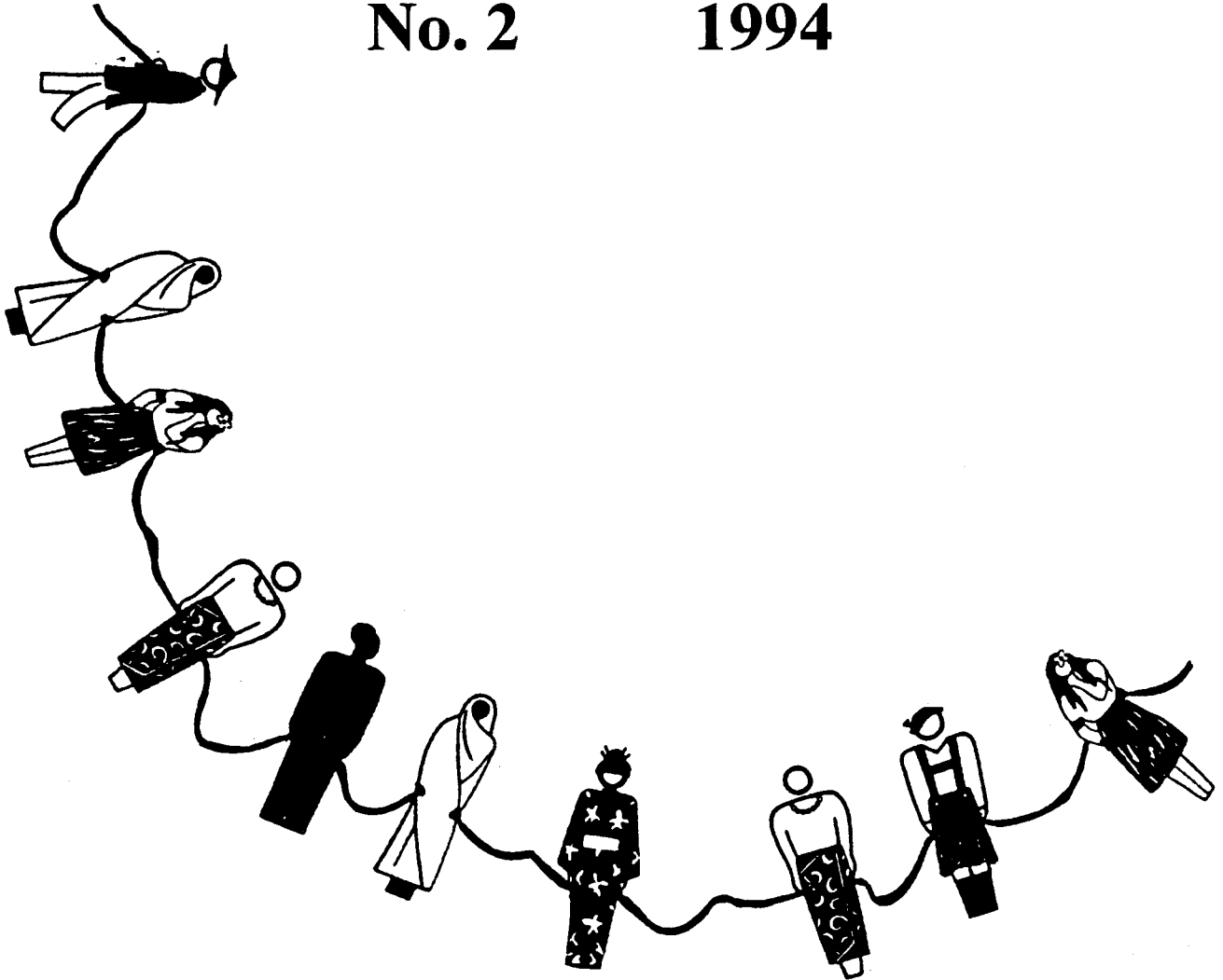


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On thursday 17th february 1994, a group of young women from Hindley and Lowton Young Womens Group got together to have a day with W.A.C.(Water Activities Centre),this was held in the swimming pool at Abraham Moss College, Manchester.

We arrived at 10am and were met by a very friendly lady. Those of us who had children were shown where the creché facilities were.

When we reached the creché I noticed that there was plenty of room and also plenty for the children to do. I usually have trouble leaving my son in a creché because he doesn't like being left with strangers. When I left him he was very upset but the creché workers assured me that he would be fine. They seemed confident and able to cope, so I felt at ease leaving him, I also felt as though I could enjoy myself without worrying whether he was alright or not.

When we were ready to go into the water we were again met by friendly faces. the women who were organising the water activities didn't overpower us in any way which was a good thing as some of the group were unsure about using a canoe anyway. Even though they didn't overpower us, we knew they were there if we needed any help in any way.

We started off just canoeing and getting used to the feel of the canoe's. we then got a bit more adventurous and made a raft with all the canoe's joined together by each of us holding onto the next canoe.

Once the raft was made some of the group took turns walking across it whilst the rest of us were still sitting in the canoe's.

We left the pool to have lunch and also to let the pool be used for it's weekly aqua-natal class.

I went to the creché to collect my son for his lunch, and I was told that he had settled down after I left him, I felt great and knew I wouldn't need to worry in the afternoon.

When we went back in the water after lunch, some of the group were shown how to roll a canoe over and how to get out of a canoe properly.

One of the pool attendants then asked us if we wanted to play on a large inflatable, (any excuse to relive our childhood), we agreed immediately.

The inflatable reached across the full length of the pool, and it was quite funny seeing everybody trying to get from one side to the other. This was a fun day all round, and strongly recommend that all young women (or..men) should try these activities if the chance should ever arise.

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