

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended 31st May, 1998.

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Chief Executive: W.GARETH DAVIES, B.Sc(Hons)



W. HAYDN WILKINS, ESQ.
President of the Cardiff Athletic Club

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

President:
W.HAYDN WILKINS

Vice Presidents:

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman
M.G.B. WARFIELD

Vice Chairman: *D.O. Herbert
*G. CHUGG
*J.D. H.RICHES
*M. JOHN

Those marked * are Trustees of the Club and, as such, are ex-officio
Members of the Committee.

A.ALLEN
J.EVANS
K.EAST
A. C. EDWARDS
LEIDMAN
M.C.GILMORE

W.HUNT
J.D.NELSON
M.PHILLIPS
D.R.TURNER
A.D.WILLIAMS
*C.D.WILLIAMS

Co-opted Members:

J.O. WEBB, D. COLE, T. CHARLES

Of the above, each elected member holds office for two years and
the co-opted members hold office for one year.

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Chief Executive
W.GARETH DAVIES B.Sc.(Hons)
President:
W.H.Wilkins

**CARDIFF ARMS PARK
CARDIFF, CF1 1JA**

Date as postmark

Dear Sir or Madam,

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on 29th October 1998 commencing at 7.0 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To read the notice convening the Meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 7th October, 1997 which are included in this notice.
4. To receive Annual Report
5. To receive Annual Statement of Accounts
6. To elect Vice Presidents
7. To appoint Auditors

8. To confirm election of Members to the Management Committee. The Members nominated for election of the Management Committee are as follows:

<i>Bowls Section</i>	-	M. Gilmore
<i>Football Section</i>	-	J. Evans
		J.D. Nelson
<i>Hockey</i>	-	M.G.B. Warfield
<i>Cricket</i>	-	A.C. Edwards
<i>Tennis</i>	-	A. Allen

The above being the only nominations received these Members will be declared elected

9. To transact such other business as shall be allowed by the Chairman as fairly arising out of the Agenda.

Admission to the Meeting shall be strictly on the production of a CURRENT Membership Card for the year ending 30th April, 1999. Members are reminded that they cannot be admitted to the Meeting unless they produce such a Card.

JUNIOR Members under the age of 18 are reminded that under the Club's Rule 5(d) they may attend the Meeting on production of a current Membership Card but may not vote.

It would facilitate the smooth running of the Meeting if questions regarding accounts or requiring detailed answers could be communicated to the Chief Executive by Monday 26th October 1998.

Yours faithfully,
W Gareth Davies
Chief Executive

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Cardiff Athletic Club held on Tuesday, 7th October 1997 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

1. The Chairman welcomed the Members present and requested the Chief Executive to Read the Notice Convening the Meeting.

The President relinquished the Chairmanship of the Annual General Meeting and the Chairman of the Management Committed Chaird that evening's meeting.

2. The Chief Executive read out apologies for absence from Members.
3. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, which had been circulated with the Notice, were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT** - The Chairman's Report was accepted by all Members present.
5. **TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.** -

Representatives from Coopers and Lybrand confirmed that the Auditor's Report on the Financial Statement gave a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 30th April 1997, and the Chairman invited questions from the floor.

A member queried the 1996 figures quoted in the balance sheet. He referred to a number of items which differed in the accounts from those quoted in the portfolio i.e. Income from Clubhouse stated in Balance Sheet as £60,124 Portfolio stated £66,067 and questioned whether the 1996 accounts had been correct. This would be looked at

He also queried the outstanding debt from Sophia Gardens, he could not see it mentioned in the accounts and was informed that payment had been received and banked on 1st October, 1997.

A Member queried the substantial drop in Membership Income

and was informed that the reason for this had been that the fees received before 31st January, 1997 had been put into C.A.C. account fees received after 1st February had been put into CRFC Ltd.'s account.

It was queried where, in the future, would the Membership Fees be allocated and Members were informed that all fees relating to rugby would go to the CRFC Ltd.'s account and other Sectional Fees would go to C.A.C. It was explained that if a person was a Member of two Sections, with the Rugby Section being his second Section, only the fee relating to the second section would be allocated to CRFC Ltd.

Concern had been expressed as to how C.A.C. could continue to operate with a low income. It was stated that CRFC Ltd., would pay the sum of £75,000 rent but Members did not consider the amount to be enough to cover costs in view of the fact that so much other income i.e. car parking, clubhouse profits would go to CRFC Ltd.

It was questioned what would happen if CRFC Ltd., did not make a profit, would it result in C.A.C. not being paid the rent? The Chief Executive stated that there was only one way the rent could go and that was upwards. A Member enquired if the rent had been based on assets or profit and was advised that, as explained in the portfolio, the rent was set at 50% of the average adjusted net profit which reflected a midway agreement between the landlord and tenant.

A Member enquired how the rent would be evaluated in five years time and was informed that it would be calculated on normal open market rental terms. As independent valuers had determined the rent, a Member enquired if adjudicators would be employed to act on behalf of C.A.C. It was confirmed that the question of a rent review would go to arbitration.

It was proposed by Mr.W.Hunt and seconded by Mr.D.Herbert that the accounts be accepted.

6. **TO ELECT VICE PRESIDENTS** - The Chairman referred Members to the list of Vice Presidents on page 3 and it was approved by all present that the Vice Presidents would be re-elected.

7. **TO APPOINT AUDITORS** - It was pointed out that the C.A.C. accounts had been reduced and, because of a possible conflict of interest, the Management Committee had decided to appoint a separate auditor to audit C.A.C.'s accounts. Coopers & Lybrand would continue to audit CRFC Ltd.'s accounts. Appreciation and thanks were expressed to Coopers & Lybrand for the sophisticated work carried out by that company on behalf of C.A.C. over many years.

8. **TO CONFIRM ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** - The Chairman read out the nominees from the Sections to be elected onto the Management Committee for two years and these were approved as follows:

<i>Bowls Section</i>	-	K. East
<i>Football Section</i>	-	A.D. Williams
		I. Eidman
<i>Hockey Section</i>	-	W. Hunt
<i>Cricket Section</i>	-	M.T. Phillips
<i>Tennis Section</i>	-	D.R. Turner

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION** - re. alterations to C.A.C. Rules proposed by Mr. W. Peter Lewis and seconded by Mr. Richard H. Witcombe of the Tennis Section.

Rule 5 MEMBERS - the following words to be added.

- (i) Family Members
- (ii) Social Members

Rule 5(d) JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Delete "Not younger than 11." Also make a change so that 5 (d) reads as follows:

"Junior Members shall be persons who are not older than 18."

