

MEMORIAL & BENEVOLENT FUND

I remind members of the Benevolent nature of this Fund and ask that I be notified when members are ill or celebrate special occasions such as 90th birthdays.

Since the last League Letter the following contributions have been received:

Eileen Daley	Wirral Unitarians
José Lewis	Sylvia Spencer/Wirral Unitarians
Dorothy Smith	Scottish District
Dorothy Huxton	Bury WL

Commemorative gifts are always welcome, and should be sent to me, Sheena Bluer, (address on back page of this League Letter). Cheques to be made payable to U.W.L. Memorial Fund.

Please print all names of the member and donor in block capitals. Receipts only if s.a.e. is sent.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PROJECT

The 2015/2016 Project is:

Please make cheques payable to
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N.B. Cheques incorrectly made out will no longer be accepted by our building society!

Due to the high cost of postage, receipts will only be posted if an S.A.E is enclosed.

Donations received to end-August total **£815.11**.

LEAGUE LETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS & PAYMENTS

Can I just remind Branches that the yearly subscription of £1.50 per copy made for League Letters is payment for that current year. Due to the rising cost of postage could I also ask that, if a receipt is required, you enclose a S.A.E with your cheque. Thanking you in anticipation, Mary Wightman, League Letter Treasurer.

News of District and Branch Activities

Monton WL Branch

Miriam Rosson

We are pleased to welcome our new minister, Rev Anna Jarvis, to our meetings. We continue to have lunches, which are quite well attended but they will now be bi-monthly as winter approaches and some have to travel a distance. On 26 July after the Service, members and others from the congregation visited Rev William Gaskell's House at Plymouth Grove, Manchester where he lived with his wife, Elizabeth, and his daughters. He was minister at the old Cross Street Chapel and became head of the College and a Councilor. The House was a delight, with many good photographs and period furniture. There were refreshments in the basement café and the whole visit was worthwhile.

Rochdale Women's League

The Newsletter reports that their November meeting had Linda Page of the Royal Voluntary Service as a speaker.

Bristol Women's League

Susan Wildman

Grace Cooper is now in a residential home at Oldland Common near Bristol, but hopes to attend, in a wheelchair, the service at Arnos Vale cemetery in memory of Rammohun Roy. During the summer Susan Wildman visited Olga Jennings in Essex and Olga recently visited our President, Ros Pratt, when Olga visited Bristol. Ros is now 92 but still sends members a birthday card. During the summer four of us met at the 'Café on the Downs', but it was very windy. Shaun the Sheep's followers have been all over Bristol this summer as shown in the photograph. Some of us visited Richard Long's landscape art exhibition at the Arnolfini Gallery Bristol. Some of you will have known Richard's mother, Frances Long. On October 15th a group of 12 visited the old Lewin's Mead meeting house (the former home of UMB) and were made very welcome by the present tenants, Provelio Ltd, a project management company.



We have not been able to meet in Unitarian Meeting recently due to building works. The ceiling had to be taken down and replaced because of the lack of a vapour barrier. The work is nearly finished and we hope to meet there on 23rd November when Ann Butler visits us from Crewkerne.

We are raising money for the Project by selling children's books.

N. & E. LANCS DISTRICT

Janet Poole

The autumn meeting of the N.E. Lancs District W.L. was held at Nazareth Chapel, Padiham, on Saturday 10th October. The afternoon began in the Chapel, with a service conducted by Rev. Celia Midgley, who is a member of Padiham W.L.

Unfortunately, Veronica Walker, who was due to play for the service, was unwell and unable to attend. So, in true Unitarian spirit, we sang the hymns unaccompanied, and in spite of competition from a 'girlie' birthday party in the room beneath, we out sang 'Frozen' with gusto!

Celia's theme for her service was, 'Leagues, Alliances and Common or Garden Groups', and it was most interesting to hear of the various groups she had been involved in over the years, and she had quite surprised herself too, when she realised just how many she had belonged to!

Following the service, we gathered for the business part of the afternoon, where we were welcomed by Brenda Jones, (District President), who then opened the meeting with a prayer. Apologies for absence were recorded. We stood for a moment in memory of Renee Sutherland, who had died since our last meeting. At the roll call, 3 members from Bolton, 2 from Kendal, 11 from Padiham, 3 gentlemen visitors, and Hettie, a beautiful, extremely well behaved, 3 months old border collie, were present!

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