We Remember... HAMMERSMITH'S RADICAL PAST

In 1647, at the end of the English Civil War, the New Model Army were quartered in Hammersmith in the Summer.



Radical and dissident soldiers set up a puritan chapel, probably in Union Court, now Foreman Court off Hammersmith Broadway.

At this time radical political and religious views in the Army were leading soldiers to act independently against a growing alliance between moderate parliament and the defeated king, and to make common cause with the Levellers against Army leaders.

These latter struggles against Cromwell and Ireton came to a head in the Putney Debates just over the river, in November 1647, and the Army Mutiny at Ware that followed...

The Levellers also had a group & printing press here.

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