



Tom Bolton:

Tom Bolton is seeking out on foot the routes of eight hidden rivers in London, compiling a treasure trove of little known facts, which he is bringing together in a book, part guide part journal that will be published in May 2011 by Strange Attractor Press. <http://strangeattractor.co.uk/books/> Andrew Stuck accompanies him along part of the route of the River Effra, from Crystal Place to Norwood, in south London - we only encounter the sound of the river as it flows beneath a manhole cover in Norwood New Town.

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Recorded in September 2010 and published in March 2011 on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

The "lost rivers" that Tom has walked and is writing about are the Walbrook, the Fleet, the Westbourne, the Tyburn all flowing into the Thames from the north and the Wandle, the Effra, the Ravensbourne and the Neckinger from the south.

Tom and his wife are walking sections of the English coast, and has walked the length of the London Loop <http://www.walklondon.org.uk/route.asp?R=5> and the Capital Ring <http://www.walklondon.org.uk/route.asp?R=1> He began looking for routes into London, and found he was following the routes of rivers, including the River Graveney in Tooting, south London.

Metropolitan Archives

http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Records_and_archives/ and the Croydon Archives <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/archives/> provide useful information about the lost rivers.

The Lavender Fields of Mitcham <http://www.grownupgreen.org.uk/library/?id=746> Leather Market, Bermondsey <http://www.lyons-family.co.uk/Lyons/bermondsey-history/Bermondsey-photos/bermondsey-leather.htm> Francis Alys has used the City of London as a backdrop for his walking art works: <http://www.tate.org.uk/britain/exhibitions/artnow/francisalys/default.shtm>

Tom's Recommended Walks

Walking through the alleys the City of London at the weekend when it feels almost deserted. Walking through the Barbican http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Museums_and_galleries/barbican.htm

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What has Tom Bolton done since our interview?

"Since 2010, when this interview was recorded, I have published *London's Lost Rivers*, which I was writing at the time, and two more books on hidden London culture and history: *Vanished City*, about London neighbourhoods that have disappeared from the map, and *Camden Town: Dreams of Another London*, about a London everyone thinks they already know. I have also completed a PhD at the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, entitled '*Wrong Side of the Tracks? The*

Development of London's Railway Terminus Neighbourhoods', which shows how railway lines and stations have shaped the places around them. I am now writing a book about the Essex coast, Low Country, due for publication in late 2018."

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