



Centennial Scholarship Fund

The BFWG Centennial Scholarship Fund received £1,319.26 in donations at the 2011 AGM in Dartington Hall, including £1,070 in personal donations, £185.76 from the Bring & Buy, £33.50 from the sale of bookmarks and £30 from the sale of BFWG pin badges.

The BFWG Centennial Scholarship is a special one-off award to be presented in 2012 commemorating the 100th anniversary of our first BFWG scholar. To date, the total is £3,268.

If you wish to make personal donations then please remember to use gift-aid.

*Margaret Gotheridge,
Chair, BFWG Scholarship Finance Committee*

Bubbles for Rory!



Members raised £191 through a raffle at the AGM. Rory Haigh, our new VP, started her term in style with one of the first prizes - a bottle of champagne.

Many thanks to all who donated prizes and supported the raffle. The monies have already been transferred to the Japanese AUV Emergency Fund.

Jenny Morley, President

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Social Entrepreneurship and the Role of Women



Above, Sheena Leaf, one of the Keynote Speakers at the BFWG AGM 2011

Left, Rory Haigh winning a bottle of champagne
Photos courtesy of Jenny Morley

Dr Christine Allison, Dr Joanna Brown and Sheena Leaf introduced us to the concept of Social Entrepreneurship. They described it as a person having 'business savvy' with an ethical outlook. Social entrepreneurs needed passion, resilience, fearlessness, boldness and an ability to get on with life. Young women are not moving into new spaces for business. Christine had chosen six examples of female entrepreneurs: Florence Nightingale; Maria Montessori; Dorothy Elmirst, who with her husband started Dartington School, a 'different kind of education'; Anita Roddick, founder of Body Shop who valued the people who worked for her and Sophie Tranchell, who created Divine Chocolate in 1998. Through her efforts in this competitive market Cadbury have changed their business to reflect more ethical trends.

Each presenter had her own fascinating personal history to tell. Christine Allison now runs the School for Social Entrepreneurs, SSE, based at Dartington Hall, which provides training and opportunities for people to use their creative and entrepreneurial abilities more fully for social change. SSE was initiated by Lord Young, who started *Which* magazine as well as an interpretation and translation service for foreign nationals who were disadvantaged in the UK as a direct result of a language barrier.

Christine's protégées include Joanna and Sheena. Joanna already has links to BFWG through her grandmother, Ruth Camm, a member of the Manchester Association. Joanna is poised to realise her quest to establish a world wide web network (wwwwe.org) of individuals working towards social change across the world. The site, to be launched later this year, will allow people globally to connect and share ideas and actions with easy-to-use tools, the interconnections of the concept being illustrated brilliantly through a spider's web covered in morning dew droplets.

Sheena is about to launch a project entitled *The Entrepreneur Inside* for male inmates who are within two years of release, who are identified by their peers as having entrepreneurial skills. Joanna wants them to be able to utilise their considerable skill set for good when they are released. She related the story of a current offender, a multi-millionaire as a result of leading an international drug trafficking business. He will be able to access the course run by a University and business partners, where he will receive education in life skills, change management and a 36 week business course.

The vote of thanks was given by Gill Ramsay, who thanked the speakers for their fascinating insight into this important topic and for their personal stories of inspiration.

Gillian Clerici, Worcester

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Editorial

As the academic holidays come to a close, so the first edition of this year's News is put to bed. For the new triennium we have a new look News, a trial version in colour. Let me know your opinions on this.

In this edition we report on numerous successful events; the AGM in Dartington, the Higher Education Colloquium and the UWE meeting in Turkey. Additional reports and photos are on the BFWG website. We look forward to forthcoming events, with the biographies of some of the speakers including the Sybil Campbell Collection seminar and CIR meeting. Do try to support these events along with the Westminster Seminar and sit down tea.

It has been quite a juggling act this time as News could have reported on numerous other activities, now ready for the next edition, demonstrating the excellent enthusiasm individuals and local associations have for BFWG.

Finally, I leave you with some personal news about a new challenge I am taking up with a new teaching job at an international school in Bucharest, Romania. Although I may not be at as many meetings I am still continuing to serve on the Management Team and to work on News through the wonders of electronic communication.

Su Allen, Editor



Feedback from AGM Workshops

National Theme for 2011-2013

Workshop Leader: Gillian Clerici

The group used the IFUW theme of the four pillars and crosslinks as the starting point of their discussions (Summer News). Those identified as most important were:

- Freedom from violence.
- Financial literacy.

