

C DSWL Records relating to Hull Women's Luncheon Club 1924-2008

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Historical Background: On the 17 March 1924, the first Committee Meeting of what was to become the Hull Women's Luncheon Club was held. The founder of the club was Mrs Priestley Cooper who invited five other ladies to become members of the Committee. The Committee then invited more professional women to become members of the club. The Committee decided that numbers were not to exceed 100 members and that no member was to be under 25 years of age. The first luncheon was held on 11 June 1924 in the 'Special Room' at Hammonds Department Store.

On the 22 July 1926 the first Annual Conference of Women's Clubs was held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds and the President and Committee of the Hull Women's Luncheon Club attended.

Each year an Annual Dinner was organised. The Annual Dinner held by the club was an open meeting to which members were invited to bring a guest, man or woman. However, during the 1960s the Annual Dinner was changed to a Luncheon to which the Civic Heads of the City and the Presidents of the Hull Clubs were invited.

The club continued to increase in membership and at its peak had as many as 350 members, far exceeding the original quota of 100. However, in the latter end of the Club's life a decline in numbers was noticed, as younger women, on marrying, were no longer available to join a Luncheon Club as they continued to go out to work.

The final meeting of the Hull Women's Luncheon Club was held in January 2008.

Custodial history: Deposited by Andrea Hunt in January 2008

Description: Includes minute books, visitors book, photographs

Extent: 4 boxes

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DSWL/1	Minute Books	1924 -1998
	Includes minutes of meetings, notices of meetings stating who the guest speaker/s are and the date of the meeting, press cuttings relating to the club and its members. 9 volumes	
C DSWL/1/1	Minute Book Includes a yearbook for 1927 and an agenda 1 volume	17 Mar 1924- 7 Dec 1926
C DSWL/1/2	Minute Book 1 volume	26 Jan 1927- 28 Jun 1930

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C DSWL/1/3	Minute Book Includes list of people nominated for election to the committee and the number of votes they received 1 volume	28 Jun 1930- 28 Jun 1934
C DSWL/1/4	Minute Book 1 volume	27 Sep 1934- 11 Nov 1942
C DSWL/1/5	Annual General Meeting Minute Book Includes a summary of accounts 1 volume	27 Jan 1943- 16 Jan 1963
C DSWL/1/6	Minute Book Includes a summary of accounts and an agenda 1 volume	17 Jun 1958- 14 Jul 1969
C DSWL/1/7	Annual General Meeting Minute Book Includes a menu for the annual dinner and a summary of accounts 1 volume	15 Jan 1964 - 18 Jan 1995
C DSWL/1/8	Minute Book Includes the Secretary's report for 1979 1 volume	14 Jul 1964- 21 Jul 1980
C DSWL/1/9	Minute Book 1 volume	10 Nov 1980- 21 Jan 1998
C DSWL/2	Visitors Books Includes signatures of visitors and speakers, as well as members of the committee present at the meetings. Also includes a scrapbook relating speakers of the club 12 vol	1924 -2008
C DSWL/2/1	Visitors Book Includes the signature of Winifred Holtby 1 vol	11 Jun 1924- 2 Apr 1941
C DSWL/2/2	Visitors Book Includes notices of meetings and the menu of the Annual Dinner 1 vol	20 Jul 1955- 16 Jan 1963
C DSWL/2/3	Visitors Book Includes notices of meetings 1 vol	20 Feb 1963- 20 Mar 1968
C DSWL/2/4	Visitors Book Includes notices of meetings and a menu for the annual dinner 1 vol	17 Apr 1968- 17 Mar 1976

