

U DSWC Records of the University Staff Women's Club 1950s-2000s
(formerly Staff Wives' Club)

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Historical Background: On 2 November 1955, around 60 people met with the intention of forming a women's organisation associated with the University of Hull. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Mrs Brooks. At the meeting it was agreed that a club would be established, whose membership was to consist of the wives of academic and administrative staff employed by the university. The club, named the University Staff Wives' Club, was to have both a cultural and social function, and regular meetings were to be held for the purposes of discussing business, socialising, and organising activities. The first committee consisted of Mrs P. Good as Chair, Mrs Duffin as Secretary, Mrs Symons as Treasurer, along with Mrs King, Mrs Craig, Mrs Cook, and Mrs Barker. Lady Brynmor Jones, wife of the university's Vice Chancellor, was a founding member and later lifetime honorary member. Regular meetings were a social activity in their own right, with refreshments provided, and often involved a talk or informative demonstration. Other activities were arranged to benefit members, such as visits to local sites and significant buildings, tours of campus facilities, garden parties, film evenings, and music listening sessions. Talks and tours were often delivered by academics connected with the university, or by members of the club working in a specialised field. A regular feature of the club's programming was an annual Christmas party, arranged by members to benefit the children of employees at the university. The membership of the club was later widened out to include female staff, along with female relatives of academic and academic related staff, and a name change to the University Staff Women's Club was made in 1988 to reflect this.

Custodial history: Collection was donated to Hull University Archives in two accessions, the first in 2000 and the second in 2015, by former members of the Staff Women's Club, formerly Staff Wives' Club.

Description: Collection contains records of the University Staff Women's Club, which was known as the Staff Wives' Club until a name change in 1988. Records include minute books, an account book, annual files, some subject files, and a small number of photographs relating to the activities of the club. Also present are a small number of objects used by the members of the club, these include a gavel and block, chain of office of the chairperson, and two document stamps.

Arrangement: U DSWC/1 Minute Books; U DSWC/2 Annual Files; U DSWC/3 Subject Files; U DSWC/4 Accounts; U DSWC/5 Photographs; U DSWC/6 Objects

Extent: 0.5 linear metres

Related material: Series containing 3 files relating to the Staff Wives Club in the period 1973-1994 within the Papers of Professor Jay Appleton [U DJY]

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DSWC/1	Minute Books Series contains minute books recording meetings of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 3 items	1955-1995
U DSWC/1/1	Minute Book. Staff Wives' Club Contains signed manuscript minutes of Committee meetings, 1955-1966, also of general meetings and AGMs, 1956-1967. 1 volume	1955-1967
U DSWC/1/2	Minute Book. Staff Wives' Club Contains signed typescript minutes of Committee meetings, general meetings and AGMs, with associated reports. 1 volume	1967-1977
U DSWC/1/3	Minute Book. Staff Wives' Club (later Staff Women's Club) Contains typescript minutes and manuscript notes of Committee meetings, general meetings and AGMs, with associated reports. 1 volume	1978-1995

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U DSWC/2	Annual Files	1967-2005
	Series contains annual files of papers created and compiled by committee members of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 34 items	
U DSWC/2/1	File. Staff Wives' Club 1967-68 Contains circulars, officers' reports, correspondence and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding use of Newland Children's Homes' swimming baths by the Staff Wives Club, 10 May-8 Jun 1968. 1 file	1967-1968
U DSWC/2/2	File. Staff Wives' Club 1968-69 Contains circulars, officers' reports, correspondence and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding gifts sent by the club, children's Christmas party arrangements, arrangements for talks, use of swimming baths, visit to Henry Cooper High School, a visit to the M.V. Spero operated by Ellerman's Wilson Line Ltd. 1 file	1968-1969
U DSWC/2/3	File. Staff Wives' Club 1969-70 Contains circulars, officers' reports, correspondence and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding arrangements for talks, a visit to Sheffield University, use of swimming baths, a visit to the gardens of Thwaite and Cleminson Halls, gifts sent by the club, visit to Trinity House, arrangements for children's parties. 1 file	1969-1970
U DSWC/2/4	File. Staff Wives' Club 1970-71 Contains circulars, officers' reports, correspondence and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding arrangements for talks, children's parties, gifts, a reciprocal visit from Sheffield University Wives' Club to Hull, visit to a school in Helmsley and to the surrounding area, tour of the Audio Visual Centre at the university. 1 file	1970-1971