Due to the fact that the proposer and seconder of the above amendments were not present and enough detail had not been supplied, it was agreed that the motion be null and void. It was decided however that the Management Committee would refer

the suggested amendment to the new Company, which rented the Clubhouse and pointed out that any rule amendment would have to be approved by Members.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member pointed out that a notice had been put in the press advertising the Clubhouse being open to the public and concern was expressed by Members present that this was in breach of our Licence which could be revoked. It was confirmed that it would be investigated as to how the notice got into the Press.

Members enquired why the catering in the Clubhouse had been changed from the Steward's wife having the franchise to a Catering Manager being employed. Members stated that, in their opinion, they had been more than satisfied with the operation being run by the Steward's wife.. The Chief Executive explained that the catering operation had been looked at and it had been decided that the income gained from catering should go into the company's account to enhance profits.

Concern was expressed by a number of Members that the quality of the catering had deteriorated and it was felt certain that this would result in a reduction of the catering and bar takings.

Members stated that they considered that the work carried out by the Steward and his wife had been excellent and concern was expressed that there was the possibility that the Steward might consider terminating his employment now that the catering income had been taken away from him. The Chief Executive informed Members that he would continue to talk to the Steward regarding the continuance of his employment with the Club.

A Member of the Management Committee stated that he was concerned that, with the construction of the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Athletic Club would lose out if it did not act quickly enough in establishing a Social Membership as he considered that there was a large amount of untapped business to be had in the City Centre. It was agreed that this should be referred to Cardiff RFC Ltd., and brought back to CAC Members for final approval.

A Member referred to the staff, previously employed by C.A.C. and now employed by CRFC Ltd. He had heard rumours that redundancies were to be made and requested that employees were protected.

Information was requested on the CHSOB ground and Members were informed that CRFC Ltd., was still investigating the possibility of acquiring the ground for Sections but to-date nothing had been finalised. The option to purchase was in place until 31st May, 1998.

Members referred to match day ticket prices, they considered them to be too high when Cardiff played small Clubs such as Dinas Powys. The Chief Executive stated that the W.R.U. gave guidance on what to charge although Clubs did not have to adhere to the suggested prices. He advised that he had spoken to Dinas Powys regarding match day prices and they had agreed the prices charged.

A Member enquired what compensation the W.R.U. had given for the closure of the Clubhouse and was informed that £20,000 had been received.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.0 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

One of the first acts by the Management Committee was to appoint new auditors to look after the finances and accounts of C.A.C. The auditors appointed are Watts, Gregory and Daniel of Cardiff. A Finance Sub Committee, from Management Members plus David Cole, a Co-opted Member, has had numerous meetings with the accountants together with the C.R.F.C. Finance Director. Amongst many matters discussed, it was decided that our financial year should end 31st May, 1998 to coincide with the C.R.F.C. Ltd.'s change in date.

The result therefore, for the period ended 31st May, 1988 showed a surplus of £435,233. The operating deficit was £40,581. However, there has been a settlement of the taxation of the capital gain arising from the sale of Sophia Gardens and a settlement of all other outstanding corporation tax matters, up to and including the year ended 30th April, 1997. This has resulted in a tax credit of £449,335, leading to the overall surplus for the period.

The income and expenditure that is expected to occur in the next accountancy period ("recurring items") has been separated from that which should not occur again ("non recurring items"). This analysis has been provided to enhance the usefulness of these accounts to members, by giving them an indication of the one off items that have affected the period ended 31st May 1998.

The financial split of the compensation receivable from the W.R.U./Millenium Stadium Plc., between C.A.C. and C.R.F.C. Ltd., has not, as yet, been agreed. the Management Committee hope a satisfactory agreement will be reached in the very near future.

As a result of not knowing our complete financial position, the Re-Location Sub Committee has not been able to make further progress on re-locating the Cricket, Hockey and Tennis Sections. Meetings have been held with C.H.S.O.B. with a view to purchasing the Diamond Ground, Whitchurch, on which we could have a new cricket ground with adjoining tennis courts, together with possible provision for another bowling green. On the leasehold part of the land, provision could be made for an Astro Turf

pitch for the Hockey section, two Rugby Pitches, separated by a Cricket Square. At the moment, everything is on hold with C.H.S.O.B. but progress has to be made, most urgently, on finding a new cricket ground in time for next season for the first and second teams of the Cricket Section.

An E.G.M. was called on 9th February, 1998, at which four resolutions were put forward by Mr. W. M. Johnson. The first three resolutions were not carried, the fourth was withdrawn by Mr. Johnson at the request of the Chairman. There was a fifth resolution which was for a new type of Membership called Social, this was carried virtually unanimously. The subscription for this type of Membership will be £10.00.

In conclusion, I would like to thank every member of the Management Committee for their discussion, debate, help and guidance throughout all the meetings we have had, in particular, I must give special thanks to the Trustees and Finance Sub Committee for all the extra meetings they have had to attend, to David Herbert for all his support as Vice Chairman. Appreciation, on behalf of C.A.C. must be given to all the ground staff, office and clubhouse employees for their contribution to the year. The same applies, in particular, to the Chief Executive, Financial Director and Club Steward.

Finally, may I wish C.R.F.C. Ltd., every success in their plans for the future, in whatever direction they wish to take, for the benefit of the Rugby Club and C.A.C.

M.G.B. WARFIELD
Chairman of Management

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting.

FIXED ASSETS

Freehold land and buildings, and other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation where applicable.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on ground maintenance equipment at a rate of 20% per annum.

