

the Roman, Saxon and Medieval port of London



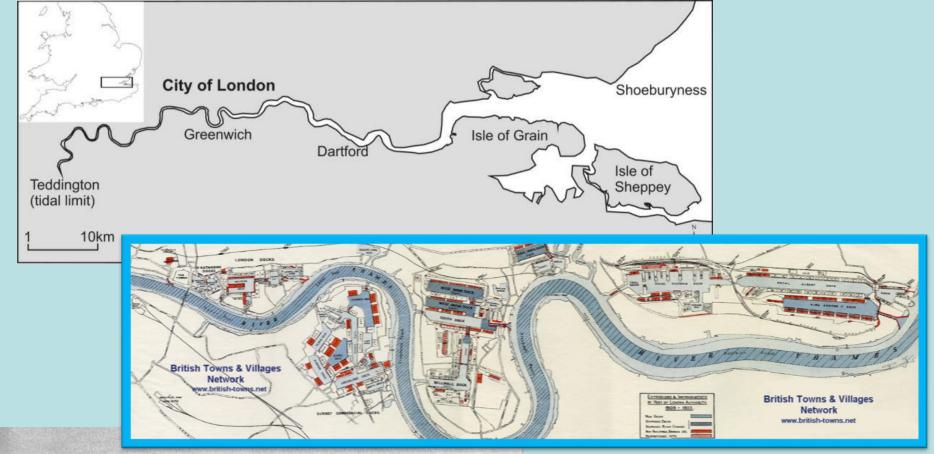














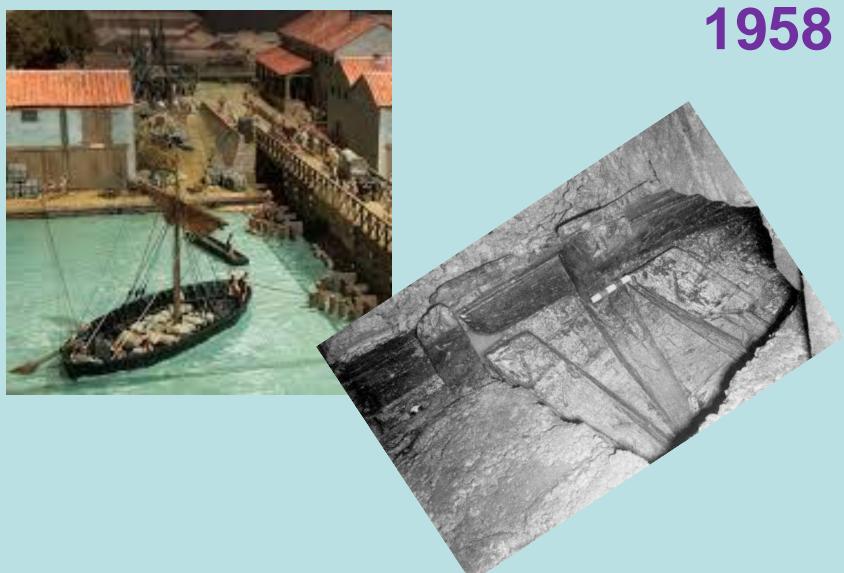
# County Hall ship 1910





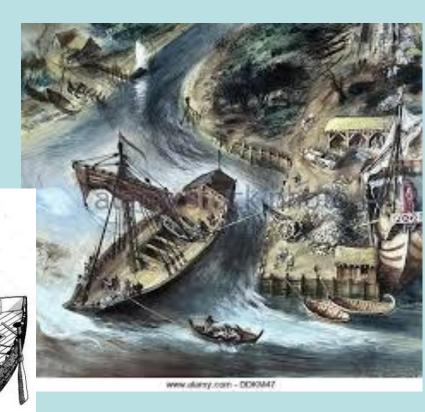


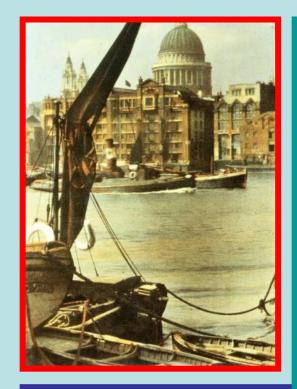
Roman lighter, Guy's Hospital





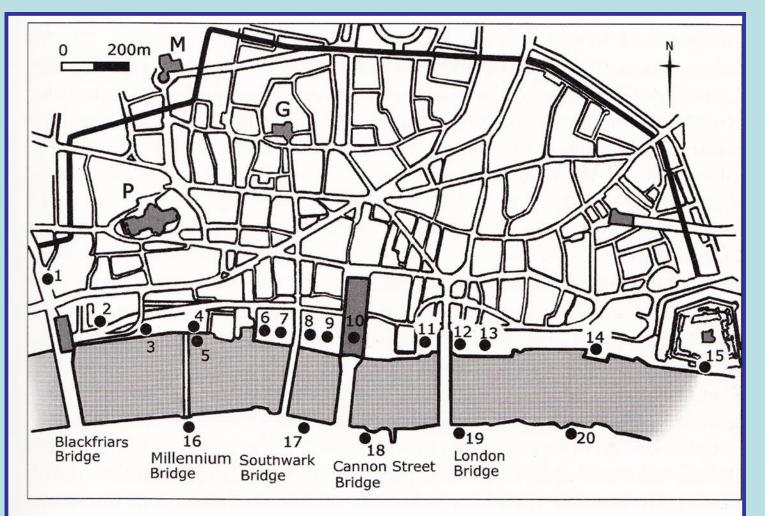
# 1962-3 excavation of Blackfriars ship











8 Much of London's medieval harbour has now been excavated and destroyed in advance of modern redevelopment. The numbers on this map mark the locations of some major archaeological investigations in the City and Southwark. J. Stripe, London ARF