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U DSWC/2/5	File. Staff Wives' Club 1971-72 Contains circulars, secretary's reports, correspondence and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes reference to the retirement of the Vice Chancellor and Lady Jones and the granting of honorary life membership of the club to Lady Jones. 1 file	1971-1972
U DSWC/2/6	File. Staff Wives' Club 1972-73 Contains circulars, officers' reports, programmes of events, a letter and a receipt and payment account relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding use of Newland Children's Homes' swimming baths by the Staff Wives Club. 1 file	1972-1973
U DSWC/2/7	File. Staff Wives' Club 1973-74 Contains circulars, officers' reports, correspondence, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes correspondence regarding use of Newland Children's Homes' swimming baths by the Staff Wives Club. 1 file	1973-1974
U DSWC/2/8	File. Staff Wives' Club 1974-75 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1974-1975
U DSWC/2/9	File. Staff Wives' Club 1975-76 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, programmes of events and correspondence relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes reference to the 21st anniversary of the club. 1 file	1975-1976
U DSWC/2/10	File. Staff Wives' Club 1976-77 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1976-1977

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U DSWC/2/11	File. Staff Wives' Club 1977-78 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1977-1978
U DSWC/2/12	File. Staff Wives' Club 1978-79 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Includes text for a pamphlet titled 'Living in Hull and District' produced by the Staff Wives Club and revised in Jul 1979. 1 file	1978-1979
U DSWC/2/13	File. Staff Wives' Club 1979-80 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1979-1980
U DSWC/2/14	File. Staff Wives' Club 1980-81 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1980-1981
U DSWC/2/15	File. Staff Wives' Club 1981-82 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1981-1982
U DSWC/2/16	File. Staff Wives' Club 1982-83 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1982-1983
U DSWC/2/17	File. Staff Wives' Club 1983-84 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1983-1984

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U DSWC/2/18	File. Staff Wives' Club 1984-85 Contains circulars, minutes, officers' reports, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Also a letter from Mrs Rita Taylor thanking the club for welcoming her to Hull. 1 file	1984-1985
U DSWC/2/19	File. Staff Wives' Club 1985-86 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1985-1986
U DSWC/2/20	File. Staff Wives' Club 1986-87 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. 1 file	1986-1987
U DSWC/2/21	File. Staff Wives' Club 1987-88 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, constitution, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Wives' Club. Also a letter from Sir Brynmor Jones thanking the club for their sympathies and thoughts on the occasion of his wife's death. Includes reference to a change to the club's constitution and a proposed name change. 1 file	1987-1988
U DSWC/2/22	File. Staff Women's Club 1988-89 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1988-1989
U DSWC/2/23	File. Staff Women's Club 1989-90 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1989-1990
U DSWC/2/24	File. Staff Women's Club 1990-91 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1990-1991

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U DSWC/2/25	File. Staff Women's Club 1991-92 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1991-1992
U DSWC/2/26	File. Staff Women's Club 1992-93 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1992-1993
U DSWC/2/27	File. Staff Women's Club 1993-94 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1993-1994
U DSWC/2/28	File. Staff Women's Club 1994-95 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, programmes of events, and a copy constitution dated Jul 1995, relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1994-1995
U DSWC/2/29	File. Staff Women's Club 1995-96 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1995-1996
U DSWC/2/30	File. Staff Women's Club 1996-97 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1996-1997
U DSWC/2/31	File. Staff Women's Club 1997-98 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. 1 file	1997-1998