A statement encompassing these ideas was presented: *Education for the realisation of the aspirations of women and girls through financial literacy and self-belief* as the focus for BFWG's theme.

Revival

Workshop Leader: Rory Haigh

The question 'How can we improve what we do on a local level at BFWG and encourage new members?' was posed. Ideas included:

1. Encourage greater attendance at BFWG Conferences, alternating a cheaper day conference with a weekend one.
2. Have 1 or 2 committee cadets: new members invited to attend local committee meetings without taking ANY responsibility.
3. Share programmes with other BFWG LAs and the Office to exchange ideas, or invite other groups, e.g. Soroptimists, to share some aspects of programme.
4. Use the BFWG Facebook site – make BFWG your Friend and send only to 'friends of friends'.
5. Use the BFWG website more - check it regularly
6. Ask students who have done their research presentations or won awards to talk to the group.

7. Talk to people about BFWG - wear badges to promote this

8. Use leaflets, both at local and national level, to promote BFWG and target certain groups.

Aisha Alshawaf, Canterbury and District

IFUW Resolution Action

Workshop Leader: Margaret Tait

This workshop was lively and informative; discussions covered the four IFUW resolutions prioritised at the last CIR Meeting. The resolution on *Bioethics* is being actively pursued by North Eastern Association. Members were asked to maintain an active watching brief on *Human Trafficking*, already extensively explored by BFWG and others. The resolutions on *Numeracy and Women* and on *Financial Literacy* were discussed at length; positive proposals were suggested (see website for more details).

The importance of Financial Literacy cannot be underestimated; pensions are a key area of concern, as is student debt which will increase alarmingly. Are students able to cope with the consequences, do universities provide financial advice/ assistance at point of entry and do promises of help always materialise? Are students helped to budget their finances or can we help?

Our new CIR Christel Moor would be pleased to hear outcomes of research by members. It would be good to post positive action from BFWG on the Resolutions Action page of the IFUW website.

Margaret Tait, Independent

President's Letter

Dear Federation Members,
Thank you for electing me as your President. To serve in this way is the fulfilment of a long held ambition. I hope we can have a happy and rewarding three years together.

We have a busy year ahead as we plan towards the celebration of one hundred years of awarding BFWG Scholarships. The Management Team would like each Local Association and Region to plan something special during the coming 2011-2012 programme year. This could be fundraising towards the Centennial Scholarship or a purely celebratory joint event with your local university women's group. We hope to make Saturday 20th October 2012 a special day as this is very near the date on which the first award holder, Caroline Spurgeon was born, and died! We are looking for a suitable venue in which to party. Any ideas you have please send to office@bfgw.org.uk

Each LA and Region needs to think in terms of starting fresh groups at the Universities, involving the younger academic women who are drawn to apply for our Scholarships. They will probably want to meet on their own and we will act merely as facilitators. As I said at the Research Presentation Day in May - we have a wonderful baton to pass on if the relay race is to be completed. Maybe you can find out through an advert in the Alumnae Magazine if there were any BFWG Award holders at your own university, or that which is local to you now?

The new Management Team met in early August, and the changes in Directors of the BFWG Company have been notified to Companies House, along with the changes to our Articles of

Association, approved at the AGM. So we welcome the Chair of Finance, Barbara Jackson and the CER, Sheila Youngs as full voting Members of Executive, as well as Rory Haigh as Vice-President in charge of Administration, Jean Cockling as Southern Region Representative and Christel Moor appointed as CIR for one year.

The Westminster Seminar is again at the House of Lords. I can assure you there is sit-down Tea on the River Terrace of the Cholmondeley Room once more. We are committed to fifty places at Tea, so the first fifty numbered invitations are for Tea and Seminar. Once these are taken it will be possible to fill requests for Seminar only. The title is our new 2011-2013 National Theme, *Financial Literacy in Education*, a shortened version of the proposal from the workshop at the AGM. It is based on the third pillar of the IFUW Programme for Action (see Summer News) and on the IFUW Resolution passed on Financial Literacy which BFWG proposed at the 2010 International Conference in Mexico. As you will see from 'Hot News' below, it chimes well with the recently released Vorderman Report. LAs and Regions please research and study on this important theme.

