



John Davies

Is a Church of England vicar in Norris Green, in inner city Liverpool. He's an enthusiastic walker and blogger, who undertook a novel way of understanding his parish, and then on a sabbatical in 2007 walked the route of the M62 motorway east to west.

Notes from the podcast interview of John by Andrew Stuck, recorded using Internet telephony in February 2009 and published February 2010 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

You can read John's blog here <http://www.johndavies.org/> and read about his M62 journey by purchasing a copy of the book here <http://www.lulu.com/content/1454947>

Walking his parish, John cut up a map into small squares, folded them, and after breakfast each morning picked one out to define the start of the route – he would do the same to determine the end of the route - here's the blog entry for one of those parish walks: <http://www.johndavies.org/2004/05/parish-walks-1-on-rogation-beside.html>

John began his two month walk along the route of the M62 motorway on the 1 September 2007 from the east coast a few miles east of Hornsea. The end point was north of Liverpool close to where John was brought up as a child. For much of the walk, his route ran parallel to the Trans Pennine Trail <http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/>

Highlights on the walk included:

Wakefield Europort at Junction 31 of the M62 was a particular highlight:

<http://www.prologiswakefield.co.uk/> especially the Wychwood Transport café:

<http://www.transportcafe.co.uk/>

The Rhubarb Triangle in Yorkshire: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhubarb_Triangle

Long Thorpe Lane (the B6135) passé through the junction of the M1 and M62 motorways:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=M1+%2F+M62&sl=53.731172,-1.512036&sspn=0.006931,0.018368&ie=UTF8&radius=0.38&filter=0&rq=1&ev=zi&hq=M1+%2F+M62&hnear=&ll=53.731172,-1.512036&spn=0.006931,0.018368&t=h&z=16

Low points included being confronted by a gang on the Rochdale canal towpath into Manchester: <http://www.penninewaterways.co.uk/rochdale/> and the edge of the city of Leeds.

Everything you could possibly want to know about Britain's motorways including the M62:

<http://www.ukmotorwayarchive.org/page1.htm>

The City of Liverpool celebrated the European Capital of Culture in 2008:

<http://www.liverpool08.com/>

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