KEY 1: Confluence of River Fleet; 2: Puddle Dock; 3: Baynard's Castle; 4: Trig Lane; 5: Trig Sta 6: Queenhithe; 7: Vintry; 8: Three Cranes Wharf; 9: Dowgate, confluence of Walbrook; 10: Steel 11: Swan Lane; 12: London Bridge (N); 13: Billingsgate; 14: Old Custom House; 15: Tower W & Watergate; 16: Millennium Bridge (S); 17: Bankside; 18: Winchester Palace; 19: London Bridge (S), Fennings Wharf; 20: Fastolf's Place & the Rosary











### **Ports of London:**

changing river -port organisation -topography monetary system -shipping -commodities traded

languages -location

C1-5<sup>th</sup>: Londinium

C7-9<sup>th</sup>: Mid-Saxon *Lundenwic* 

C10-11<sup>th:</sup> Danish & Anglo-Norman

Lundenburg

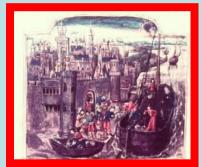
C12th: Beach market to

merchant port

C13-14<sup>th</sup>: Merchant port



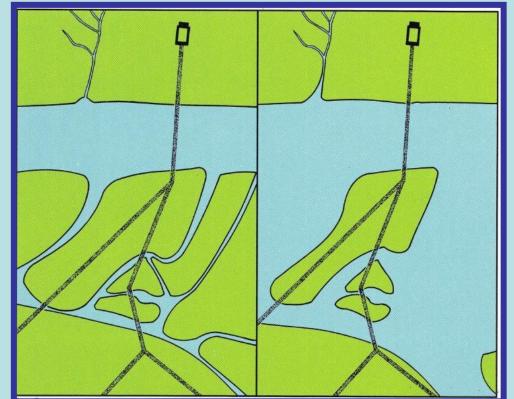








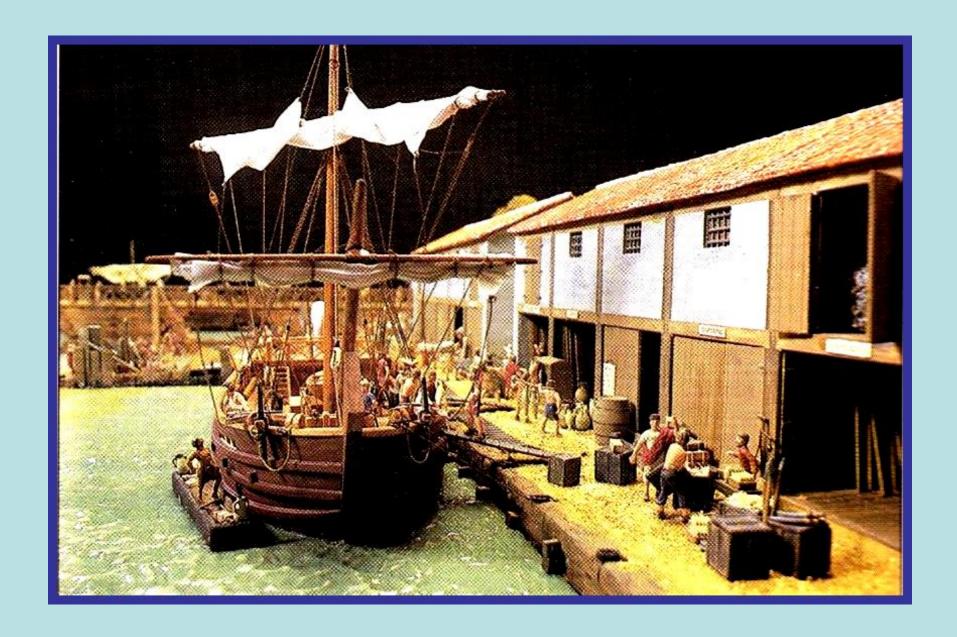






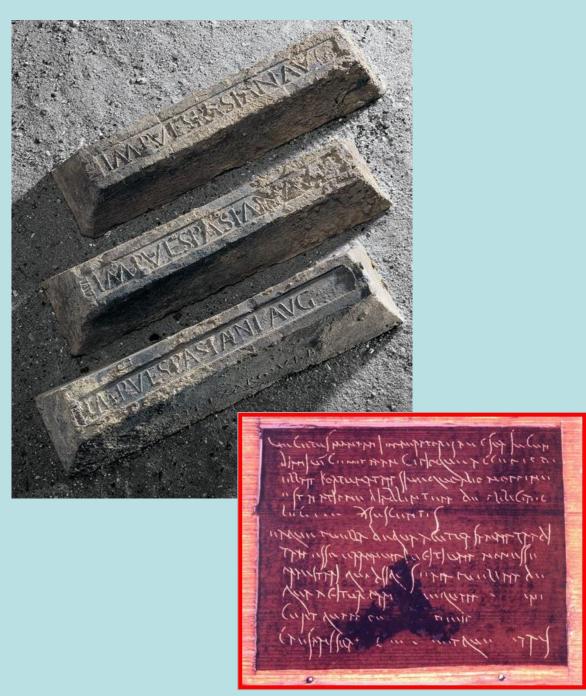


waterfront features foreshore deposits diatom study absolute levels absolute dates contours - boreholes Tidal range: HAT-LAT









