

**READING OFFSHORE SAILING CLUB
MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017 1930 for 2000 UTMYC SONNING
“Traditional boat building on the river Thames”**

Colin Henwood

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Inspired by the Thames, Colin Henwood has been building beautiful boats at Henley for 30 years.

Colin Henwood and his wife, Lucie make a great team with Colin's traditional woodworking skills and Lucie's business management skills. Together they have formed a business which has grown steadily for 30 years.

Colin's journey into building and restoring beautiful wooden boats has been a long one. He began with building a Mirror dinghy with his father at home when he was young. By 1982, Colin struck out on his own, renting a lock-up shed on a farm near Henley. His first boat job was to rebuild a Thames skiff. He now employs a team of craftsmen who build and restore everything from skiffs made out of chestnut wood to a 30-foot 1886 teak steam launch.

No doubt many of our members have seen some of Colin's boats motoring up and down the Thames near Henley or indeed at the London Boat Show. We look forward to hearing Colin's presentation, "Traditional Boatbuilding on the Thames", on Monday 9th January when he will tell us more of the details of his work as a fine boat craftsman and the different boats he has created.

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