Best wishes for an exciting year ahead,

Jenny Morley, President



Hot News

The Carol Vorderman Report on mathematics is now published and the recommendations tie in with the resolutions passed at the IFUW Conference in Mexico City last year. One of these was seconded and the other proposed by Margaret Middlemass, CIR at the time on behalf of BFWG.

Associations and Independent Members could further our aims by reading the report and making representation to MPs. Libraries should be able to provide the report and it is available on line at: [http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2011/08/~//media/Files/Downloadable Files/Vorderman maths report.aspx](http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2011/08/~//media/Files/Downloadable%20Files/Vorderman%20maths%20report.aspx)

Christel Moor, CIR

Aren't We Topical?

New BFWG National Theme 2011-2013

The BFWG National Theme 2011-2013 is *Financial Literacy in Education*. This will be used as the title for the 27 October Westminster Seminar at the House of Lords. (Booking form in this issue). The new Management Team decanted the theme title after considering the recommendations from the July 2011 AGM Workshop. There is a supporting statement on the website.

Jenny Morley, President

IFUW 2013

Meet old and make new friends when the Turkish Association of University Women hosts the next IFUW Triennial conference in Istanbul on 16-21 August 2013. The venue is Kadir Has University. Pre and post conference tours are being planned. For more information check out:

www.ifuw.org/ifuw2013

Congratulations on 50 Years of BFWG Membership

Marianne Haslegrave, outgoing President, presenting 50 Year Certificate to Margaret Livens, Nottingham
Photo courtesy of Jasmit Kaur Phull



Congratulations were extended, on behalf of all BFWG members, to members who were celebrating 50 years of BFWG membership. Certificates commemorating this milestone were presented by Marianne Haslegrave to members present at the AGM or their representatives.

The recipients were:

Joan Belcher	Reading
Nancy Catchpole	Independent
Gillian Day	Reading
June Lancelyn Green	Liverpool
Mary Heyworth	Leeds
Florence Kirkby	North Eastern
Margaret Livens	Nottingham
Nan Mackean	Liverpool
Cynthia Richmond	Winchester
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Cynthia Short	Canterbury
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European Day 21 April 2012 (tbc)

The situation of Women in Russia Today is the focus of our spring European meeting. This was prompted by the visit to our LA in May by Dr Galina Kislik, President of the Moscow Federation of University Women when she invited a group of our members to visit Moscow. I have suggested to her and to the Finnish CER, Marja Toivanen, that one might combine this with the UWE conference, travelling from Helsinki to Moscow by train and she has already sent me train times and fares for the journey which takes about four hours. I have already begun searching for speakers for our meeting. More details in future News.

Sheila Youngs, CER

UWE AGM in Antalya, Turkey 24 – 27 June 2011



UWE delegates from across Europe

Photo courtesy of Turkish Association of University Women

Just over 100 members from 12 different countries attended the conference in the Lykia World Hotel, including 12 from BFWG and the largest contingent, 46, from Turkey. The theme was *Women and Poverty in the Concept of Women's Human Rights*.

Welcome remarks were provided by Nazan Moroglu, President of the Turkish Federation, Griselda Kenyon, President of UWE and from Marianne Haslegrave, President of IFUW, unable to be present due to illness. The Keynote Speech followed from Prof Dr Feride Acar, former President and present member of the UN CEDAW Committee. During lunch the Co-ordinators of European Relations (CERs) of the National Federations and Associations (NFAs) present met. After lunch a panel discussion on *Poverty and Women* took place, followed by workshops on different aspects of the same theme. At the end of the afternoon members were transported to Antalya for a reception by the Mayor where there was considerable television coverage. Later participants attended an excursion to a spectacular show by the Anatolian Fire Dance Company at an outdoor theatre at Aspendos.

The AGM on the next day dealt in particular with the on-going question of dues presently being worked on by Eileen Focke (Dutch Federation) prior to a final decision being made at the next AGM in 2012. Elections confirmed the positions of the current Vice-Presidents, Dr Vera John-Milolajewski and Marie-Jonczy-Montastruc, with Sonya Hostman of Finland being elected as the new Treasurer. The present Secretary, Gerda Leushuis, was persuaded, despite health problems, to continue for another final year.

International Relations Day

12 November 2011

Patrice Wellesley-Cole, Senior Immigration Judge, will speak on *Judgement Reserved*, and give us an understanding of the processes and problems involved in her role. Originally from Sierra Leone, she now works in London.



