E. and his citation certificate signed by Elizabeth R, an article (and a copy) on his award from the Hull Star and a booklet on 'Statutes of The Most Excellent Order of The British Empire'</p> <p>4 items</p>	1980
C DSHB/9	<p>The original cloth club banner, currently framed</p> <p>1 item</p>	1903