No depreciation has been provided on freehold land and buildings. The property is let under a full repairing lease and has to be maintained in accordance with Sports Ground Legislation, such that the value does not diminish over time. The management committee are of the opinion that the market value of the land is greater than the value at which the land and buildings appear in the accounts.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The management committee are required to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club as at the end of the financial period and of the income and expenditure of the Club for that period. The management committee confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used, and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the accounts for the period ended 31 May 1998. The management committee also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The management committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Club and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Management Committee

M. WARFIELD
Chairman

25 September 1998

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 1998

		31 May 1998	31 May 1998	31 May 1998	30 April 1997	30 April 1997	30 April 1997
		Recurring items	Non recurring items See below	Total	Continuing activities	Discontinued activities Note 2	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income	Note						
Rugby income	3	-	-	-	-	440,977	440,977
Membership income		14,011	-	14,011	19,736	254,077	273,813
Clubhouse profit	4	-	-	-	-	49,261	49,261
Hospitality suite rentals		-	-	-	-	243,286	243,286
Net commercial income	5	-	-	-	-	237,460	237,460
Interest receivable		47,254	-	47,254	34,570	-	34,570
Rental of CAP		81,250	-	81,250	18,750	-	18,750
Other income	6	17,500	35,697	53,197	-	23,269	23,269
		160,015	35,697	195,712	73,056	1,248,330	1,321,386
Expenditure							
Rugby expenditure		-	-	-	-	(830,996)	(830,996)
Sectional expenditure	8	(45,279)	(71,377)	(116,656)	(17,186)	-	(17,186)
Wages and salaries		-	-	-	-	(302,233)	(302,233)
Ground maintenance and utilities	9	-	(4,609)	(4,609)	(28,757)	(290,789)	(319,546)
Laundry and cleaning		-	-	-	-	(17,943)	(17,943)
Insurance and professional charges	10	(8,355)	(69,062)	(77,417)	(10,369)	(42,439)	(52,808)
Stationery, telephone and postage		(5,316)	-	(5,316)	-	(37,746)	(37,746)
Advertising		-	-	-	-	(13,181)	(13,181)
Depreciation		(48)	-	(48)	-	(33,838)	(33,838)
Doubtful debt expense		-	-	-	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
Interest payable and bank charges		(32,247)	-	(32,247)	(26,252)	-	(26,252)
Sundry items		-	-	-	(33,210)	(18,069)	(51,279)
		(91,245)	(145,048)	(236,293)	(115,774)	(1,594,234)	(1,710,008)
Operating surplus (deficit)		68,770	(109,351)	(40,581)	(42,718)	(345,904)	(388,622)
Gain on transfer of rugby section	2	-	-	-	1,151,851	-	1,151,851
Exceptional income	11	-	26,478	26,478	-	192,986	192,986
Surplus (deficit) before taxation		68,770	(82,873)	(14,103)	1,109,133	(152,918)	956,215
Taxation	12	(10,000)	459,335	449,335	(150,000)	-	(150,000)
Surplus(deficit) for the period	22	58,770	376,462	435,232	959,133	(152,918)	806,215

The analysis of recurring and non recurring items has been provided to enhance the usefulness of these accounts for members. The recurring items are, by their nature expected to occur in the following accounting period, although they may be different amounts.

The non recurring items should not occur in the next period. Detail has been provided in the notes to the accounts of each non recurring amount.

See note 2 for an explanation of the transaction giving rise to the discontinued activities.

The Club has no gains or losses other than those included in the above account.

There is no difference between the result shown and its historical cost equivalent.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 1998

			31 May 1998	30 April 1997
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Land and buildings	13	2,144,261	2,135,361	
Other fixed assets	14	902	2,145,163	2,135,361
Investments	15		1,347,700	847,700
Current assets				
Debtors	16	228,753	1,027,565	
Cash	17	638,340	1,388,236	
		867,093	2,415,801	
Current liabilities				
Creditors	18	(480,898)	(1,193,235)	
Net current assets			386,195	1,222,566
Total assets less current liabilities			3,879,058	4,205,627
Creditors due after more than one year				
Deferred credit - assignment of ticket rights		(102,900)	(102,900)	
Loans	19	-	(765,728)	
			(102,900)	(868,628)
			3,776,158	3,336,999
Total members' funds				
Members' fund	20		3,682,456	3,247,224
Lottery fund	21		93,702	89,775
	22		3,776,158	3,336,999

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 1998

1. Change of accounting reference date

During the period the Club changed its accounting reference date from 30 April to 31 May. Consequently these accounts show the results for the thirteen months ended 31 May 1998.

2. Transfer of part of the activities and net assets of the Club in 1997

On 1 February 1997 the activities of the rugby section of the Club were transferred into a newly incorporated company, Cardiff Rugby Football Club Limited (the Company). This transfer involved a substantial part of the trade and net assets of the Club to the Company, and resulted in the Club receiving 750,000 Heritage shares of £1 each in Cardiff Rugby Football Club Limited. A gain arose on the transfer to the Company of £1,151,851.

The Club also invested £500,000 in cash in the ordinary share capital of the Company during the period.

Consequently, the results of the Club for the preceding year represent nine months activity including the rugby section and three months excluding the rugby section. The results of the rugby section were separately disclosed in the preceding year as a discontinued activity.

The remaining sections of the Club continue to operate as before, however administration is performed by the Company.

The Club rents Cardiff Arms Park to the Company for £75,000 per annum.

An analysis of the net assets transferred and the gain that arose on the transfer is shown below.

2a) Net assets transferred		£	£
Fixed assets			
	Tangible		63,428
	Quoted investments		<u>70,543</u>
			133,971
Current assets			
	Stocks	41,340	
	Debtors	284,502	
	Cash	<u>115</u>	
		325,957	
Current liabilities			
	Deferred income	(506,048)	
	Hire purchase liabilities	(10,556)	
	Trade creditors	(77,224)	
	Accruals	(73,321)	
	Loans	<u>(194,630)</u>	
		(861,779)	
			<u>(535,822)</u>
			<u>(401,851)</u>
Net liabilities			
2b) Analysis of gain arising on transfer		£	
Goodwill, being gain arising on transfer		1,151,851	
Less: net liabilities above		<u>(401,851)</u>	
		<u>750,000</u>	
Satisfied by:		£	
750,000 Heritage shares of £1 each in Cardiff RFC Limited		<u>750,000</u>	

3. Rugby income

	31 May 1998	30 April 1997
All rugby income arose from discontinued activities.	£	£
Gate receipts	-	240,152
Season ticket revenue	-	35,898
Broadcasting & tournament fees	-	156,695
Junior Blue & Blacks	<u>-</u>	<u>8,232</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>440,977</u>

4. Clubhouse profit

	31 May 1998	30 April 1997
All clubhouse profit arose from discontinued activities.	£	£
Bar takings	-	205,280
Less: cost of sales	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,383)</u>
Gross profit	-	84,897
Wages, salaries and other costs	<u>-</u>	<u>(55,729)</u>
Net profit	-	29,168
Fruit machine profit	<u>-</u>	<u>20,093</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>49,261</u>

5. Net commercial income

	31 May 1998	30 April 1997
All net commercial income arose from discontinued activities.	£	£
Profit on sale of programmes	-	4,964
Ground earnings	-	94,813
Profit on shop sales	-	14,885
Commercial, catering and sponsorship	<u>-</u>	<u>122,798</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>237,460</u>

6. Other income

	31 May 1998	31 May 1998	31 May 1998	30 April 1997	30 April 1997	30 April 1997
	Recurring items	Non recurring items	Total	Continued activities	Discontinued activities	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Car park receipts	-	-	-	-	22,599	22,599
WRU lottery commission	-	-	-	-	670	670
Compensation income	<u>17,500</u>	<u>35,697</u>	<u>53,197</u>	-	-	-
	<u>17,500</u>	<u>35,697</u>	<u>53,197</u>	-	23,269	23,269

The amount included within "compensation income - recurring items" of £17,500 relates to amounts received in relation to the loss of rights of way arising from the construction of the Millennium Stadium. The amounts included within "compensation income - non recurring items" relates to compensation received for the loss of the right to use the changing rooms in the National Stadium.