Patrice graduated in Law from St. Hugh's College, Oxford before being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. She was the first Vice-President of the IFUW of African origin and, at age 36, the youngest, from 1989-1992 under Mary Purcell's Presidency. She was CIR of the Sierra Leone Association in the 80s while practising Law in Freetown. IFUW Conferences she has attended include Vancouver, Groningen, Christchurch, Helsinki and Stanford. She is now a Judge [First-Tier Tribunal - Immigration] in London, appointed full time in 2002, part time from 1999 and member of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ).

We are lucky to have such a prestigious speaker. Information on how to attend is on the bulletin board (page 8) and booking form in this edition of News.

Christel Moor, CIR

There was a presentation by the Finnish delegation, hosts of the next UWE meeting in Helsinki in 2012 from 7 to 10 June, a time of year when there is almost permanent daylight. Accommodation will be in a hotel close to the sea with excursions possible to Tallin, Lapland and St. Petersburg. The theme will focus on 'a sustainable future', the exact title has still to be decided. The Turkish delegation presented their plans for the next IFUW conference in Istanbul in 2013 and CERs gave brief National reports of their countries' activities.

The conference finished with members enjoying local sites, the ancient cities of Side and Perge, the remains of the temple of Apollo, a tour of the old quarter of Antalya, rounded off with refreshments on the terrace of a restaurant overlooking the harbour and the distant offshore islands.

Sheila Youngs, CER

Enthusiasm Abounds at the Research Presentation Day

Eight PhD students were selected to compete for a prize of £100 at this year's Research Presentation Day at the BFWG office. An audience of around 40 individuals, including members of the Management Team, members of BFWG and PhD students with their supporters were treated to some inspiring and well presented talks.

The presentations included topics such as *Sailors' Yarns*, *Microclimatic Characteristics of Small Urban Spaces*, *Yamatji Experiences of Breast Cancer* and *Women Entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia*. Competitors were from a wide range of cultural backgrounds and very varied experiences. Competition was strong and the judges engaged in heated discussion before pronouncing a winner.

The winner of the competition was Coleen Suckling (third from LHS of photo), British Antarctic Survey and Department of Earth Sciences, Cambridge University. Her topic was *Sea Urchins Living in a High CO₂ World: increasing time leads to increasing concern*. This study investigates how increasing exposure time of adult Scottish sea urchins to the ocean acidification conditions forecast for year 2100 will affect offspring. Coleen's talk was clearly and enthusiastically presented and proved a very engaging experience for the audience. She is planning to publish in the British Geological Society Journal.

Thank you to Elizabeth Poskitt for her organisation and presentation of this event. I can strongly recommend this annual BFWG day to members.

Gloria Banner Sutton Coldfield



PhD students presenting at the 2011 Research Presentations Day
Photo courtesy of Jenny Morley

Website Reminders

Visit the website for more photos and a longer report of the Research Presentations Day, photos of the Colloquium reported on p6, and minutes of the AGM (unsigned).

www.bfwg.org.uk

Regions and LAs please send programme dates for inclusion in the calendar to office@bfwg.org.uk

Independent members can renew via the site under 'Join us'.

BFWG Scholarship (Academic Award) Winners 2011

The Academic Awards Committee, chaired by Dr Alexandra Blakemore of Imperial College, London, is pleased to announce this year's BFWG scholars.

In total £25,000 was awarded to the successful candidates; exact details on the members-only section of the BFWG website.

Award Holder	Institute	Awarded	Title of Research
Sarah Miller	Dept of Physics, Astrophysics, New College, University of Oxford	Margaret K B Day Scholarship	<i>The assembly history of disk galaxies and their dark matter.</i>
Miljana Radivojevic	Institute of Archaeology, University College, London	Eila Campbell Scholarship	<i>The origins of metallurgy in Europe: metal production in the Vinca culture.</i>
Divya Rajamohan	School of Clinical Sciences, University of Nottingham	Ruth Bowden Scholarship	<i>In vitro modelling of the cardiac channelopathies using human pluripotent cells.</i>
Jessica Cauchard	Dept of Computer Science: Interaction and Graphics Group, University of Bristol	Marjorie Shaw Scholarship	<i>Human-computer interactions in mobile environments.</i>
Roberta Cimino	Institute of Mediæval Studies, School of History, University of St Andrews	Barbara Northend Scholarship	<i>Italian queens in the 9th and 10th centuries.</i>
Alice Clifford	Centre for Digital Music, School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, Queen Mary University of London	M H Joseph Prize	<i>Reduction of microphone artefacts between source and microphone in live sound.</i>
Laurel Gabler	Green Templeton College, Dept of Public Health, University of Oxford	Kathleen Hall Fellowship	<i>Health seeking behaviours and health care utilisation of people in rural Nepal.</i>

