

We Remember...

HAMMERSMITH'S RADICAL PAST

In the 1880s, the spot
underneath Hammersmith Bridge
was a popular local Speakers Corner, of the
type that the flourished in
every are in London.

Among the regular public
speakers here were the
Hammersmith branch of
the Socialist League, a
pioneering communist
organisation. Talks were
given under the bridge by
among others League
stalwart William Morris
(RIGHT), usually on
Sunday mornings, when
they'd have to follow the
Salvation Army meeting!

To the meetings they
bought the League banner,
designed by Walter Crane
and worked by May
Morris. Meetings were
regularly interrupted and
harassed by the police.

After the meetings, the
Socialist League often marched
to Hyde Park or Trafalgar Square.



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