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