Female Leadership in Higher Education Colloquium

Wednesday, 11 May 2011 at Senate House, University of London

The University of London was a perfect location for the first BFWG colloquium on *Female Leadership in Higher Education*. Over 40 leading academics and BFWG members met to discuss the barriers faced in attaining the most senior positions and to identify areas where there might be further action. Marianne Haslegrave's introduction referred to a concern about the advancement of women in Higher Education, and the discrepancy between female undergraduates (over 50%) and the 18% in Higher Education posts, but highlighted the work of BFWG in assisting postgraduates in further research work.

Professor Muriel Robinson (Principal, Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln) and Professor Joy Carter (Vice-Chancellor, University of Winchester) chaired the afternoon.

Professor Elaine Thomas (Vice-Chancellor, University of Creative Arts, Surrey) spoke of her personal feeling of isolation in a world of 'men in suits', the general assumption that men must be better, and the support of the former network called 'Through the Glass Ceiling'. It met a few times a year to discuss anything from dress code to more substantial issues. The benefits of this network and informal contact was considerable, not only in identifying role models but in finding alternative strategies to overcome barriers and increasing female aspirations. The use of headhunters was deemed detrimental to the issue which was not peculiar to Higher Education.

Professor Mary Evans (Centennial Professor, The Gender Institute, LSE) identified three issues to be addressed:

1. **Changing times.** Times have changed and are changing. 'People in all societies have wives' was a dominant view up to the 1970s but not today. We not only need to think about women catching up but ensure they have a voice in the University. Things are moving rapidly outside the academic world; ideas are global and women must play a part in the new University.
2. **Culture of Universities.** They still have restrictive practices such as 'The Moses Syndrome'. Women must be prepared to challenge the assertions of men with arguments

and demands for proof rather than follow the 'good girl' attitude of compliance.

3. **Mobility.** Movement around the country for career changes can be restrictive for parents. Scandinavia has equality of access for both genders. Now that people are living longer women do not need to rush to become vice-chancellor by 30. This applies also to other careers where training is long and expensive.

Professor Teresa Rees (School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff) focused on the European Commission's concern and the report on promoting excellence and research. The situation is similar in all 27 countries. Professor Rees illustrated practices in different countries and instanced the difficulties in scientific subjects. She spoke of the work in Cardiff, where there is now a procedure regarding transparency in appointments and promotions, benchmarks to be met, mentoring, attention to any harassment as well as a gender audit on committees.

Sarah Hawkes from the Equality Challenge Unit spoke about the Athena SWAN Awards (Scientific Women's Academic Network). This scheme promotes and recognises good employment practice for women working in Science, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics. Fifty-five institutions and/or departments are now signed up. With career breaks and flexible working included in the scheme the needs of young women are being addressed.

In conclusion, Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive, Universities UK, summarised the afternoon suggesting key issues:

- Support for the Athena SWAN scheme
- Revive the Through the Glass Ceiling Network
- Engage with male colleagues and supporters
- Watch the international scene, especially Europe
- Devise an educational process for headhunters

Clearly, this is a topic which is of great importance for women and relevant to women in Higher Education as well as in other professions.

Catherine Pinion, Huddersfield; Chris Miles, Reading;

Wendy Good, Winchester

Sybil Campbell Seminar

25 May 2011

There were two presentations this year. The first was given by Dr Stephanie Spencer, Centre for the History of Women's Education at the University of Winchester, together with Mandy Smith, a 3rd year undergraduate student. They described their use of WRAP (Winchester Research Apprenticeship Programme), a scheme to introduce aspiring PhD students to the 'how tos' and moral and ethical demands of their work. The project lasted two weeks, and used archive material from The Sybil Campbell Collection.

The second was given by Margaret Roake. Entitled *Personalities, Provenance and Pertinence* she recalled some well-known personalities who helped set up the library at Crosby Hall in Chelsea and their connections with other eminent thinkers of the day. She mentioned Alys Russell and Ivy Davison in particular. Margaret suggested that the Collection provides an *entrée* into the intellectual climate between the wars and would, therefore, provide researchers with a rich source of material for study.

