

TIME TO THANK THEM



The Nursing Memorial Appeal

AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION

(running time 45 – 60 minutes)

Wednesday 9th March 2016, 6.30pm

**Naval & Military Club
No. 4 St James's Square
London SW1Y 4JU**

**To book a place, email:
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(£5 for members, £10 for non-members)

At least 1500 nurses died in service during both World Wars. This doesn't take account of the numbers between the days of Florence Nightingale and 1914. Yet their sacrifice has never been properly memorialised. Perhaps there was never a convenient time to thank them during the chaos of war. So the Nursing Memorial Appeal is going to put that right at the National Memorial Arboretum.

TIME TO THANK THEM is a collection of anecdotes, brief history, letters, poems, diaries and bulletins, presented in words and pictures by John Drewry, patron of the Nursing Memorial Appeal. It includes the extraordinary story of the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD), largely naive shire girls and vicars' daughters who'd never done a day's work and couldn't even boil an egg. A jolly jape to dress up and become a volunteer nurse turned into the surreal world of mud, blood, lice and mustard gas,

a million miles from the Edwardian drawing-room charades they left behind forever.

Above all, though, it is the story of quiet, understated heroism, dogged determination in the midst of impossible odds, and the doughty British character hopefully still glimmering somewhere in the darkness, like Florence Nightingale's famous lantern.

The Nursing Memorial Appeal (registered charity number 1150276) was inspired by the memory of the VAD, but actually embraces all nurses who gave their lives in both World Wars. The Appeal aims to raise in excess of £150,000 for educational purposes and a permanent memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum. £90,000 will enable us to create and maintain the memorial. The rest will be used to provide a scholarship for nurses to study particular aspects of conflict and humanitarian aid in nursing.

Donations to the Nursing Memorial Appeal can be made at your discretion at the end of the presentation, or subsequently to:

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