

CAMPAIGNING FOR THE VOTE

Kate Parry Frye's
SUFFRAGE DIARY



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Press release

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD TO APPEAR ON CLARE BALDING'S SECRETS OF A SUFFRAGETTE

Extract from Kate Parry Frye's diary on Emily Davison's funeral – *'Saturday June 14th 1913. I had had a black coat and skirt sent there for Miss Davison's funeral procession and the landlady had given me permission to change in her room. I tore into my black things then we tore off by tube to Piccadilly and had some lunch in Lyons. But the time was getting on – and the cortege was timed to start at 2 o'clock from Victoria. We saw it splendidly at the start until we were driven away from our position and then could not see for the crowds and then we walked right down Buckingham Palace Rd and joined in the procession at the end. It was really most wonderful – the really organised part – groups of women in black with white lilies – in white and in purple – and lots of clergymen and special sort of pall bearers each side of the coffin. She gave her life publicly to make known to the public the demand of Votes for Women – it was only fitting she should be honoured publicly by the comrades.'*

Elizabeth Crawford, editor of the remarkable diary *Campaigning for the Vote*, is to appear on Clare Balding's *Secrets of a Suffragette* programme on Channel 4 about the Emily Davison, her death and the wider women's suffrage movement.

Elizabeth is an authority on women's suffrage and author of *The Women's Suffrage Movement: a reference guide 1866-1928*. *Campaigning for the Vote* is her latest book, published by Francis Boutle Publishers, and contains extracts from a diary discovered in a damp cellar in north London. Kate Parry Frye provides us with, among many insights into the suffrage campaign, a rare eye-witness description of Emily Davison's funeral.

ITV has selected Kate Frye as one of the main characters in a 2014 documentary series to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Clare Balding's *Secrets of a Suffragette* will be shown on Channel 4 at 8pm on Sunday 26 May 2013.

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