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7. Rugby expenditure

All rugby expenditure in 1997 arose from discontinued activities.

	31 May 1998 Total	30 April 1997
	£	£
Matchday and tour costs	-	111,030
Players' salaries and expenses	-	635,066
Junior XV expenses	-	3,111
Dinners, dances, awards etc.	-	4,755
Equipment	-	18,838
Insurance	-	17,019
Physiotherapy & medical	-	23,959
Junior Blue & Blacks	-	3,871
Development expenditure	-	13,347
	-	<u>830,996</u>

8. Sectional expenditure

All sectional expenditure in 1997 arose from recurring activities.

	31 May 1998 Recurring items £	31 May 1998 Non recurring items £	31 May 1998 Total £	30 April 1997 £
Bowls	10,028	-	10,028	1,960
Cricket	9,336	-	9,336	3,103
Hockey	18,291	-	18,291	5,801
Tennis	5,516	-	5,516	6,322
Other	2,108	71,377	73,485	-
	<u>45,279</u>	<u>71,377</u>	<u>116,656</u>	<u>17,186</u>

The amount included within "non recurring items - other" of £71,377 primarily consists of the costs of ensuring compliance with statute, including VAT and PAYE, and the refinement of certain estimates made in 1997 accounts.

9. Maintenance and utilities

	31 May 1998 Recurring items £	31 May 1998 Non recurring items £	31 May 1998 Total £	30 April 1997 Continued activities £	30 April 1997 Discontinued activities £	30 April 1997 Total £
Maintenance	-	-	-	28,757	76,399	105,156
Rent and rates	-	-	-	-	171,578	171,578
Utilities	-	4,609	4,609	-	42,812	42,812
	-	<u>4,609</u>	<u>4,609</u>	<u>28,757</u>	<u>290,789</u>	<u>319,546</u>

The amount included within "non recurring items - utilities" of £4,609 represents the costs incurred whilst the Club remained responsible for the utilities at Sophia Gardens. These costs ceased upon the receipt of the final tranche of the sale proceeds of Sophia Gardens in October 1997.

10. Insurance and professional charges

	31 May 1998 Recurring items £	31 May 1998 Non recurring items £	31 May 1998 Total £	30 April 1997 Continued activities £	30 April 1997 Discontinued activities £	30 April 1997 Total £
Insurance	-	-	-	1,735	15,878	17,613
Audit & accountancy	4,930	-	4,930	4,000	2,000	6,000
Professional charges	3,425	69,062	72,487	4,634	24,561	29,195
	<u>8,355</u>	<u>69,062</u>	<u>77,417</u>	<u>10,369</u>	<u>42,439</u>	<u>52,808</u>

The amount included within "non recurring items - professional charges" of £69,062 mainly represents the costs relating to the corporation tax settlements referred to in note 12 below.

11. Exceptional net income

	31 May 1998 Recurring items £	31 May 1998 Non recurring items £	31 May 1998 Total £	30 April 1997 Continued activities £	30 April 1997 Discontinued activities £	30 April 1997 Total £
Refund of non-domestic rates	-	43,503	43,503	-	192,986	192,986
Associated professional fees	-	(17,025)	(17,025)	-	-	-
	-	<u>26,478</u>	<u>26,478</u>	-	<u>192,986</u>	<u>192,986</u>

The refunds of non-domestic rates represent repayments of rates and associated interest, covering the period 1990-1995, following a successful appeal to the District Valuer. The professional fees relate to the advice taken by the Club in this appeal.

12. Taxation

	31 May 1998 Recurring items £	31 May 1998 Non recurring items £	31 May 1998 Total £	30 April 1997 Total £
Corporation tax	10,000	(459,335)	(449,335)	150,000

The corporation tax credit represents the settlement of the tax on the capital gain arising from the sale of Sophia Gardens, and a settlement of all other outstanding corporation tax matters, up to and including the year ended 30 April 1997.

13. Fixed assets: Cardiff Arms Park - Land & buildings

	Executive Boxes £	Ground Develop £	Club House £	Bowls Pavilion £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 May 1997	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	33,392	2,135,361
Additions	-	163,233	-	8,900	172,133
Disposals	-	(163,233)	-	-	(163,233)
Net book value	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>2,144,261</u>
At 31 May 1998	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>33,392</u>	<u>2,135,361</u>
At 30 April 1997					

Notes Cont'd

14. Other fixed assets

	Ground Maintenance Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 May 1997	-
Additions	950
At 31 May 1998	950
Depreciation	
At 1 May 1997	-
Depreciation for period	(48)
At 31 May 1998	(48)
Net book value	
At 31 May 1998	902
At 30 April 1997	-

15. Investments

	1998 £	1997 £
At cost:		
WRU - Debenture repayable 2033	92,500	92,500
WRU - Debenture repayable 2026 (both debentures are interest free)	5,200	5,200
Heritage shares in Cardiff RFC Ltd (see note 2)	750,000	750,000
Ordinary shares of £1 each in Cardiff RFC Ltd (see note 2)	500,000	-
	<u>1,347,700</u>	<u>847,700</u>

The investment in Heritage and Ordinary shares in Cardiff RFC Ltd is included at cost, £1.25m. The Management Committee have considered the value of this investment, and have concluded that they have inadequate evidence to establish a current market value.

