

## TRIBUTE TO JEFFEREY CECIL BURR (1921-2003)

He was one of the founder members of the Émile Zola Society and took an active part in the 1993 centenary celebrations of Zola's first visit to London, at the invitation of the Institute of Journalists.

The family connection with Zola, however, goes back a long way, to his grandfather Frederick W. Wareham in fact. Wareham joined the law firm Gregsons and in 1894 he moved to Wimbledon and established an office in Alexandra Road. It is there that, following the Dreyfus Affair, Wareham both sheltered and represented the exiled Émile Zola.

Born in December 1921 into a legal family, Jeffery graduated in Arts and Laws from Cambridge and then qualified as a solicitor. He was a well known and appreciated Francophile, holidaying at least twice a year in France, speaking fluent French thanks to a superb teacher, a Mr Batterbury from Kings College School in Wimbledon. Its modern language sixth-form produced a magazine about France, written by boys and girls from the school, 'Le Courrier d'Angleterre' of which both the British Council and the French Government were highly appreciative. With the help of Eric Whelpton, Jeffery and others recorded two scripts in Fench, 'Voices of London' for transmission via the BBC on French radio just two days before the fall of Paris.

Jeffery wrote two books, *The History of the Church of St Levan* and *Winter warm and Summer cool*, a book of punches and cups. He had a great sense of humour and wrote regular articles for the 'LandsEnder' in Cornwall.

Jeffery Cecil Burr leaves us with many fond memories and will be sadly missed,