

## Walk 4. Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Tea from China and Mulberries to France!

Today's walk takes us out to the Docklands and the site used by the East India Company with its Charter from Queen Elizabeth I. Here they loaded, unloaded and repaired their ships and set sail for the China seas. Today we find a road that they financed - now very busy and far too noisy - and a water filled basin – that is now peaceful and a wildlife haven. Across the water we'll have views of the Millennium Dome (remember that?) and the cable cars over the Thames. There'll be stories of pirates meeting a ghastly end and then it's off to see the new development where the now filled-in docks were used in WW2. For “Call the Midwife” fans we'll be walking in the area of the original books and we may have a few glimpses to the past but this is an area that saw heavy bombing in the war and lots of redevelopment thereafter – and not all of it for the best! Nevertheless, it all adds to the story of an area that has been busy for 400 years.