



'Rose's Story' - New Exhibition for 2008

The Wimbledon Society Museum's new exhibition for 2008 is now up and running from 12 April till 30 November 2008. Entitled *Rose's Story - The WSPU in Wimbledon 1908 - 1915*, the show examines the struggle in Wimbledon to gain votes for women in the suffragette years early in the twentieth century. The story focuses on Rose Lamartine Yates, a quite remarkable and fiery-spirited young woman who quickly came to prominence in the local Women's Social and Political Union here in Wimbledon. Documents from the time Rose spent in Holloway prison, images of her rallying speeches on Wimbledon Common and her Garden Reception for Wimbledon hunger-strikers at Dorset Hall, her home for 30 years, are amongst a host of intriguing items on display. Suffragette jewellery and crockery as well as the Museum's rare Suffragette banner for a deputation to petition Mr. Asquith in 1909 are further highlights of the Exhibition.

Don't miss it! Get along to the Wimbledon Society Museum of Local History, 22 Ridgway (corner of Lingfield Road), SW19. Opening times: Saturdays and Sundays 2.30pm to 5.00pm. admission free. Catalogues of the Exhibition are available in the Museum, price £2.50p.

