



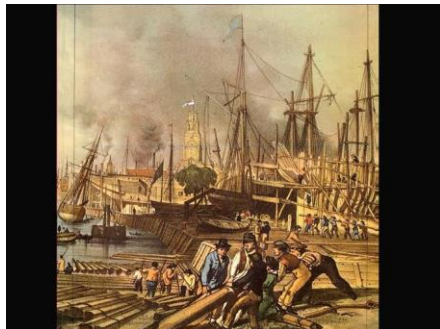
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***Invaders, Explorers and  
Shipbuilders- a talk by  
Jeremy Batch. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016  
18.30 for dinner at 19.00***

From an anchorage 400 yards up-river from the Cruising Association's headquarters in Limehouse, the China Company despatched its first fleet in search of the North East Passage. A stone's throw in the opposite direction, Nelson's first flagship was built. A mile further down-river, Brunel launched (eventually) the Great Eastern. But why had he brought her predecessor, the Great Western, all the way from Bristol to Blackwall just to have her engine installed? Why did Henry VIII decide to build the Mary Rose's bigger sister at Woolwich instead of Portsmouth, and how did Thames Ironworks win the contract for her 19th century equivalent? Why was the Archbishop of Canterbury murdered at Greenwich Yacht Club? How did the Dutch sneak up the Medway to raid Chatham? All these and more tales of the Thames and Medway – and the canal that joined them. Plus: how Olaf the Viking made London Bridge fall down – and he was on our side!



*Our meetings are held at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge, CM9 4SD.*



*The club is on the main road into Heybridge Basin. The entrance is about 200 yards on the left after turning into Basin Rd from the B1026. (Careful! it is easy to drive past this turning) See [www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com)*

*The format for the evening will be dinner served about 19.00, followed by the lecture. If you are coming only for the talk it will start about 20.00. The Club bar will be open from 18.30.*

*Dinner and Talk £13.00 (CA and BSC members). £15.00 (guests)*

*Talk only £3.00 (CA and BSC members). £5.00 (guests)*

February's Dinner is a choice of

**Mains:**

Roasted Pulled Lamb

Sausage Cassoulet

Goats Cheese, Thyme & Onion Tart (v)

All served with New Potatoes and Seasonal vegetables

**Dessert:**

Poached Pears in Blackberry Sauce

Apple, Apricot & Hazlenut Crumble

**Tea & Coffee**

We look forward to seeing many of you there, and guests are very welcome too.

Warm winter wishes

John & Penny Blakesley

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**Last booking date Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**