



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