



A WALK IN WOOLWICH HISTORY

On 16 May Frog Morris and Nicole Mollett took an organised group for an evening walk around Woolwich, south-east London, as part of the 'Songlines for Greenwich' series of events, co-curated by Inspirallondon. With an emphasis on diversity and the many migrants who came to the Borough over the centuries, we met historic characters such as John Blanke, trumpeter to Henry VII and then Henry VIII. Their stories were told through the magic lantern, projected on whatever surface was to hand including in stations and subways. We also met a host of mythical creatures and ghosts, especially around the nooks and crannies of the old Woolwich Dockyard. Some of the characters were also hand-painted on our (battery operated) tea light jars. As always, Frog's storytelling and Nicole's projection using both old and their custom-created slides brought history and imagination vividly to life. Altogether a very enjoyable evening.

Mary Ann Auckland



Mama Wata on a tea light jar, who may be found in Woolwich Docks



Magic lantern shows in a subway (top), a station (above left) and on the way to the Docks (above middle). Even the Thames Barrier (visible from Woolwich) with sea creatures made an appearance (right).