Nurse hero drama workshop

Bowburn Community Centre

Saturday 21st April

10am till 12 noon

An exciting community drama and music project is under way, about Bowburn's famous Edith Cavell banner. A performance is planned at Bowburn Community Centre on 13th July, the night before this year's Miners' Gala.

Jack Drum Arts will lead a drama workshop for people thinking of being involved. It will be held at Bowburn Community Centre, on Saturday 21st April, from 10am till 12 noon. Everyone is invited – children and young people, parents and grandparents, and everyone interested in our mining heritage.

The Norfolk nurse who became Bowburn's hero



Nurse Edith Cavell stayed in Belgium when the German army invaded in 1914. A year later she was in prison. She was shot on 12th October 1915. She had helped hundreds of allied servicemen escape from behind enemy lines.
Her execution became a rallying call throughout the world, in the war against the Kaiser.

Over 200 men from Bowburn had already volunteered - from little more than 200 households - and more were to follow. Over 50 local men lost their lives before World War I ended in 1918.

In 1920, Bowburn Miners Lodge ordered a fine new silk banner from London, with Edith Cavell's portrait on one side. It is the only miners' banner in the country ever to portray an identifiable woman. Was there some special reason, why her heroism was so dear to Bowburn's miners?



And was this the first Bowburn banner? Or had an earlier one been made, after Nurse Cavell's death in 1915, by a local pitman painter? Did some people disapprove of this? If so, why?!

Join with Jack Drum to find the answers (and questions) to life!

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