

## Old English

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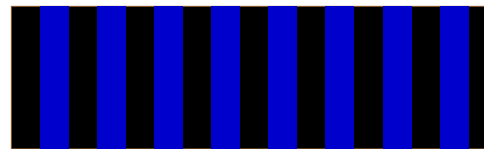
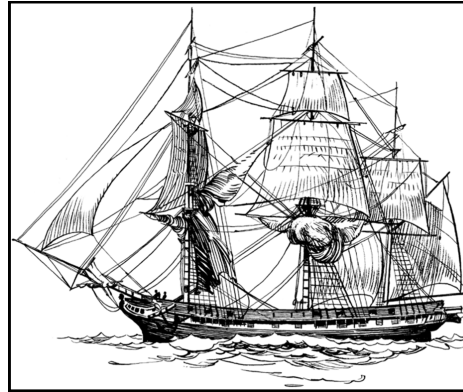
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*The length of time for the talk is about an hour but is adaptable, and could be reduced in time, according to your requirements.*

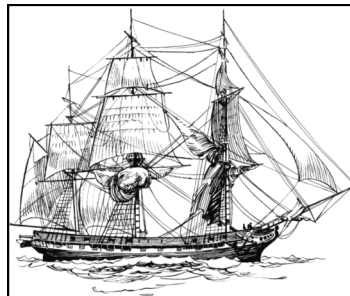
*Our fee is negotiable, but we think in terms of covering costs for our expenses.*



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**History of the  
Press Gang**

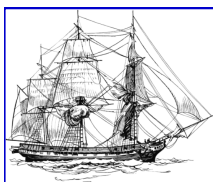
on the  
**North East and  
Yorkshire Coasts**

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Our talk is an opportunity to hear about the history of the forced enlistment into the navy.

This mainly focuses on the 18th and 19th Centuries and the role of the notorious Press Gang.

The talk is illustrated with performances of and reference to songs which give an insight into a bygone age.



You will hear about:

- the conditions for men serving in the navy of the time;
- the role and nature of the institution of the Press Gang;
- the attitudes of ordinary people to the depredations of this form of recruitment.

*Some of our songs have a chorus and we would be very pleased, if you wanted to join in.*

## Old English

**Old English** are Pete Cryer and Al Giles, who have been singing together since 1966, and Pauline Giles, who has joined them recently.

**Old English** sing mainly English traditional songs, hence the name. They specialise in finding interesting harmonies and arrangements, for three voices, and include guitar, whistle and Northumbrian small pipes.