The full text of these reports can be found on the Sybil Campbell Collection website.

Sue Ouvry, Sybil Campbell Collection Trustee

Sybil Campbell Autumn Lecture

Octavia Hill and Opportunities for Women

Our speaker this year is Gillian Darley who studied History of Art at the Courtauld Institute and Politics and Administration at Birkbeck College. She has written biographies of Octavia Hill, Sir John Soane and John Evelyn. She has also written, taught and lectured on architecture and landscape over many years and is an Associate Tutor at the Centre for Editing Lives and Letters which is part of The Arts Research Centre at Queen Mary, University of London.

Octavia Hill was a Victorian 'social entrepreneur' who revolutionised housing management, co-founded The National Trust and suggested the idea of the Cadet Force among many other things. All of these were aimed at improving the lives of London's urban poor.

To book a place at this lecture please refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Board, page 8 or the Sybil Campbell Collection website.

www.sybilcampbellcollection.org.uk

AGM 2011- Dartington Hall, Devon

On a glorious sunny day we were welcomed to Dartington Hall by Jenny Morley, the driving force behind this year's AGM venue.

Marianne Haslegrave, President, chaired the first business session. After the President's welcome, members stood in remembrance of former friends who had sadly passed away. Reviews of activities and events demonstrated the diversity of BFWG. The successful colloquium was one highlight that is to be moved forward, membership numbers have increased slightly, and finances are achieving good returns given the challenging financial climate.

Su Allen, Nottingham

The Saturday afternoon session of the AGM was a potpourri of business and celebration. The minutes will record in detail the decisions made, further action promised and various reports received, but of note was the acceptance of the Executive's Recommendation that from a £30,000 donation on the closure of the Kathleen and Margery Elliot Fund, £10,000 should be allocated to the Scholarship Fund, including £500 to be contributed to the Centenary Fund. £20,000 was to be lodged in the General Purpose Fund with the agreement that £1000 per annum be set aside for a 'special project'. This latter, after brief discussion about the wisdom of putting a ceiling on the amount, was passed with four abstentions. The revised Articles of Association (version 4) were accepted and tabled until the new by-laws were written and approved. It was agreed that between two and five Vice-Presidents would be necessary on the new Management Team and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Convener of European Relations (CER) be added to the voting Executive. Also accepted was that the administrative responsibilities of the Academic Awards Committee would transfer to the Scholarship Trust. This year the Academic Awards Committee had 171 applications for scholarships and distributed £25,000. It was noted the increased number of applicants made the current procedures difficult for the academic adjudicators to manage.

The celebratory part of the session included sending good wishes to former President Florence Kirkby on the occasion of her 90th birthday and offering congratulations to Anna Frost, who was leaving early to celebrate her silver wedding. She was thanked for her contribution to the Management Team. There followed the presentation of certificates to 12 members who had sustained their membership of the Federation for at least 50 years. Marianne Haslegrave briefly reviewed the last three years in the history of BFWG as she had to leave the proceedings early to join the IFUW delegation at the UN Economic and Social Council in Geneva. President Marianne was thanked for all she had initiated in making BFWG fit for purpose for the 21st century and Jenny Morley, the incoming President, presented Marianne with gifts including her silver past-president badge.

Margaret Smeaton, Worcester

Sunday's business started with AGMs and feedback from our subsidiary and linked organisations.

AGM of BFWG Charitable Foundation (FfWG)

Prof Elizabeth Slater chaired and welcomed everyone. Minutes of the last meeting, the approval of the accounts and elections of new and re-elected governors were passed *nem com*. As tradition has it, the BFWG shareholders questioned the FfWG board. Questions included:

- What criteria were used for selection of the fund managers?



*Jaswant Singh Phull, Jasmit Kaur Phull and Jenny Morley at the President's reception
Photo courtesy of Frank Morley*

- With the current economic climate, did the board expect an increase in requests for grants?
- What plans do the committee have for dealing with the large numbers of applications?

Elizabeth informed members that interviews were held with three City firms, as a result of the initial enquiries. The initial agreement is, if acceptable, a three year set up with no contract and no exit fees. Grant applications had seen a small increase with the biggest cause for an increase in applications due to an increase in people's access to the internet. The grants committee has had an increase in its workload but all members are happy to continue. However, there are concerns as they wouldn't like the success rate for applications to go below 20%.

