

From Debutante to Drudgery: Nurses and Stately Homes in the First World War

Evening talk on 10th July 2014 at 6.30pm at the Florence Nightingale Museum

Nursing was one of the main ways that women could participate in the war effort, and many had romantic notions of sitting at the bedside of a wounded soldier, bringing him back to health. Women of all classes trained in various forms of nursing, but it was the aristocratic nurses who were often able to open their country houses as hospitals to provide care for wounded and convalescing soldiers. This talk will examine the relationship between the nurses, their patients and the vital role of the English stately home as a place of care during the First World War.

Dr Julie Anderson is a medical historian based at the University of Kent. Her interest in stately homes as hospitals stems from work undertaken with English Heritage on war and disability, which preceded her avid interest in Downton Abbey.

Admission price £8.00 (Members of the Florence Nightingale Museum £5.00) and includes a glass of wine and a chance to view the museum. To book, please contact Katie Edwards on katie@florence-nightingale.co.uk or 020 7620 0374.

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