Marti... Camulo.. **Tiberinius** Celerianus Bell... **Moritix** Londiniensium





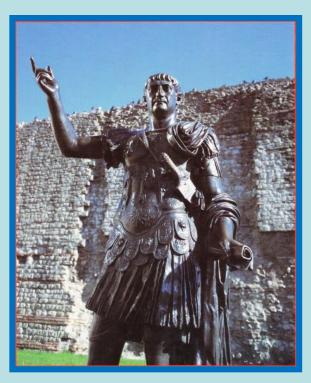


# Classis Britannica CL BR troop transport; cursus publicus; ship-building; harbour construction; stone-quarrying; bricks; iron industry

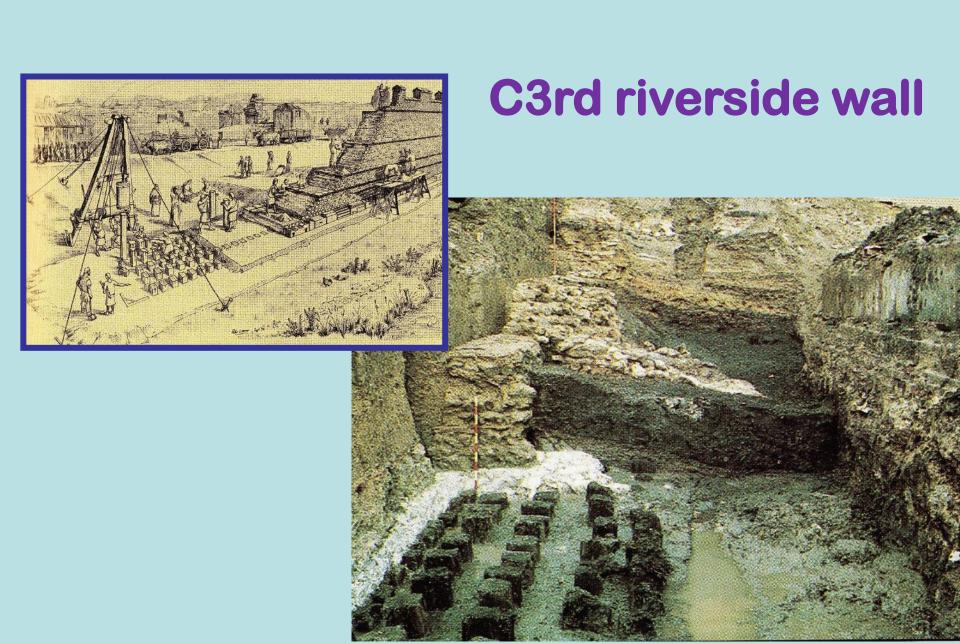
## Classis Britannica: C1-C3rd

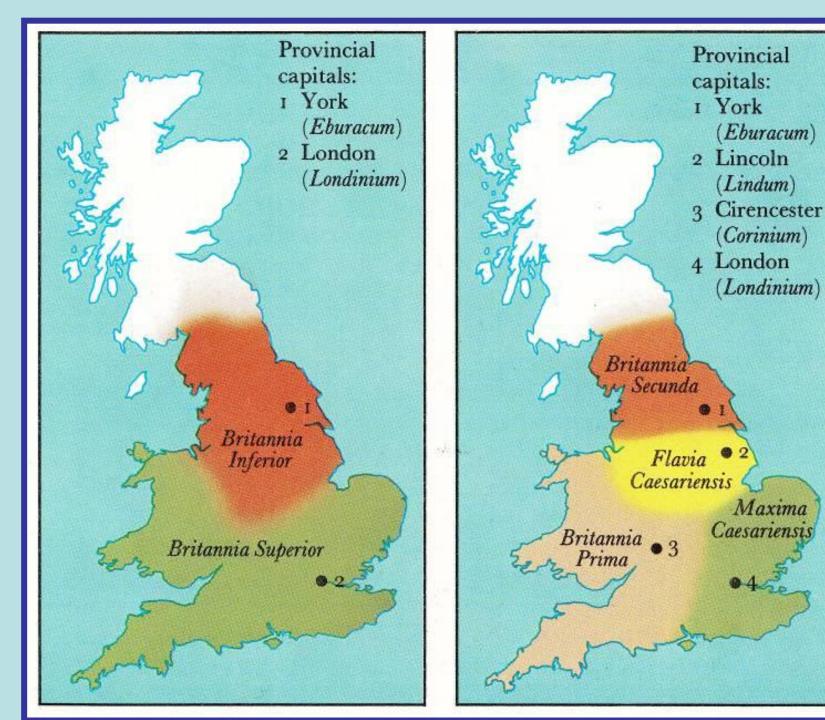
# Procurator Augusti et Praefectus Classis eg AD130 Maenius Agrippa

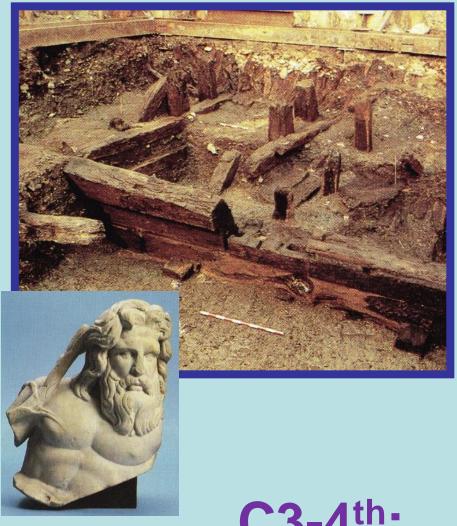
**Economic development/ regeneration Romanisation/ taxation** 





