

We Remember...

HAMMERSMITH'S RIOTOUS PAST

**Brandenbergh
House, which stood on this
spot, was the home of the Lord of the
Manor in medieval times. Later, around 1820-
21 it became the home of King George IV's
estranged wife Queen Caroline, a kind of Regency
princess Di . She had become very
popular because the king had treated her pretty badly, and he
was widely hated, especially by the working classes.**



Funeral Procession of Queen Caroline. From a print by R. Banks, published 20 Oct. 1821.

**When she died here her funeral procession on 14th August 1821 from
Hammersmith was turned into a riotous demo, erupting into
fighting; two Hammersmith men, carpenter Richard Honey
and George Francis, a bricklayer, were shot dead at Hyde
Park Corner. A memorial stone was built to them in the
churchyard after collections in pubs all over
London.**

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