Ada Salter Day

On July 15-16 Southwark will celebrate the 150th birthday of Ada Salter. For decades her husband, Alfred, has been honoured but this is the first time Ada has been given due recognition.

Friday 15 July, 7.30 - 8.35 pm: Performance of Lynn Morris’s acclaimed play, *Red Flag over Bermondsey*, at the Sands Film Studio in St Marychurch St, Rotherhithe. The play movingly describes Ada’s first years in Bermondsey.

Saturday 16 July, 10 am - 5 pm: An exhibition, depicting Ada’s life and times, will be open at Cherry Garden Hall (previously Millpond Hall), on the corner of Southwark Park Rd and Jamaica Rd.

10.30 - 12 noon: Reception at Cherry Garden Hall of a Quaker delegation and of a local history delegation from Raunds (Ada’s home town), headed by Rachel Henderson and the Mayor of Raunds, Helen Howell. The Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Kath Whittam, along with Stephen Humphrey of the R & B History Society will welcome the guests.

12 - 2 pm: Visitors will have time to see the Wilson Grove houses, the Salter Statues and the Ada Salter Garden in Southwark Park.

2 pm: The central event of the day will be the laying of birthday flowers at Ada’s statue. Speakers will include Peter John, the Leader of Southwark Council; Lorna Greene (GMB), representing the trade union movement; Peter Tatchell (human rights); and Juliet Prager, representing Quakers in Britain. The two Mayors will also be in attendance.

3 pm - 5.00 pm: Second performance of *Red Flag over Bermondsey*, at Sands Film Studio, followed at 4.05 by a Question-and-Answer session led by David Morris and Graham Taylor.

7.30 pm: The summer choral event at nearby St Peter’s church, put together by Sue Heath-Downey to include some of Ada’s favourite songs and arias. This unique event promises to be a very enjoyable climax to the day.