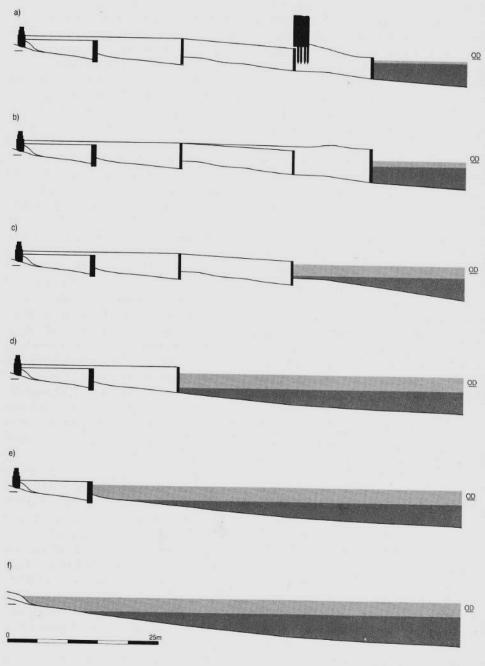






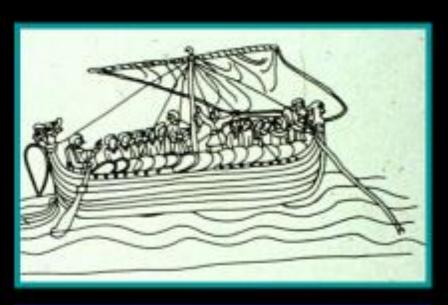
C3-4<sup>th</sup>:

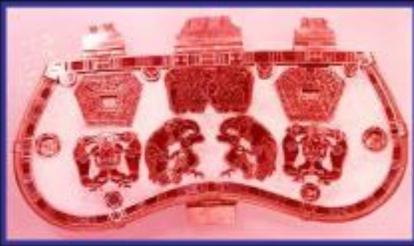
River levels drop: tidal head moves east

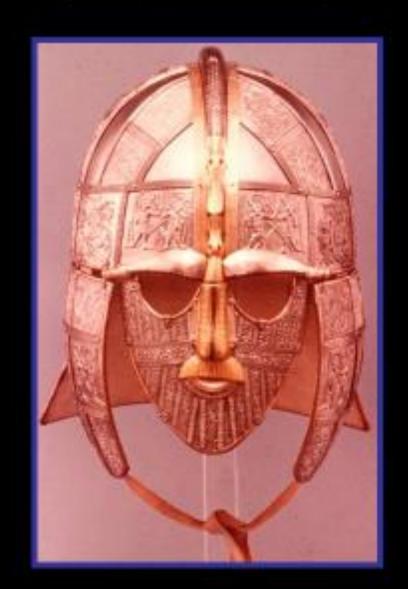


56 Diagram showing Roman waterfront development from the first century (f), to the mid-third (b); after which the riverside wall was built (a). The dark tone marks the depth of water at low tide, the lighter tone the increased depth at high tide. Note how the tidal range (lighter tone) decreases over time (Chrissie Milne).

## Londinium abandoned c. AD 457

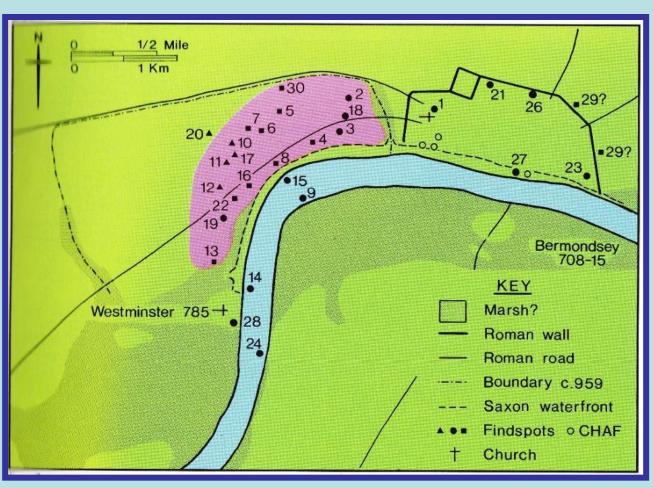






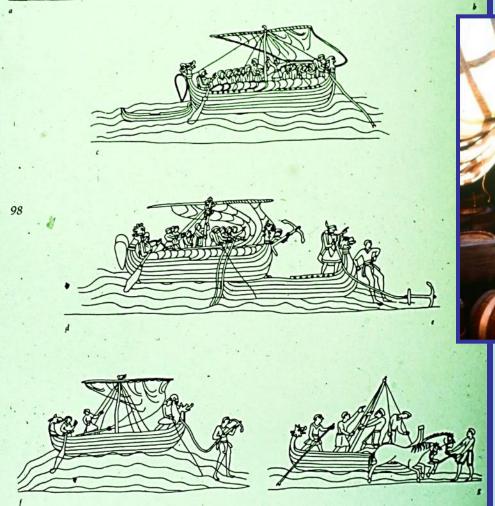
### **Lundenwic:**

# AD 600 'Aldwych' settlement develops west of walled *Londinium*





# Beach market place name: Strand





### STRAND WC2

THIS SIDE

← 460 - 408 407 - 235 →

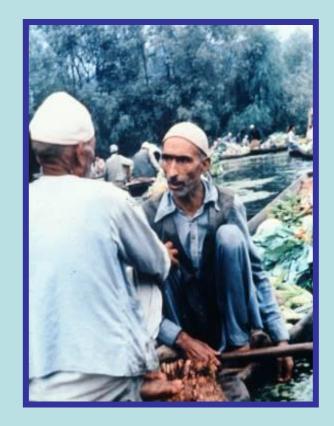
OTHER SIDE

73 - 234 -

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

### Lundenwic beach market

672 Land Grant: port mentioned
734-7 Charters: shipping dues
857 Weights & measures



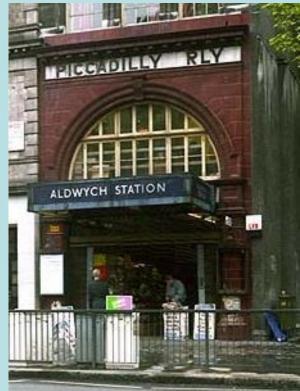


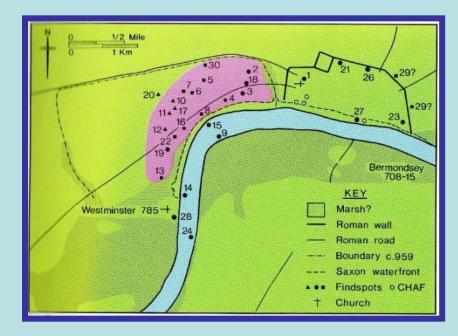
# AD 886 Lundenwic abandoned:

