

# walk walk walk

an archaeology of the familiar and forgotten

Nightwalk midsummer  
21st June 2010



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## Things on the walk

### Abandoned pubs:

The Seven Stars, Brick Lane  
The White Horse, Bishops Way

### Architectural Oddities:

Concrete walled garden, Hanbury Street  
Railway Follies/sculptures – visible through fence, under railway arch Pedley Street – extra follies have been made visible, and the spot tidied and tended  
Frankle Trimmings, Bethnal Green Road (look right at the end of Buckfast Street)

### Churches and Places of Worship:

St Matthews Bethnal Green, St Matthews Row  
Built on the Rock International Ministries, Herald Street (note new neon cross and minibus)  
Good News Assembly, Cambridge Heath Road  
St John Bethnal Green, Cambridge Heath Road

### Interesting Shop Windows:

Banglatown Cash and Carry, Spital Street  
Blackman's Shoe shop, Cheshire Street  
Grocery and Fish Shop, Dunbridge Street  
Wedding Shop, Dunbridge Street  
Happy Nightmares Bed Shop, Vallance Road  
Nuha, Vallance Road  
Iqra, Vallance Road  
Room Corner, vintage shop, Cambridge Heath Road

### Offices in Makeshift Buildings:

Virsons Ltd, Blue shed at the top of stairs, Dunbridge Street  
ITC Taxis, Three Colts Lane, near the station  
Electrical Substation, Coventry Street next to the railway arch  
Cudworth Street, right next to the railway line

### Places to eat (daytime)

Rinkoffs, Vallance Road  
Nico's café and diner, Cambridge Heath Road

### Places to have a cup of tea:

Rosa's Café, Hanbury Street  
Pellici's, Bethnal Green Road  
Oxford House Café, Derbyshire Street  
Daily Café, Three Colts Lane  
Arches Café, Three Colts Lane

### Places to have a pint of beer:

The Pride of Spitalfields, Heneage St  
The Approach Tavern, Approach Rd  
The Carpenters, Cheshire Street

### Places to pause:

Footbridge over the railway, Pedley Street, wait for a train to pass underneath  
St Matthews church, St Matthews Row – or in the porch if closed  
Low brick wall at the petrol station, end of Paradise Row

### Miscellaneous:

Ram with silver eyes, Buxton Street  
New Bestway  
The new shoe trees, Pedley Street  
New graffiti, under arch, Pedley Street – white paint love message  
Old/Ex council Offices/'One Stop Shops', now empty and derelict looking – one on Cambridge Heath Road, and one on Birkbeck Street

### Places to pee:

Bushes in Weavers Fields  
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street  
The Carpenter's Arms – 'For Customer's Only' - Beware  
See also: Places to have a cup of tea/ Places to have a pint of beer

### Smells:

Drains, Vallance Road/Fakruddin Street  
Fried Chicken, Weavers Fields  
Urine, railway footbridge

### Places to sit:

The low wall by the petrol station, Cambridge Heath Road  
In the green space, between Buxton St. & Pedley St.  
2nd bench on the right, Weavers Fields (coming from Three Colts Lane)  
St Matthews churchyard, St Matthews Row

### Places to visit:

Spitalfields City Farm, Weaver Street  
Repton Boxing Club, Cheshire Street  
KPM School of Knowledge, Vallance Road  
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd.  
Burial Ground, Brady Street – closed and slightly off the route, but beautiful to look into from the gate

### Things on the ground:

Painted green line, Brick Lane, Pedley St. and Buxton St.  
Chunks of stone, Pedley Street  
Burnt out bed, Pedley Street railway arch  
Heaps of ash and electrical components, Glass Street  
Onions and Green peppers (kebab?), Grimsby Street

### Views into/out of the city:

Derbyshire Street entrance to Weavers fields, looking southwest to the city  
Three Colts Lane, outside the station looking directly west from western end of Bethnal Green Road towards City (slightly off the route) - view of new railway bridge, which forms a concrete wall between the city and Bethnal Green  
From South end of railway footbridge across to city - over mud arena with no building as yet happening, empty space fenced in.

### Places to kiss/mug:

Pedley Street railway arch

### Things that have gone:

Ayshford House, Weavers Fields  
Wei Hong Oriental Mini Market, Cambridge Heath Road  
Hole in the red wall, Bishops Way  
The heap that was Bestway, Bishops Way  
Warehouses on Cheshire Street  
Mayfield House Coin-Operated Automatic Laundry  
Bratley Street  
Fight Club in the Joiner's Yard  
Smell of pastries/cakes, Glass Street  
The red wall, Bishops Way, Russia Lane and Parmiter St  
The bushes, Parmiter Street  
The shoe tree on the wire, Pedley Street  
The Flying Hut  
Fleet Street Hill  
Access to the main part of Pedley Street  
Railway arches adjacent to Grimsby Street – listed, used to contain second-hand furniture and clothing shop – not previously on the route  
Paint/DIY merchant, Cambridge Heath Road, corner of Witan Street (now Student Accommodation)  
Electrical wholesalers, Cambridge Heath Road (now Sainsbury's Local)  
View, from western end of Bethnal Green Road towards City (slightly off the route), of mound of Bishopgate  
Goodyard, and tall buildings of city beyond  
Hand Car Wash (with hand painted signs), Hackney Road (off the route slightly), now Tesco Express  
Abandoned pub/squat, Three Colts Lane (now a building site – new flats)  
The Duke of Wellington, Three Colts Way (now one wall)

### Stop the walk I want to get off:

Bethnal Green station, Three Colts Lane  
Bethnal Green tube, Cambridge Heath Road  
Cambridge Heath station, Cambridge Heath Road  
Bus 254, Cambridge Heath Road  
Bus 8 and 388 Bethnal Green Road