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FRILLER

The Strange Story of Miss Lily Cove
An entertaining evening of Edwardian chills...

6.30pm * 30 October 2016 * Ponden Hall, near Haworth

Friller is a new play by Sharon Wright, based on the spooky true-life story of celebrity Edwardian balloonist Lily Cove, who plunged to her death in the field behind Ponden Hall in 1906.

Now her story is being re-enacted in the place where it actually happened.

The tragic tale will be told around the atmospheric 17th-century former farmhouse by characters brought to life (and death...) by actors Charlotte Knowles, Tracy Knowles and Gerry Bell. The site-specific performance is followed by a hearty supper where guests can share their own ghost stories around the roaring fire.

Ponden Hall, now a popular B&B, is famous for inspiring Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* but this Hallowe'en owners Julie Akhurst and Steve Brown are celebrating another haunting tale.

Julie says: *"We're very much looking forward to welcoming back Lily to Ponden Hall, 110 years after she originally dropped in. Ponden Hall is one of West Yorkshire's most haunted houses, so watch out for spooky visitors this Hallowe'en - and you're promised a good supper into the bargain!"*

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Journalist and playwright Sharon Wright first encountered Lily's then almost-forgotten story as a Keighley News cub reporter in the 1990s.

Sharon says: *"I've always been fascinated by the story of liberated Lily Cove and her larger-than-life manager Captain Frederick Bidmead. What really happened in the sky over Ponden on that horrific night more than a century ago? What secrets did brave, tragic Lily take to her Haworth grave?"*

Tickets cost £15 including supper (guests may bring alcohol if required) from Ponden Hall on 01535 648608 or stay@ponden.force9.co.uk

Booking early is advisable as only 20 tickets are available for this unique performance.

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