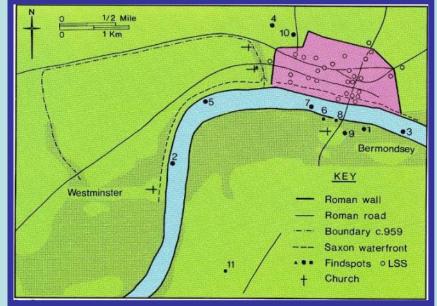
relocated in Londinium



(Ald-Wych)







# DOCUMENTED HISTORY of SAXON, NORMAN and MEDIEVAL PORT

#### **ETHELRED'S IV LAW CODE:**

Robertson, A (ed) 1925,

The Laws of the Kings of England from Edmund to Henry I

#### REGULATIONS REGARDING MEN FROM LOTHARINGA

Bateson, A, 1902, 'A London Municipal Collection', English Historical Review, 17, pp 430-511; 707-30

#### PORT AND MARKET REGULATIONS

Riley, T, (ed) 1861, Liber Albus

#### **CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS FOR 1481:**

Cobb, H, 1990 Overseas Trade of London: exchequer customs accounts 1480-1, London Record Society no 27



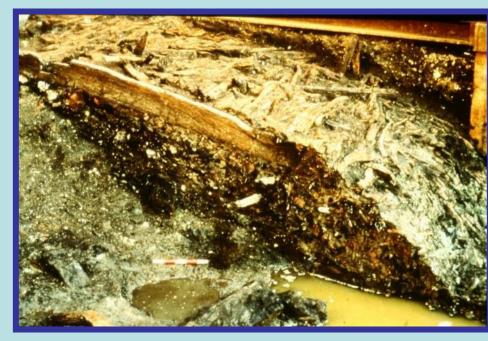


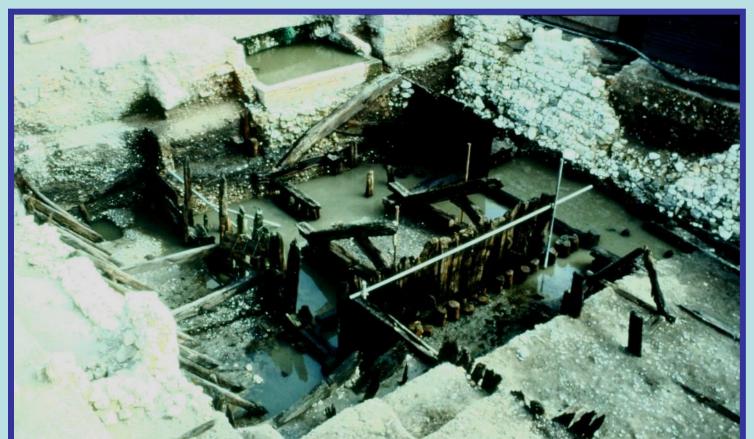
**AD 1500** 

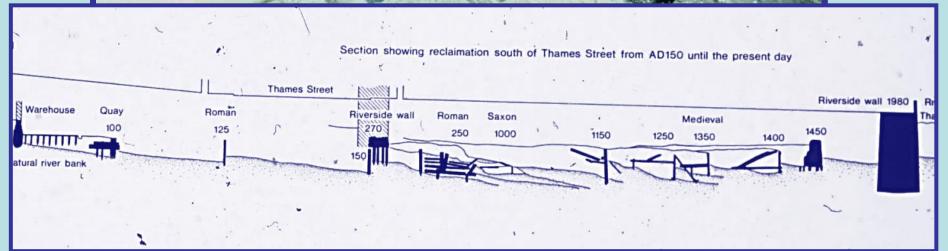


# embankments raised over foreshore to south of riverside wall



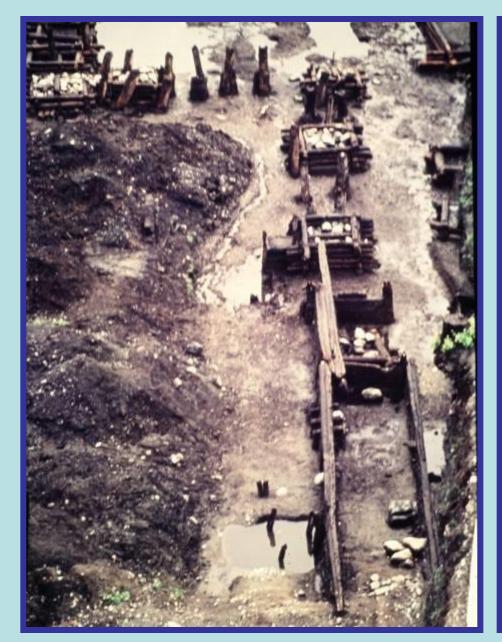


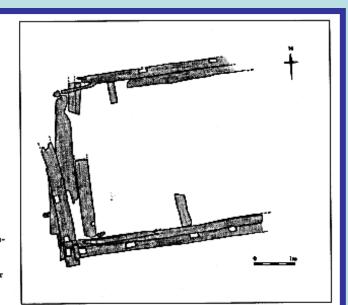




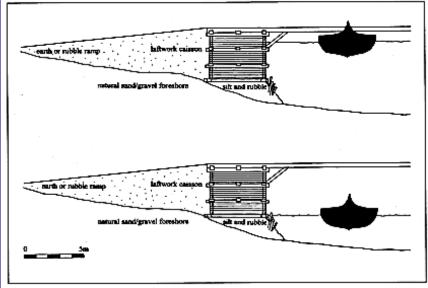


