



American Women's Club Magazine, 1925–1936

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Founded in May 1899 as the Society of American Women in London, the American Women's Club (AWC) — as it became known in 1916 — was an organisation for female expats from America. As its first president, Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, wrote in the inaugural edition of the *American Women's Club Magazine (AWCM)*, the establishment of the club stemmed from a shared belief that “serious social intercourse would lead to useful service and would create a centre of our own in the land of our sojourn”. **By the 1920s the AWC had gained 1,500 members** and boasted a lavish, fully-staffed headquarters at 46 Grosvenor Street in Mayfair.

Consisting of nearly 3,400 images, this collection brings together editions of the ACWM that were published monthly between January 1925, when the magazine was launched, and December 1936. Articles in the *AWCM* document the club's history and evidence its outgoing, civic ethos. The collection provides detailed insights into the varied social, educational, and philanthropic activities that AWC members pursued. It likewise illuminates the extensive local, national, and international (especially transatlantic) networks within which the club and its members operated. An intriguing collection, **it sheds light upon the influential women's clubs movement, as well as upon the wider social, political, and cultural contexts** that precipitated and shaped institutions like the AWC.

American Women's Club Magazine, 1925–1936 will be of value to students and researchers with interests in the cultural and social histories of America, Britain, and Europe throughout the early to mid-twentieth century. It should also appeal to those working within associated scholarly fields, such as gender studies, literary studies, and sociology.

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