16. Debtors

	1998 £	1997 £
Sophia Gardens sale proceeds - debtor	-	950,000
Corporation tax refund due	96,646	-
VAT recoverable	34,744	-
Amounts due from Cardiff RFC Ltd.	40,596	18,750
Other debtors & prepayments	56,767	58,815
	<u>228,753</u>	<u>1,027,565</u>

17. Cash

	1998 £	1997 £
Cash attributable to CAC members	544,349	1,266,595
Cash attributable to Lottery fund	93,991	121,641
	<u>638,340</u>	<u>1,388,236</u>

18. Creditors - due less than one year

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank overdraft	-	304,112
Bank loan	-	60,000
Taxation and social security	-	9,847
Trade creditors	7,240	-
Corporation tax	10,000	637,000
AMEC Building loan	440,000	-
Amounts owed to Cardiff RFC Ltd	-	166,937
Other creditors and accruals	23,658	15,339
	<u>480,898</u>	<u>1,193,235</u>

The AMEC Building Ltd, loan taken out for the construction of part of the Executive suites, is wholly repayable in 1998. Interest accrues at a rate of £20,000 per annum.

19. Loans due after more than one year

	1998 £	1997 £
AMEC Building Ltd (see note 18)	-	440,000
Bank loan	-	325,728
	<u>-</u>	<u>765,728</u>

20. Members' fund

	1998 £	1997 £
At beginning of period	3,247,224	2,441,009
Transfer from I & E Account	435,232	806,215
At end of period	<u>3,682,456</u>	<u>3,247,224</u>

21. Lottery fund

	1998 £	1997 £
At beginning of period	89,775	69,238
Ticket sales	79,478	74,696
Prizes and donations	(74,228)	(53,033)
Operating expenses	(2,755)	(2,350)
Interest income	1,432	1,224
At end of period	<u>93,702</u>	<u>89,775</u>

22. Reconciliation of movement in members' funds

	1998 £	1997 £
At beginning of period	3,336,999	2,510,167
Result for the period	435,232	806,215
Increase in lottery fund	3,927	20,617
At end of period	<u>3,776,158</u>	<u>3,336,999</u>

23. Post balance sheet event

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, Cardiff Athletic Club together with Cardiff RFC Ltd. signed an agreement with the Welsh Rugby Union and Millenium Stadium plc, relating to the enhancement of access to the Millenium Stadium, changes in rights of way and compensation.

CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 1998
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB

We have audited the financial statements on pages 14 to 21.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

As described in the statement of Management Committee responsibilities, the committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Management Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Club's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error or other irregularity. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

FUNDAMENTAL UNCERTAINTY

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements concerning the carrying value of the investment in Cardiff Rugby Football Club Limited. On the basis of the information presently available the Management Committee have been unable to ascertain the value of the investment. The financial statements have been prepared showing the investment at cost and do not include any adjustment that would result from a permanent diminution in the value of the investment. Details of the circumstances relating to this fundamental uncertainty are described in note 15. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at 31 May 1998 and of its surplus for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with Club Rules.

WATTS GREGORY & DANIEL
Registered auditors
Chartered Accountants
10/14 Museum Place, Cardiff
CF1 3NZ

25 September 1998

CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB - 1997 REPORT

The past twelve months have seen a period of intense activity for the Cardiff Cricket Club with major changes taking place or proposed in many crucial areas.

The First XI approached the season under new captain Chris Fowler with one overriding objective. The Western League had decided that for 1998 Division 1 for first elevens would split into two divisions based on the final 1997 league tables and with two teams promoted and relegated between the two divisions each season. The pressure was firmly on us to gain a top ten league place. This remained mathematically in doubt until late September, but the objective was ultimately achieved with eighth position, winning eight matches and losing five. The season also provided an excellent Welsh Cup run which ultimately ended in disappointment with defeat in the final. The Western League had also decided that overseas players would be limited to one per team from 1997. We were able to secure the return of Richard Almond as club coach. Whilst Richard could not repeat his outstanding figures of 1996, his batting and his attitude were again an example to all. Support in the batting came from Robbie Weston, David Herbert and Ian Bridgeman, who provided one of the season's highlights. Coming in against Midsomer Norton in the 28th over he hit 102 not out for a chanceless first league First XI century. Of the bowlers, Chris Fowler led by example with most wickets, supported primarily by Dale Iniff and Alistair Dalton, although all the bowlers used played their part. Dale and Paul Warren joined us as students from Glamorgan University and we congratulate them on their 1998 contracts with Northants and Somerset respectively. We had representation in Minor Counties cricket in 1997 with Alistair Dalton and Paul Warren appearing for Wales and Devon respectively. Overall, results were slightly disappointing given what seemed a well balanced team with plenty of ability and I am sure that the players will feel they could have achieved more. Highlights of the season were convincing wins batting second against Weston where Richard Almond (122 not out) and David Herbert (78) put on 196 in our 220-1 - a record First XI opening Western League partnership - and Imperial (Almond 96 not out), as well as our 321-6 in 45 overs against Halkyn in the Welsh Cup (Almond 161). Congratulations to Chris Fowler for his efforts during the season. I am sure he will admit that he learned as he went along and I am delighted that he will continue in 1998.

For the future, First XI matches will be far more competitive. Whilst this will raise the standard of first team cricket, it will be harder to integrate younger players into the side and I believe that Division II should also have split to raise the standard of second team cricket and help bridge the gap. Had this been introduced in 1997, then our Second XI final position of 12th, with five wins and six losses, would have meant second division cricket in 1998. The side was not helped by a change of captain in mid-season and we all wish Dan O'Sullivan a full recovery. The team was very much a mixture of the young and old and the former group will have gained valuable experience. Richard Meggitt was his reliable self with the bat, his 304 runs in 10 innings giving an average of 50.17 and fourth place in the league batting averages. The main support came from brother Ed Meggitt, newcomer Rob Powell and Gwyn Hobbs. The leading wicket taker was Matt Phillips with 18 at an average of 17.50, support coming from Phil Haines, Matt Gough, Dan Singer, Alan Powell and Jeff Mitchell. Thanks go to Ed Meggitt for taking over the reins during the season. There was no candidate for the captaincy at the 1997 AGM and the new committee should consider the position carefully with some promising young players coming through the ranks.

Under the driving captaincy of Stuart Dyke, much was expected of the Third XI and the final league position of third meant no automatic promotion once again. This disappointment underlines the strength of Glamorgan and Gwent Fifth Division cricket, for we often fielded strong teams. A lack of penetration in the bowling meant a loss of the bonus points which would have seen us promoted. Dave Spence, James Cale, Paul Mohamed and the captain were regular run scorers, while John Rees, Matt Gough, Tom Jenkins and the captain performed consistently with the ball.