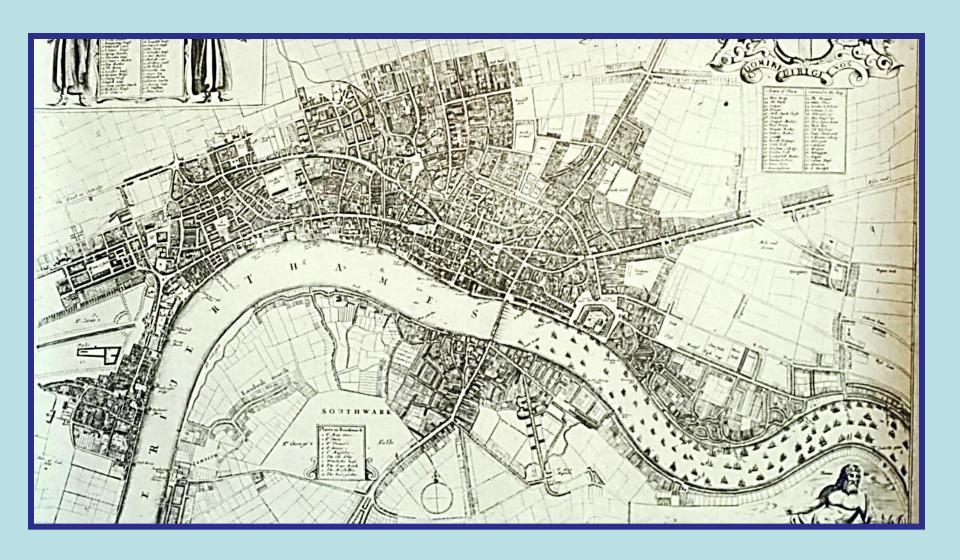


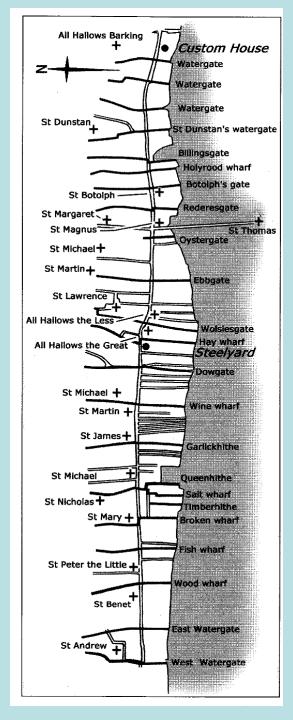




29 Plan of the twelfthcentury timber bridge abutment recorded at Fennings Wharf. After Watson et al. 2001. K. Brandon LARF







- Galley Quay
   C13th shipyards
- Wool Quay
   New Fish Street
   C AD 1000 LONDON BRIDGE
- Hay Wharf
- Wine Wharf
- Garlickhithe
- Salt Wharf
   C10th shipyards
- Timberhithe
- Fish WharfOld Fish Street
- Wood Wharf

## beach market

\*Shallow draft vessels beached on foreshore

\*No harbour works

Barter/ in kind

\*No warehouses

No merchants
No middlemen
Cargoes 'sold' on board
direct to consumer

## merchant port

- \* Range of vessels, inc deep-draught cargo carriers
- \* Harbour structures
- \* Cash economy
- \* Warehouses

Merchants
Middlemen
wholesale/retail

## 12<sup>th</sup>-century harbour

- Riverside wall undermined/removed
- Waterfront opened up to 'private' encroachments
- Development of specialist
   larger cargo carriers
- Introduction of masonry warehouses
- Work begins on masonry bridge