Prof Slater reported that they had a bequest from Nancy Edwards' estate. This will provide a third bursary in her name for an overseas student to have access to the archives. Julia Bannister (Winchester) commented that Nancy would have been pleased with what had been done with her legacy.

AGM of the Trustees of the Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth Poskitt chaired. She reported that the Centenary Scholarship fund was just short of £3000 and the income from the portfolio for January-June 2011 was £16,500. It was requested that any donations be gift-aided.

In terms of scholarships, 12 students were interviewed this year, details on page 5. The applications came from 57 universities as opposed to 37 last year.

Gill Ramsay and Susan Miles were confirmed as new trustees. Gillian Clerici and Rory Haigh were thanked for their work. Rory introduced the new logo and announced a BFWG bookmark, for sale.

Sybil Campbell Library Trustees

Cynthia Richmond updated members on the new Trust, use of the Collection and the financial position. Too small to have a Charity Commission number, the Trust has an HMRC charity number, which is XT28102, giving it *bona fide* status as a charity. Activities include preservation and cataloguing of the Collection and talks. Monographs of these are found at:

www.sybilcampbellcollection.org.uk

Aisha Alshawaf, Canterbury & District

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Eastern Regional Meeting

Saturday 24 September 2011

10.30 - 14.00

**The Red Lion Hotel, 88 Great North Road
(AI000) Hatfield AL9 5EU**

Cost £23 incl. 2 course lunch (drinks extra)

From Maverick to Master

a presentation on the life of the sculptor Henry Moore,

by **Peter Dell,**

Henry Moore Foundation

After lunch possible visits (at own cost) to an Exhibition of Moore's work currently on display in the West Garden of Hatfield House, Hatfield House itself or both.

Advance notification of interest in such visits will enable members to be given priority booking.

For Booking Form and Agenda, see the BFWG website or contact Heather Hawkes

heather.hawkes@pbar.eclipse.co.uk 01707 659938

90 Glorious Years!



L to R Betty Pritchard, Jean Trimble, Winifred Smart, Gill Ramsay, Florence Kirkby
Photo courtesy of Jasmit Kaur Phull

22 June 90 years ago ushered in a bright star known as Florence Kirkby. On 21 June this year (2011) the Northern BFWG group and friends from Lincoln and Oxford helped celebrate that special day. The Badger restaurant in Newcastle served up a great lunch, ending with chocolate cake decorated and topped with candles! Florence entertained the group with her wit and candle blowing prowess and a good time was had by all.

Elizabeth Massey, Lincoln

International Relations Day

Saturday 12 November 2011

10.30 – 15.30

BFWG Office

Patrice Wellesley-Cole

Senior Immigration Judge

will speak on

Judgement Reserved

Sandwich lunch and refreshments £10

Payable at the door

Please inform Christel Moor of attendance by 29 October at
cmoor@bfgw.org.uk 01227 458829

Sybil Campbell Collection Annual Lecture

Thursday 27 October 2011

18.00 for 18.30 lecture

**University Women's Club, 2 Audley Square,
London W1Y 6DB**

Gillian Darley

**Writer and Associate Tutor at The Arts Research
Centre, Queen Mary, University of London**

Octavia Hill and Opportunities for Women

For further details and booking contact:

stephanie.spencer@winchester.ac.uk 01962 827125

or the website www.sybilcampbellcollection.org.uk

Westminster Seminar

Financial Literacy in Education

Thursday 27 October 2011

Seminar 14.00 – 16.00

Tea until 17.00

House of Lords

Committee Room 4a

Sponsored by Baroness Stern CBE

Cost: £30 for Tea plus Seminar

(Includes a £20 seated tea in the

**Cholmondeley Room & River Terrace,
minimum number 50)**

**£12 Seminar only - available after at least 50
combined invitations are issued**

Speakers: tbc

Bookings organiser: Rory Haigh rhaigh@bfgw.org.uk

Bookings with payment please by post to the office, cheques payable to BFWG, by Monday 3 October. Mark the envelope HoL in top LH corner, and state 'Attention Rory Haigh'

Morning Tours: No group tours this year as it has been difficult for members to get to London for 10.00am, but suggestions for small group tours and nearby interesting places for lunch, will be posted by e-mail and on the web in September.