Not for the first time in recent seasons, the Fourth XI provided the success story in terms of league position. We were fortunate that Wally Carter re-joined the club as a player and took over the team, albeit unwillingly at first. As captain of what is inevitably a young team, Wally was an ideal choice. His playing ability is far above Fourth XI cricket and, whilst he would often provide late impetus to an innings to raise a more competitive total, he was content to let the youngsters take the ball and the team's success was much more than a one-man effort. Inevitably Wally topped both the club and league batting averages with 507 runs at an average of 63.37, supported by Phil Harrington, Gareth Rees, Tommy Rees

and Arfhan Rafiq. We were also able to provide the leader in the league bowling averages in Hugh Thomas, aged 15, with 21 wickets for 127, average 6.04. Phil Harrington (30 wickets for 261 at 8.70) and Tommy Burns (19 wickets for 252 at 13.26) also featured in the league averages, while Ian Carter and Rhys Harrington also contributed. Greg Nicholas, aged 13, had 10 catches and 4 stumpings and scored a half century in only his second innings in senior cricket. Phil Harrington gave Wally staunch support both on and off the field. The Fourth XI in 1997 was a blueprint for what we should be doing with our lower teams - two or three capable senior players guiding a group of promising youngsters, who gain greatly from the experience. If we can do something similar with the Fifth XI then we should have a constant stream of good young cricketers moving up through the club for years to come.

The Fifth XI under Alan Lang once again faced a difficult season. The team was probably more settled than before as it becomes more established. However, the results were still disappointing, although one or two mature players would have brought far greater success. An innings of 80 by Katen Patel against Aberdare and a hat-trick by Steve Davies with the first three balls of Abercynons's innings were features of the season. Katen Patel, Robert Smith, Hugh Morgan and Chris Jermyn all gained valuable experience of senior cricket.

Although Alan Lang has decided not to continue as captain next year. The fifth XI should continue and I remember only too well the difficulties faced when we began the fourth XI. Next year's captain will undoubtedly find things easier because of the groundwork Alan has put in and the club owes him an enormous debt.

Friendly Sunday XI fixtures were almost non-existent and this is a situation which must be rectified for 1998. They provide the opportunity for young cricketers to play with experienced players and allow them opportunities to develop away from the pressure of league cricket.

The youth section has continued to flourish with indoor nets for many young cricketers of all ages through the winter months. pride of place must go to our Under-13s for their Welsh Cup win (including defeat of St. Fagans en route) and for an outstanding effort in the National Finals.

Congratulations go to David Herbert Jr. and Stuart Dyke on their respective weddings in September, to Ed Meggitt on his wedding last winter and to Steve Pearce on the birth of his daughter Amanda.

My thanks to all those who have contributed to the running of the club during the season, to the captains, committee and coaches, to Rebecca and Rachel for our excellent teas, to the unsung workers who do much behind the scenes without recognition, and particularly to Ian Brice and C.E. Heath for their continuing and unfailing support as our sponsors, which we must never take for granted.

Our main difficulty at the present time is the lack of a ground of our own. It seems that our stay at Sophia Gardens has passed, at least for senior cricket. Negotiations to buy the Diamond Ground have not progressed. The situation has been affected by very many factors, none of which have a direct connection with Cardiff Cricket Club. We must hope that this uncertainty is removed in the near future, since the present situation is frustrating for us all and as big a test as any amateur sports club could face. It is to the continuing credit of those involved in the club at all levels that we remain a vibrant and positive unit, both on and off the field of play. If ever proof was needed that Cardiff Cricket Club is the people involved in it, rather than the grounds it plays on or the larger organisation to which it belongs, then the current period surely provides it. Whatever the future holds, we will surely be stronger for the experience.

TONY EDWARDS
(Chairman)

CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1996-1997

In October 1996 we had our first Bowls weekend in Torquay for some time. It was very successful and a good time was had by all. The season concluded on November 15th with the Presentation Dinner in the Top Lounge guested by Mr. Alan Parsons, President of the W.P.G.B.A., for 1996.

Whilst finishing one season on a jovial note, the following months brought sad news with the deaths of five respected members, namely Len Morgan, Dennis Osling, Eric Fowles, Wilf Wooller and just as the new season commenced, the sudden death of Dave Ashton, our past Chairman. They are all sadly missed.

On Tuesday 11th February, our secretary, Malcome Gilmore was appointed Junior Vice - President of the South Glamorgan Bowling Association. We congratulate you Malcolm in bringing yet another honour to this Club and wish you well in your year of office.

The 1997 season commenced with the opening of the green on Friday 11th April by Mr. Colin Jones, President of the W.P.G.B.A. and Chairman of Pontyclun Bowling Club. With the speeches and the bowling of the first woods over, everyone retired to the pavilion where we had a pleasant evening discussing what lay in store for the forthcoming season, not to mention enjoying the excellent buffet and liquid refreshment served by some members who also helped the atmosphere by dressing up for the occasion.

Regarding the remainder of the season, it wasn't as successful as one would have hoped although I'm sure those that played enjoyed their afternoon sport. The closing of the clubhouse meant that we were unable to entertain our visitors as is our custom. I'd like to think that this may have contributed to some poor results on the green, but that probably was not the only reason. The two captains, who did a good job under the circumstances, found it very difficult on times to field two teams on a Saturday. The situation was eased slightly with the welcome arrival of two new members, Alf Townsend and Dennis Hier. I hope that other bowlers or non bowlers may follow you and be encouraged to join us next year to strengthen our Section.

Although we had to compete with the rugby on Finals Day, there were some good games of bowls played in ideal weather conditions. Congratulations to the Winners of all the tournaments, especially to Gordon Hazell on becoming the Club Champion and to Ivor Jones who competed in a final for the first time and won. My commiseration's are extended to the Runners Up. Better luck next time.

May I offer my thanks to the Section Committee for their help and support, Dave and Bernard for organising Friday's Spoons, Malcolm and Les for organising the food and drink and all those that helped on Finals day. To Les and Brian. (whose health, I'm glad to say has improved) for organising the competitions, also to John who took a tough task attending the green and the Office Staff for their help throughout the year.

Although we've been kept apart for most of the season, may I thank Geoff, Betty, Darran and all their staff for their help and co-operation with all the requests we made. My sincere thanks must go to all the ladies once again for the excellent well prepared buffet that was enjoyed by everyone on opening night, and most of all for their hard work and giving up valuable time to prepare and serve our teas every Saturday and other days.
Thank you all very much.

Finally, I wish the new Chairman, Committee and the incoming Captains my sincere best wishes for a successful season in 1998 when we will be commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Bowls Section.