## 1971 medieval barge excavation





## Medieval cargo carriers

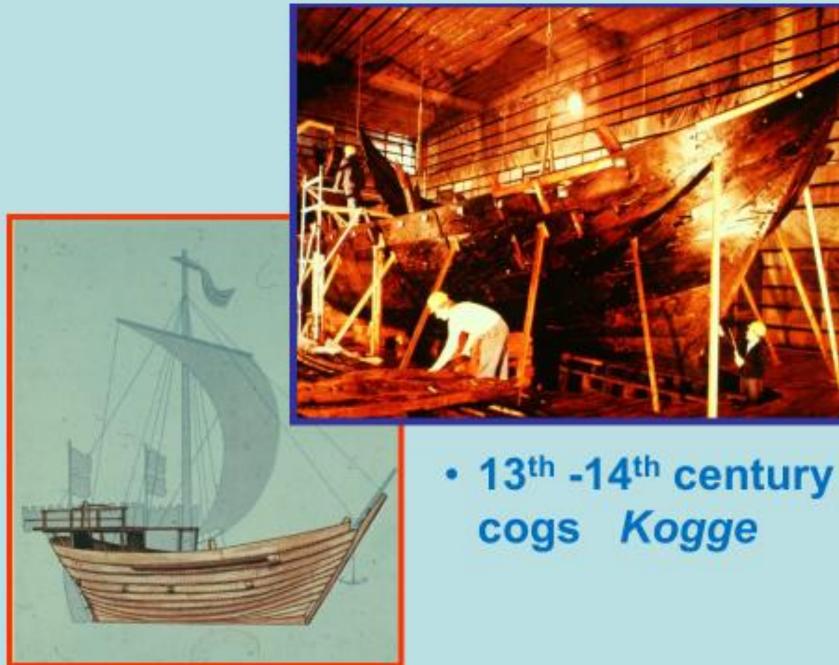
AD1000 20 tons

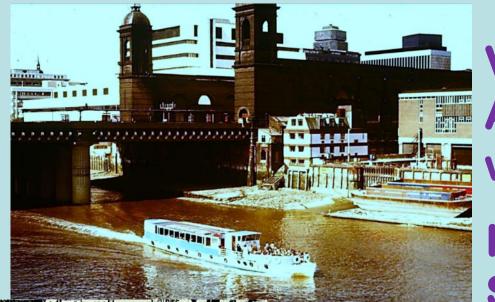


AD1100 60 tons

AD1200 100 tons







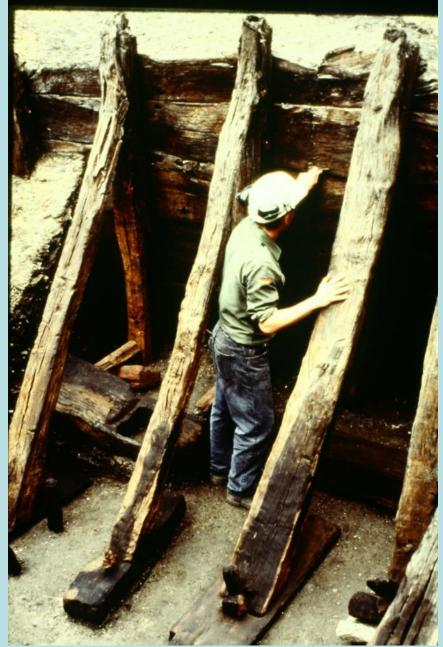
## VINTRY: Anglo-Norman wine trade

#### HANSEATIC STEELYARD Baltic trade

















## TOWER WHARF:

medieval river wall



## Coinage

AD 900 silver penny



AD 1350 silver & gold different values



#### long-cross penny



half-penny



fourthing (farthing)



## Coinage Edward I:

groat (4d)



penny



half penny

farthing



### Coinage Edward III

gold noble mark sovereign



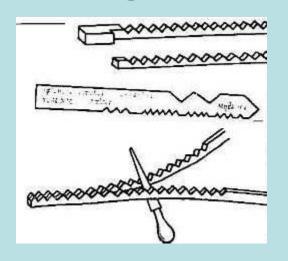
## Jettons

French



Nuremburg

### Tally sticks





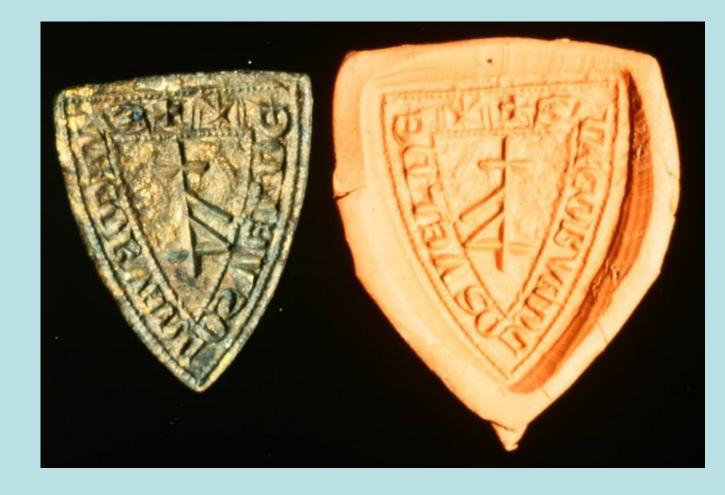




A London merchant
The brass at All Hallows-by-the-Tower
on the tomb of John Bacon 'citizen
and woolman', who died in 1437,
though im with his force on a woolcark



74 A London merchant: funerary brass from All Hallows-by-the-Tower commemorating John Bacon, citizen and woolman' who died in 1437. His feet are resting on a woolsack, the source of his wealth. Museum of London



## 1382 Custom House at Wool Quay

- GREAT CUSTOM £10,000 pa
   wool, fleeces & hides exported
- CLOTH CUSTOM £4,500 pa
- TUNNAGE & POUNDAGE £4,500 pa
   Import duty on tuns of wine
   & ad valorem duty
- PETTY CUSTOM £400 pa
   Other goods carried by 'aliens'



#### **Customs Officials**

#### 42 staff in C15th London

- Controller x 1
- Collector x 2
- searcher (inspector)
- tronager (weighing)
- waiters (inspect cargoes on board)
- sundry clerks & servants





#### PORTS OF LONDON: AD 50 to AD 1500

changing river, port organisation, topography, monetary system, building fabric, shipping, commodities exchanged,

language & location

C1-5<sup>th</sup> Londinium

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C10-11th Saxon & Norman harbours

C12th Beach market to merchant port

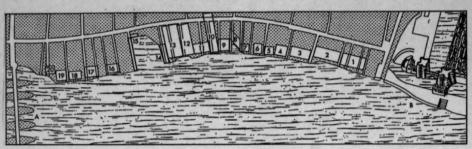
C14-15<sup>th</sup> Chaucer's harbour

C16<sup>th</sup> New Age & New World









- A London Bridge
- B Tower Dock
- C Queenhithe
- Galley Quay Old Wool Quay
- 3 Custom House Quay
- 4 Greenberries Quay
- 5 Crown Quay
- 6 Bear Quay 7 Thrustans Quay
- Sabbes Quay
- Gibsons Quay
- 10 Yongs Quay 11 Raffs Quay

