

which was originally social housing. The dock is still used by small to medium sized boats on a daily basis.

*The Royal Rowbarge Gloriana is an all wood structure of British oak, iroko, sweet chestnut and marine ply and is 88 feet long and 11 feet wide. The hull is clinker built and has electric propulsion. Overall the vessel weighs 9 tons and is wheel chair friendly. There is a rowing crew of 18 with 3 deck crew and it can carry 30 passengers. The saloon or coach interior is 20 feet by 10 feet 6 inches with a clear headroom of 7 feet. The fine Regency-style decoration is fully gilded in gold leaf and includes 16 crests representing the Realms of the Commonwealth. Editor*



*Gloriana at Henley Royal Regatta*

## **Brick Lane Music Hall**

**Sheila Farrell**

I had no idea of the splendour of this Victorian "Music Hall". The founder Vincent Hayes loved music halls, and saw them disappearing. He decided to create his own in 1992 in the former Truman's Brewery building in Brick Lane. After a move to larger premises in Shoreditch, the Music Hall finally settled in Silvertown, in the Royal Docks, next to London City Airport. The building where the Music Hall is now housed is the former church of St Mark's built in the 1870's by Samuel Sanders Teulon. The building is of historic interest for its unique Gothic brick exterior and the grace of its interior design. It is now a Grade II\* listed building. People from many areas came, disabled were especially welcomed.

We were entertained with slap-stick comedy which brought the house down with laughter, jokes, sketches and cockney sing-songs. The staff were most



helpful. During the interval we were served freshly prepared sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee, equal to the "Ritz". The bar was available if required, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Thank you Dover Society for a magical afternoon. We enjoyed it so much and look forward to another visit.