KEN EAST
Chairman

CARDIFF HOCKEY CLUB

Cardiff Men's First Eleven Report

It was the year of the 'Runner-Up' - 2nd in the League, 2nd in the Cup and 2nd in the Indoor Cup. Finishing second in the League (only 2 points adrift from Bristol), provided the opportunity to gain promotion via the play-offs. But, despite convincing wins in both play-off matches, promotion was withdrawn two weeks later when Gloucester were relegated from the national League, bumping Cardiff back down. (A quirk in the rules for the League Committee to consider for future seasons).

A place in the 1999 European Cup Winners cup (venue to be confirmed) is the reward for reaching the Cup final. This will be the first time in seven years that Cardiff have played in the European competition and marks a definite up-turn in the Club's fortunes. A determined effort to recruit new, young players to the club and the re-establishment of the Youth Section have provided the strong platform required for future growth and improvement in the standing of the Club nationally. The aims for the 1998/99 season must be to gain automatic promotion by finishing in top place in the League and to return victorious from Europe.

Cardiff Men's Second Eleven Report

The season started with the usual struggle to field eleven players and in fact over thirty players were used for the first five/six games. What was pleasing however was the increased playing strength of the Club as we won all these early games.

Selection problems were reversed after the first couple of months. It is a real heartache having such a large pool of good quality players to select from. many new players played exceptionally well particularly Tim Jones who won the second Team Player of the Year award.

With a few old hands around to steady the ship we had a very successful and enjoyable season gaining promotion and narrowly losing a very exciting and hard fought second eleven final. Thanks to everyone who supported me so well last year and best wishes to Nunnie who has not only recently got married but is also taking over the second eleven captaincy.
Steve Sparkes.

Cardiff Men's Third Eleven Report

The early part of the season proved difficult with abundant selection problems. However, an influx of new faces considerably strengthened the team and the second half of the season proved extremely successful. We were to eventually finish fourth in the League and we were unlucky to miss out on promotion. All round an excellent season on which the team can hope to build on next year.

Dal Kaler.

Cardiff Men's Fourth Eleven Report

The fourth eleven had a poor season on the field but an outstanding season in the bar. Ian Turner was pleased to hand over Captaincy after many years to younger blood in the name of Mark Shelton. Ian would like to thank the whole team for the support and friendship the fourth Eleven have shown over the years.

Ian Turner

Secretary's Report for 1997/8 Season

What was to prove to be our last season at Sophia Gardens turned out to be an excellent year for the hockey section. The new committee have put substantial work into swelling the number of members and developing a better spirit throughout the Club. The search for the new ground is well underway with the Cardiff Tennis Club being a likely home for the next season.

The complete disappearance of hockey played on grass surfaces and the great pressure on astro turf time throughout Cardiff meant that it was difficult for all teams to play their matches at similar times. This resulted in a somewhat disjointed social side within the Club.

On the playing side the benefits of a full time coach began to pay dividends and it was pleasing to see Cardiff back in the forefront of Welsh Hockey. It is clear that we can now compete with the best once again.

Crucial to the future development of the Club will be the acquisition of its own astro turf ground which will produce lasting benefits for both the Club and Welsh Hockey alike. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Ian Campbell on board as new Chairman for the coming year. Ian has already brought an inspiring new direction to the section and hopefully will lead the Club to an even more successful season in the coming year.

Bill Hunt

Ladies Captain Report

A distinct improvement on the previous season. 1997/8 saw the Ladies First Eleven finish third in the first National League and the Team reached semi finals at the Welsh Cup. The major victory came indoor where the Team won the Welsh Indoor Title. As a result of this we travel next year to Poland to represent Wales at the European Indoor Championships. This will be the first major European Competition we have competed in for a number of years. On the back of this success we hope to build a stronger and more successful Team for the coming season.

Debbie Salt

CAC Tennis Section

Unfortunately, there is still little or no progress worth reporting. The absence of Club Courts makes it almost impossible to keep up membership figures and matches cannot be played. A hardcore of regular and long standing members hold on in the hope that, one day, the section will be properly relocated along with other sections. John Rees and Peter Lewis have tried to keep a junior programme alive and, at the other end of the age range, the Veterans keep the name of the Club going but that is about all of note.

Bob Turner
Chairman

Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club Secretary's report for 1997-98

The Annual general meeting was held on Wednesday 21st May 1997 with 80 members in attendance. All existing officers were re-elected for a further term, as were the seven retiring members of the management Committee. At the meeting an election was held which resulted in Robert Howley being announced as the Player of the Year.

Rob received his award at the Player of the Year Evening which was again incorporated into a Race Night on 24th October 1997. At what proved to be a very successful social event presentations were also made to Hemi Taylor as Club Captain and Lee Jarvis for his record Points' Aggregate in 1996-97.

Following the success of earlier years, a Quiz Night was held on 21st November when 3 teams entered from an attendance of over 50. At the end of the evening a donation was made to Children in Need. Further social evenings were held in February, with another richly entertaining performance by Frank Hennessy, and March, for the second of the Race Nights.

The year concluded with the annual Dinner at which Brynmor Williams was the guest speaker. Jonathan Humphreys responded to the toast to Cardiff Rugby Football Club and Brynmor had many wise thoughts on the current state of Welsh Club Rugby and the way forward. Not for the first time, all present in the capacity audience were indebted to the hard work of Mrs Kath Jones in organising the dinner.

As always the coach trips, near and far, have been a feature of the year. The long haul on this occasion was to Cork for what will forever be known as 'The Munster Weekend'. The 3 nights' away were highlighted by the team's success on the field in the Heineken Cup. This was quickly followed by another excellent excursion and on the field triumph over Harlequins at The Stoop before the European campaign ended with the multi-coach invasion to Bath for the quarter-final.

Attention then turned to Wembley with the club providing coaches at bucket-seat prices for the internationals against Scotland and France. The Supporters Club are blessed to have such a hard-

working and committed officer as Alan Corcoran to set up such trips and so often - the work-load and responsibility cannot be understated.

The Supporters Club continue to be aware and appreciative of the support of Mr Haydn Wilkins, President of the Athletic Club, and Mr John Evans, Chairman of the Rugby Club, in all its endeavours. This year, of all years, an especially sincere thanks must be extended to Mr Gareth Davies who as Chief executive has steered the Rugby Club, its members and supporters through the most unpredictable and sometimes most hostile of waters. All concerned are benefiting from his vision and resolution as club rugby in Wales and the UK enters a new era.

Mrs Tina Tew and the Commercial Department have again been willing helpers of all the Supporters Club's initiatives and Jeff, Betty and Darren Ellerman and their bar staff have invariably shown hospitality and no little humour to the changing moods of the avid supporter as the team won or lost on the pitch.

