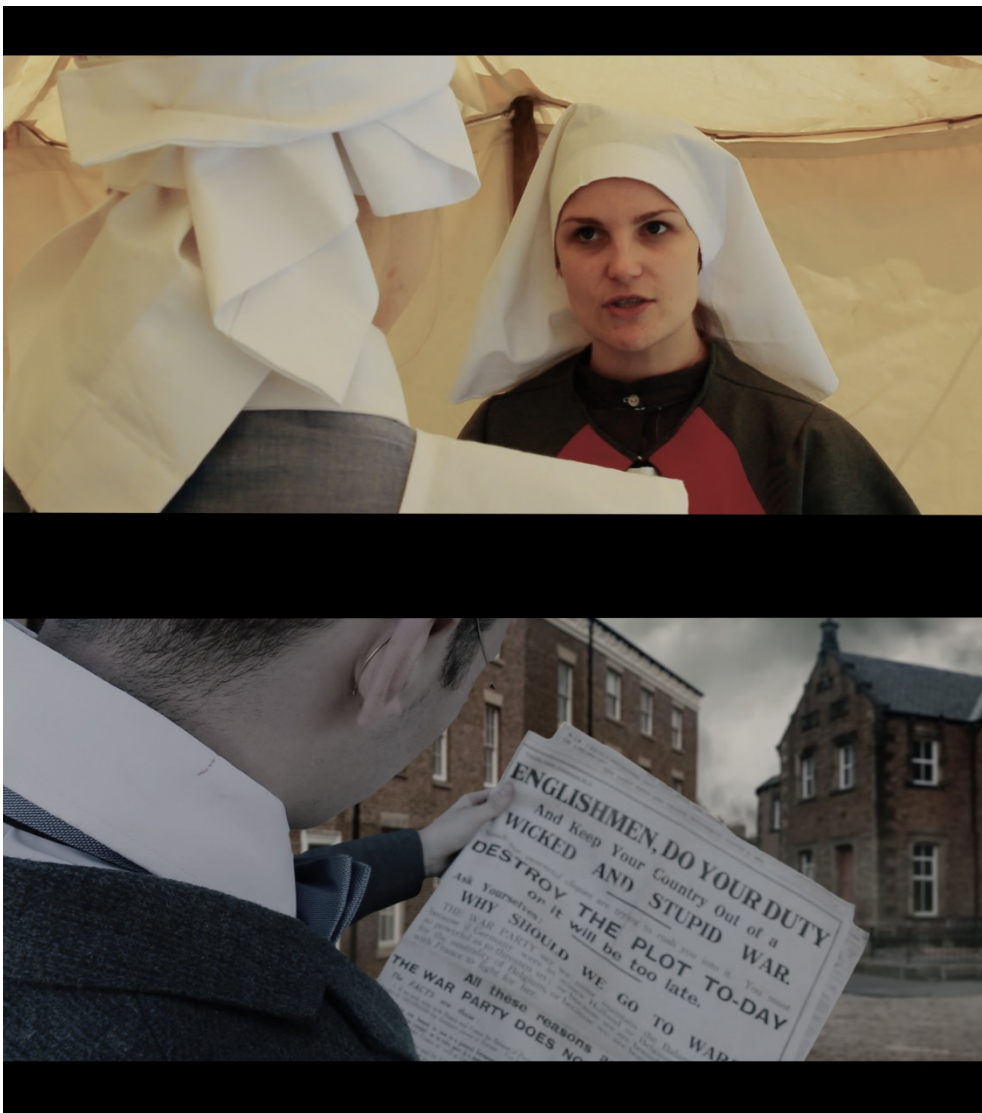




## BEHIND THE LINES – UPDATE – May 2018

Since the last update in February we have agreed the film script and the filming of re-enactments has taken place. Earlier this month Lonely Tower Film and Media used volunteers, including members of the 29<sup>th</sup> Field Kitchen re-enactment group, to film at Sunderland Air Museum. Some of this material was then modified using computer aided graphics



The recording of the sound track by Spennymoor Town Band is scheduled for the end of June. When this and the voice over of the agreed script are complete the film can be finished. Discussions have taken place about using Spennymoor Town Hall as the venue for

the first showing. We have tested the screen, projection and sound system in the Town Hall and established that we can technically show the film there.

Current thoughts about how to make this first showing a memorable occasion are to take as a theme the *Welcome Home Gatherings* that took place in the Town Hall 100 or so years ago (as an example see the illustration below). Research on this has been undertaken by volunteers from Tudhoe and Spennymoor Local History Society, who have been cataloguing an archive left to the Society by the late Tony Coia, a former Chairman of the Society. This includes material collected for an unfinished book on Spennymoor in WW1, in particular press cuttings from the *Auckland Chronicle*.



Work is also being undertaken on an exhibition to accompany the film and on arranging a date for the first showing at Spennymoor Town Hall.

John Banham, 26 May 2018