



Celebrating Women In Pharmacy – The Movie

As part of NAWP's Centenary Celebrations, a film has been made featuring an interview with two women pharmacists of different generations to compare their experiences of working in pharmacy and their thoughts on pharmacy as a career for women. The result is an interesting record of very different working practices and of the stimulating exchange of ideas between the two interviewees, Elizabeth Doran and Edith Spivack.

It will soon be available for purchase on DVD, and VHS Video tape. Further details and an order form will be provided in the October Newsletter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**The British Pharmaceutical Conference
Manchester International Convention Centre
12 - 4 pm on 25th September 2005
The NAWP pre-conference session**

This session, to pilot a CPPE workshop, is on Mental Health and will address problems of dementia and Alzheimer's for both patients and carers. This workshop will be free and lunch will be provided. In order to register your interest and to receive the pre-course assignment please telephone 0161 7778 4040 quoting 'NAWP Workshop'.

JOINT MEETING

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain British Society for the History of Pharmacy National Association of Women Pharmacists

'A meeting at once historical and novel'
The Foundation of the National Association of Women Pharmacists
by Dr Sue Symonds Member of the NAWP Executive Committee

Wednesday 16 November 2005 at 6.30 pm
Refreshments will be served from 5.30 pm

Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Headquarters
1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN

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**NAWP
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**BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 15th**

The Princess Royal this morning unveiled a War Memorial at Smithfield Market, London EC1.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Fellow, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, today attended the National Association of Women Pharmacists Centenary Lunch at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain Headquarters, Lambeth High Street, London SE1.

The Princess Royal, President, this afternoon chaired the Royal Yachting Association Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Opportunity International UK, this evening attended a Reception at the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, 9a Palace Green, London W8.

More than half the people here today are members or Honorary Members of NAWP, they have travelled from all corners of the UK to be present and they are what NAWP is about. Your comradeship, support, empathy and understanding are there for all to share.

The President of NAWP

National Association of Women Pharmacists



1905 - 2005

Centenary Luncheon

in the presence of

HRH The Princess Royal

at

the Headquarters of
the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

2005





What a very happy event our Centenary luncheon was! Whilst being suitably formal it was still a very relaxed and enjoyable day. I was particularly thrilled to spend some time with Baroness Betty Boothroyd, a lady I have admired, as have many of us, for a long time.

NAWP should be so proud that people like her were prepared, even happy, to accept the invitation to share our celebrations

*Sarah Insole
Past President NAWP
Bristol*



The most wonderful Centenary Celebration luncheon. Every detail, in my opinion, was perfect. I met such interesting people and H.R.H. The Princess Royal's speech delivered so eloquently was a boost to morale. I returned to work revitalised.

*Leonie Leben,
Leicester.*



I enjoyed the NAWP centenary lunch immensely. The food & wine were good; the speeches were to the point & well delivered & the conviviality & ambiance were terrific. All in all it was a memorable day.

*Carmel Davison,
Leicester*

Thank you for a superbly organized centenary luncheon.....from the guest list.....to the excellent food, wine and service.....to the general ambience and atmosphere.....to HRH's impressive speech! Congratulations for your skills in bringing it all together.

I had a marvellous time with the guests on table 11. Every single one has vowed to help NAWP succeed in the next 100 years.

*Renata Inglis,
Milton Keynes*



The President's Address

In her speech, Monica Rose, the President of NAWP, welcomed HRH The Princess Royal, guests and fellow members of NAWP.

Outlining briefly the history of the foundation of the Association of Women Pharmacists that later became the National Association of Woman Pharmacists (NAWP), she stated that the aims of the organisation were essentially to promote the role and standing of women in pharmacy. Today, more than 50% of registered pharmacists and over 60% of pharmacy undergraduates are women. The first women members of the RPSGB Council came from the ranks of NAWP.

Amongst the guests in attendance, welcomed by the President, were the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Daphne Marchant, representatives of both Houses of Parliament including Baroness Boothroyd and Sandra Gidley MP and representatives of other women's organisations and professions, including the President of the Royal College of Nursing. Also present were representatives of many pharmaceutical organisations. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who lives opposite the RPSGB, was unable to attend but 'wished NAWP every blessing in their important work and congratulated them on this significant milestone'.

Looking towards the future, the President said she firmly believed that there is still a role for this voluntary organisation. She hoped that NAWP would expand its sphere of influence and action into more public arenas, especially those related to women's health and social issues, enabling women to realise their full potential

both within pharmacy and outside, to forge closer ties with our European pharmacy colleagues and to support our colleagues working in countries where attitudes towards women are similar to those experienced in this country a 100 years ago.

HRH The Princess Royal

After thanking NAWP for inviting her, The Princess Royal said that the centenary was an important occasion and well worth celebrating. There is a lifelong respect for the work of pharmacists in the country in general and probably neither she nor the guests knew as much as they should have done about NAWP and what it has achieved.

Her speech focused on the knowledge and skills of pharmacists and their role, particularly in the community. She highlighted the danger of an assumption of knowledge in the public domain and particularly selective reporting in the media, and recognised the part pharmacists can play in the interpretation and communication of the balanced facts behind the headlines. The requirement to keep up to date with all the changes and advancements but to maintain the knowledge of experience and the standards of the past provides a considerable challenge for pharmacy.

The supportive network of a common understanding, comradeship and co-operation provided by NAWP has given confidence to its members: confidence in one's own individual abilities to take a job that one step further, to make an impact outside. Referring to the Return to Practice initiative, she said that there is a continuing need for this, which gives women the confidence

to take breaks and to return to pursue their careers. The advice on careers and the mentoring scheme are also about providing confidence to develop skills and interests in the most appropriate way. Women pharmacists are also contributing to public life in many ways and raising the profile of pharmacy in the community and its importance.

The Princess Royal discussed the potential for partnership between pharmacists and The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Pharmacists, as the eyes and ears of the community, are in a position to identify carers, particularly the many young carers who may be collecting medications for parents, siblings etc. Carers need more information and the wealth of knowledge that pharmacists have can be a lifeline to those who care. This is an important partnership for the Trust for Carers.

When she travelled as President of Save the Children, local pharmacists were amongst the key individuals trained in the communities visited; 'the work of Save the Children would have been pointless if they had not left behind the imprint on those most directly related to women and children's health'. She believed that this does not change however sophisticated the society.

The Princess Royal said that this was an appropriate moment to remember just how important pharmacists are in the community and also the part that women pharmacists play and concluded by stating that this was 'a centenary of considerable achievement and huge potential for the future'.