The year ended on a sadder note with the decision of Hugh Earwicker to stand down after 17 years as CRSC secretary. In a warm tribute Ken Jones said that as Chairman he was well-placed to recognise Hugh's hard and loyal work over the years and also his value as a true friend. Sadness gave way to happiness when the General Committee duly awarded Hugh Earwicker Life Membership of the Supporters Club. The honour was also given to Ken Jarrett who had retired after 20 years' service in 1995. Both honours were thoroughly deserved by gentlemen who are true Blue and Blacks.

For and behalf of
Cardiff Rugby Supporters Club
Alan Evans
Secretary, May 1998

Cardiff Athletic Club Golfing Society 1997/8

Mr President,

Another year, another report; and as each year goes by, so does the esteem and success of the Golfing Society grow.

Under the captaincy of Richard Harris, a most enjoyable year of Competitions at our host Clubs, Llanishen, Cardiff, Whitchurch, Radyr and Glamorganshire, culminated with the members only foursomes at Creigiau, in October.

The highlight of the Society Year, as ever was the Annual Dinner, held in the Athletic Club in January. After Dinner, Members and their guests were entertained by guest speaker, Mr Gareth Daniel.

The Annual General Meeting was held in February. Malcolm Brown, a member of Cardiff Golf Club, was elected as captain for 1998/99; Malcolm invited John Rees (Llanishen Golf Club) to be his Vice Captain.

Another change involved the position of Hon. Secretary. Brian Joseph had announced his wish to stand down at an earlier Committee meeting; Brian Lee was duly proposed and unanimously approved to take on the responsibility. In welcoming Brian, the Captain paid tribute to the work and devotion Brian Joseph had attended to his duties and warmly thanked him for maintaining the high standards set by his predecessors.

The first meeting of the new golfing season has always, by tradition, been held at Llanishen Golf Club in April. Regrettably, for the first time in 34 years, incessant rain had made the course unplayable on the day; and because of a full diary the Club was unable to offer an alternative date until much later in the year which would have clashed with previously arranged fixtures at other host clubs.

Thanks to the efforts of the Captain and Secretary, a meeting was arranged at short notice at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf Club. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Peter Johnson, Director of golf at the Vale Club for fitting us in so quickly.

The course was long and hard to play-a real test of stamina. Nonetheless, scores on the day reflected the high standard of golf played, with the winners scoring 38 points in a 4 Ball B/B Stableford.

CRFC Cup (donated by T. Lynn Williams)

Winners Hywel Rees / Peter Allen 38 points

Runners Up S.Harrison / S. Addicott 36 points

As is usual on Society golf days, a "Birdie 2's" Ball sweep is part of the Competition. On this occasion, one member only achieved this- David Banbury - who won 36 golf balls which he generously shared with his playing partners.

The Society year will continue with meetings at:-

CARDIFF GC	<u>Thursday 11th June</u>
WHITCHURCH	<u>Thursday 16th July</u>
GLAMORGANSHIRE	<u>Thursday 13th August</u>
RADYR	<u>Thursday 10th September</u>
CREIGIAU (Members only)	<u>Wednesday 2nd October</u>

The Annual Dinner is to be held on 22nd January 1999 at the Athletic club and we owe extremely grateful to the Management Committee of the Club for affording this privilege, once again.

Brian Lee
Hon. Secretary

Cardiff Athletic Club

Male Voice Choir

The past year has been a very eventful one for the choir, with over thirty concerts and performances, in Wales, England and Ireland, in Churches, Church halls, Cathedrals, Schools and even outside someone's joke shop, in a draughty arcade.

Once again this year we are invited to take part in joint concerts with local schools, Llanishen Fach Primary and Willows High School and the Cubs, Scouts, and Guides for the Fairwater Festival. It's always a delight to see and hear the youngsters perform with so much enthusiasm and talent.

Our visits, to Warmley and High Wycombe, the Trowbridge Festival, are just a few of our now annual bookings.

The number of parties coming to the clubhouse to listen to the choir rehearsing on a Monday evening has increased to the point that there is always someone there, from the USA, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, not to mention France and Spain. The reputation of the choir is now global.

The highlight of the year was the 'Night of Musical Entertainment' held in the Dome marquee on the Pitch, after months of planning, meeting following meetings and the one hundred and one other things needed to be taken care of, the event finally took place on the 6th June following a few minor and some not so minor hic-cups along the way. The day was dry (following weeks of rain), if not a little 'breezy'. The ground was duly christened with some of Jeff's best scotch following one little breeze in the afternoon, when the top of the 'Dome' kissed the ground in a brief encounter.

With over a hundred choristers on stage, under the able baton of our Musical Director Edgar Taylor, the singing the old favourites along with modern pieces. Peter Karrie as our guest artist, The big, big voice of Charlotte Church in support and Dewi Griffith as the compere for the evening.

The audience of over a thousand, were given a night to remember. The event was a resounding success with people wanting more which is always a good sign.

During the evening the Choir President Haydn Wilkins installed Mr Stanley Thomas MBE and Mr Ray Rees as the first Vice Chairmen of the Choir.

The choir is indebted to the Cardiff Rugby Football Co Ltd and it's Director of Finance Patrick Gore for all the support in staging this event. Our grateful thanks to Jeff and Darren, and the entire bar staff. Bryan and the grounds staff, the catering staff, not forgetting all the girls in the office.

There is one other I need to thank on behalf of the choristers, for his unstinting efforts and organisation for the event, be it obtaining sponsors, selling tickets or putting up tables and chairs, he took it all in his stride. A very big thank you to Stan Thomas MBE.

The choir continues to grow at a steady pace, with fifty choristers on the books. Invitations for the choir continue to come from far and near. In the coming year we will be making our biennial visit to Scotland in February, with a possible visit to Graz, Austria in August next year.

A first for the choir will be the cutting of our first CD, later this year. Order for advanced copies to me!

Once again the choir has helped in the raising of funds for local, organisations and charities and in so doing enhanced the name and reputation of the Club.

To our Musical Director Edgar Taylor and our Accompanist Mrs Mary Jones, we offer our thanks. Steve Gunning, Choir Chairman, my thanks for his unstinting work on behalf of the choir, Cliff Ward for all his help and support to me. Finally to the Choristers for their enthusiasm and commitment.

They are the Cardiff Athletic Club Male Voice Choir.

VIC PEARCE
Choir Secretary
Aug '98

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