

Reports of the event

'A Memorable Derby'

The Derby of 1913 will long be remembered in the history of racing. The favourite, Craganour, passed the post first, but after a steward's enquiry it was decided that Craganour should be disqualified for interference and the second horse, Aboyeur, given the race.

However some people will perhaps be more disgusted by the desperate act of a woman who ran on the course, just as the horses swept round Tattenham corner. She seems to have had some mad idea that she could spoil the race. Some of the spectators close to the woman supposed that she was under the impression that the horses had all gone by and that she was merely attempting to cross the course. The evidence, however is strong that her action was deliberate and that in the supposed interests of the Suffragette movement.

But a deed of this kind is not likely to increase the popularity of her cause with the ordinary public. We are mistaken if yesterday's exhibition does not do more harm than good to the Suffragettes cause.'

An account from the *Times* newspaper, 5 June 1913

'In honour and in loving, reverent memory of Emily Wilding Davison. She died for women.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Miss Davison, who made a protest at the Derby against the denial of Votes to Women, was knocked down by the King's horse and sustained terrible injuries of which she died on Sunday, June 8th 1913.'

From the front cover of *The Suffragette*, the official magazine of the Women's Social and Political Union, 13 June 1913. The text was printed beneath a whole page image of an angel, standing in front of the race railings at Derby, with a halo reading 'love that overcometh'. A copy of the original can be seen here:

<http://womenshistorynetwork.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/suffragette.png>