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C DSWL/2/5	Visitors Book The committee meetings in this volume are held in many different venues, including some meetings held at "friends house" 1 vol	14 Jul 1969- 12 Apr 1999
C DSWL/2/6	Visitors Book Includes press cuttings 1 vol	21 Apr 1976- 17 Jun 1981
C DSWL/2/7	Visitors Book Includes photographs, lists of names and positions of members 1 vol	15 Jul 1981- 16 Sep 1987
C DSWL/2/8	Visitors Book Includes press cuttings, menu of the Anniversary Luncheon, and photographs 1 vol	21 Oct 1987- 19 Jan 1994
C DSWL/2/9	Visitors Book Includes programme, photographs and press cuttings 1 vol	16 Feb 1994- 15 Apr 1998
C DSWL/2/10	Visitors Book Includes photographs and press cuttings 1 vol	20 May 1998- 18 Jun 2003
C DSWL/2/11	Visitors Book Includes press cuttings, photographs and programmes 1 vol	16 Jul 2003- 16 Jan 2008
C DSWL/2/12	Scrapbook: Speakers from 1968-1975 Includes annual programmes, press cuttings, photographs, and a napkin celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the club 1 vol	1968-1975
C DSWL/3	Financial Papers Includes cost of events for the annual programme, Speaker Secretary's expenses, annual accounts 2 bundles & 13 items	1978-2006
C DSWL/3/1	Speaker Secretary's Expenses Small booklet including mainly cost of hospitality and postage 1 item	1994-1996
C DSWL/3/2	Annual Accounts 1 item	1978

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C DSWL/3/3	Annual Accounts 1 item	1979
C DSWL/3/4	Annual Accounts 1 item	1980
C DSWL/3/5	Annual Accounts 1 item	1981
C DSWL/3/6	Annual Accounts 1 item	1989
C DSWL/3/7	Annual Accounts 1 item	1991
C DSWL/3/8	Annual Accounts 1 item	1995
C DSWL/3/9	Annual Accounts 1 item	1996
C DSWL/3/10	Annual Accounts 1 item	1997
C DSWL/3/11	Annual Accounts 1 item	1998
C DSWL/3/12	Annual Accounts 1 item	1999
C DSWL/3/13	Annual Accounts 1 item	2002
C DSWL/3/14	Bundle of Receipts and Payment accounts Includes the years 1994-1996, 2000-2001, 2004-2006 1 bundle	1994-2006
C DSWL/3/15	Bundle of papers regarding expenses Includes valuation of goods for insurance purposes, Annual Committee Programmes and cost of events for members, annual subscription Access will be granted to any accredited reader 1 bundle	1988-1998

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C DSWL/4	Annual programmes	1994-2007
	Small booklets that have the programme for the years meetings printed in them as well as a list of the people at the head of the committee. Originally would have had cards in them, which members would send to identify when they would be present at the next meeting. Includes the years 1994-1997, 1999-2002, and 2007 10 items	
C DSWL/4/1	Annual programme 1 item	1994
C DSWL/4/2	Annual programme 1 item	1995
C DSWL/4/3	Annual programme 1 item	1996
C DSWL/4/4	Annual programme 1 item	1997
C DSWL/4/5	Annual programme 1 item	1999
C DSWL/4/6	Annual programme 1 item	2000
C DSWL/4/7	Annual programme 1 item	2001
C DSWL/4/8	Annual programme 1 item	2002
C DSWL/4/9	Annual programme 1 item	2003
C DSWL/4/10	Annual programme 1 item	2007
C DSWL/5	Publications	1927-2007
	7 items	
C DSWL/5/1	The History of the Hull Women's Luncheon Club 75th Anniversary, 1924-1999 The booklet was researched and written by Mrs Leonorah Exon. Also included is a list of Presidents of the Club 1 item	1999

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C DSWL/5/2	Hull Women's Luncheon Club Constitution Includes 2 published copies, one of which is annotated, and a notice reminding members of Paragraph 4 of the Constitution 3 items	n.d.
C DSWL/5/3	Hull Women's Luncheon Club Year Book 1 item	1927
C DSWL/5/4	Menu for the Hull Women's Luncheon Club Annual Dinner held at The Guildhall on 30 January 1932 1 item	30 Jan 1932
C DSWL/5/5	Letter to the members of the Hull Women's Luncheon Club from Andrea Hunt regarding the decision to close the club 1 item	23 Nov 2007
C DSWL/6	Job Descriptions Includes job descriptions of three members of the club 1) How to complete the 'Luncheon Menu of the Day' and the Flower Rota 2) Minute Secretary and 'Helper at the door' 3) Publicity Secretary 3 items	n.d.
C DSWL/6/1	Job Descriptions 3 items	n.d.