- 12 Dyse Quay 13 Old Thrustons Quay

- 14 Smarts Quay 15 Billingsgate Quays 16 Sommers Quay
- 17 Buttolphe Wharf 18 Cocks Quay 19 Gaunts Quay
- 20 Fresh Wharf
- 21 Busshers Wharf
- 22 The Steelyard
- 23 Thomas Johnsons Quay 24 Three Cranes Wharf

## 1559: port reform and new Custom House



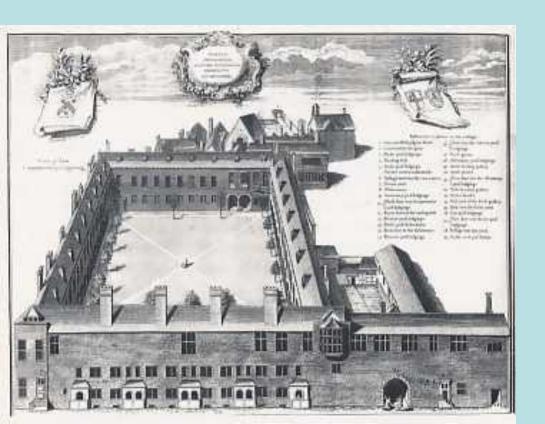


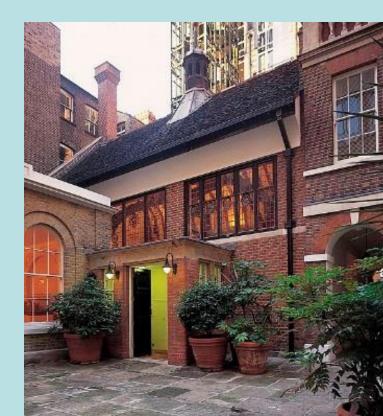
## 1571: Royal Exchange



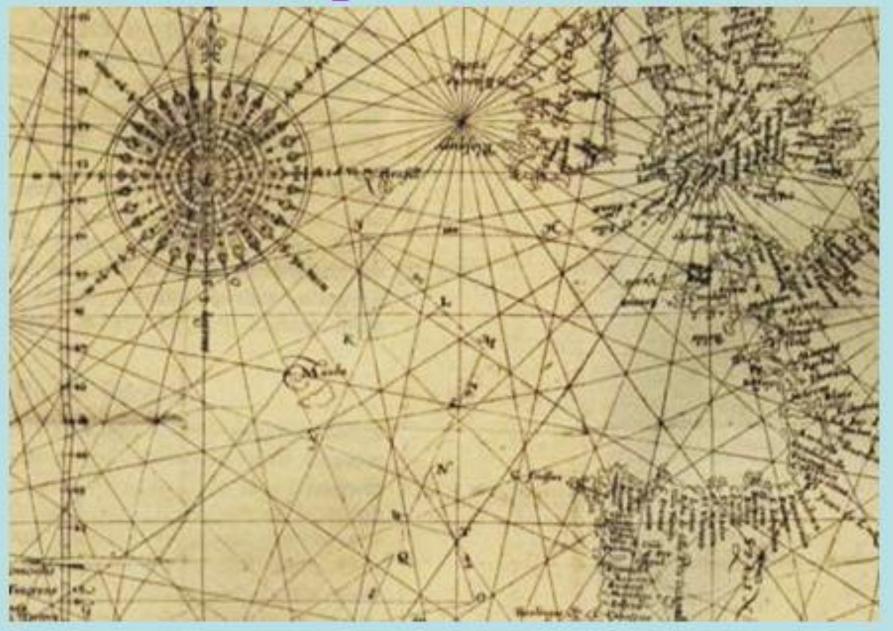
## 1597: Gresham College

## free lectures from professors in eg Astronomy, Geometry, Physics, Law





## Sailing chart: 1590

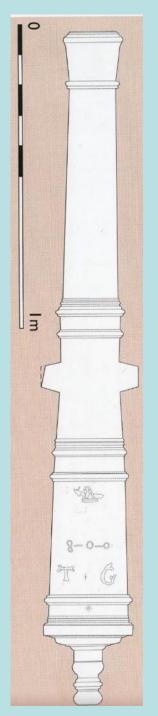










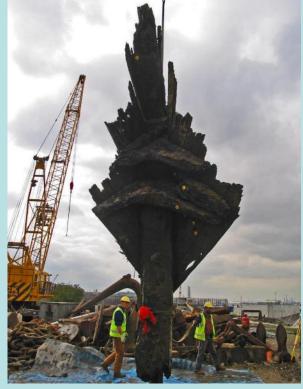


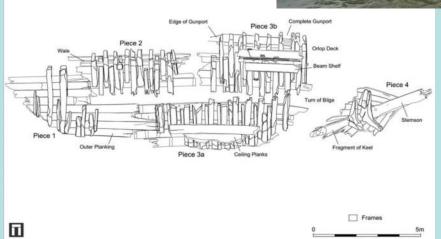
## Gresham











## Armed Elizabethan Merchantmen

TRADE 1571-1580

Muscovy, Eastland, French, Spanish,
Barbary, Levant Companies

EXPLORATION New World circumnavigation 1577-80

WAR 1588 Spanish Armada







# 1588: 34 London merchant ships fought against Spanish Armada with *Merchant Royal, Toby* and *Hercules* from Levant Company



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early & later Londinium

**Mid-Saxon Lundenwic** 

**Alfredian & Ethelredian harbours** 

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Chaucer's harbour