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U DSWC/2/32	File. Staff Women's Club 1998-99 Contains circulars, minutes, receipt and payment account, membership list, and programmes of events relating to the activities of the Staff Women's Club. Also sample questionnaire to ascertain views on the Staff Women's Club with summary of responses received. 1 file	1998-1999
U DSWC/2/33	File. Staff Women's Club 1999-2000 Contains circulars, minutes, statements of accounts, programmes of events, memoranda, membership lists, and correspondence relating to the activities of the University Staff Women's Club. Includes references to AGMs, past officers going back to 1955, a chairman's reception dinner to mark the departure of Jill Dilkes and a brooch presented to her on the occasion, invitation and acceptance of the post of Honorary President by Mrs Gill Drewry in Jan 1999. Note that whilst the file is labelled 1999-2000, it also includes material relating to the academic year 2000-2001. 1 file	1999-2001
U DSWC/2/34	File. Staff Women's Club 2000+ Contains draft and copy minutes, agenda, memoranda, programmes of events, membership lists, statements of accounts, notes, and correspondence relating to the activities of the University Staff Women's Club. Note that this file is unsorted and relates to more than one academic year. 1 file	2000-2005

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U DSWC/3	Subject Files	1966-1996
	Series contains subject files compiled by members of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 2 items	
U DSWC/3/1	File. Constitution Contains copy and draft constitutions of the University Staff Women's Club, amendments to the same, and circulars outlining proposed changes. Includes references to amendments from 1956. 1 file	1969-1996
U DSWC/3/2	File. Staff Children's Party 8-11 Year Olds Contains papers relating to children's Christmas parties arranged by the Staff Wives' Club for children of university employees. Includes reports, notes, memoranda, tickets, invitations and a few letters. Also includes a volume recording reports of Christmas parties held 1960-1965 and annual lists of birthdays covering 1938-1964. Note that whilst the file title references parties for 8-11 year olds, the papers in this file largely relate to parties arranged for 4-7 year olds. 1 file	1966-1976

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U DSWC/4	Accounts Series contains financial records of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 1 item	1958-1992
U DSWC/4/1	Account Book. University Staff Wives' Club Account book of the University Staff Wives' Club containing manuscript entries recording income and expenditure, cash balances, balances at the bank. 1 volume	1958-1992

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U DSWC/5	Photographs Series contains photographs recording members of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 1 item	1970s-1990s
U DSWC/5/1	File. Photographs Contains the following: colour photograph of the chain of office of the chairman of the University Staff Wives' Club, 1955, with two valuation certificates date 1977 and 1979; two colour photographs taken at an Staff Women's Club AGM supper held 4 Jun 1996; colour photographs taken at a Staff Wives Club event [21st Anniversary celebrations?] held at the home of Mrs Reckitt, Jun 1976, with letter regarding the photographs; black and white photograph showing a tree planting ceremony to mark the retirement of Lady Jones and the Vice Chancellor Sir Brynmor Jones in 1972; colour photograph showing members of the Staff Women's Club, taken during a visit to Leeds University Ladies Club in May 1993; black and white photocopies of two photographs showing early members of the Staff Wives Club, c.1950s. 1 file	1970s-1990s

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U DSWC/6	Objects	c.1955-1988
	Series contains objects used by members of the University of Hull Staff Women's Club (formerly Staff Wives' Club). 5 items	
U DSWC/6/1	Chain of Office Presentation box containing the Chain of Office used by successive chairpersons of the University Staff Women's Club. 1 item	1955
U DSWC/6/2	Stamp. 'Staff Wives' Club' Stamp used to mark documents received and produced by the University Staff Wives' Club. 1 item	c.1955
U DSWC/6/3	Stamp. 'Staff Women's Club' Stamp used to mark documents received and produced by the University Staff Women's Club. 1 item	c.1988
U DSWC/6/4	Gavel and block Cream gavel and wooden block used by persons running meetings of the University Staff Wives' Club, later the Staff Women's Club. Note that the minutes of an AGM held 24 Oct 1962 record the gift of an antique ivory gavel made by Mrs King to the club. 2 items	20th cent.
U DSWC/6/5	Index Cards Stack of index cards listing staff of the University of Hull, with note of their spouses, children, and home addresses, arranged by department. 1 item This item contains personal sensitive information and is not available for public inspection for 75 years until Jan 2036. This is in accordance with data protection legislation. If you have a query about access to this record please contact archives@hull.ac.uk.	c.1950s