

# KEITH SKIPPER'S CONFESSIONS OF A NORFOLK SQUIT MERCHANT

Norfolk's most valuable and durable commodity - wholesome squit - has kept Keith Skipper company for over six decades in his native county. "I believe I am a one-off... and I have the scars to prove it" he declares. Now, in this entertaining new book, he pays tribute to those who encouraged him along the way, the young Skipper, a country boy with a keen sense of humour and a proud feeling for a place all too often dismissed as "on the road to nowhere."

*Confessions of a Norfolk Squit Merchant* describes a colourful journey from village hall, horse-powered harvest and wayside chapel to newspaper adventures, a BBC microphone and countless curtain calls in temples of rustic culture. Keith founded and led the Press Gang, a troupe of local entertainers, to spread the squit gospel for 25 years "at a time when dull uniformity threatened to take over." They became known as the greenest group in the business, ready to recycle any old rubbish ..

Norfolk's leading squit merchant comes clean in a compelling volume where king-sized characters abound.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Keith Skipper** is one of Norfolk's most outspoken defenders, writing and talking about his home county with undiluted humour and passion. He has written two dozen books, many of them celebrating the unique quality of Norfolk dialect and wit and has produced videos and CDs too. He was founder-chairman of Friends of Norfolk Dialect (FOND), set up in 1999 'to help get rid of those abominable Mummerzet tones in so many national television and radio productions.' He has led the Press Gang, a troupe of local entertainers, around village halls for over twenty years, and is continuously in demand as a speaker at all kinds of functions. He was recently appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, an honour underlining his commitment to 'a wonderful place still happily on the Road to Nowhere.' Keith lives in Cromer on the North Norfolk coast with wife Diane and sons Danny and Robin - 'not too far from Chelsea-on-Sea'.

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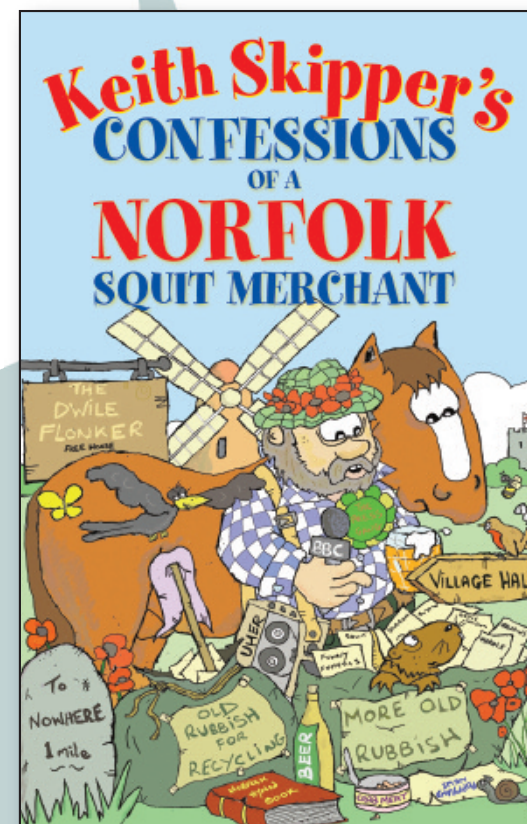
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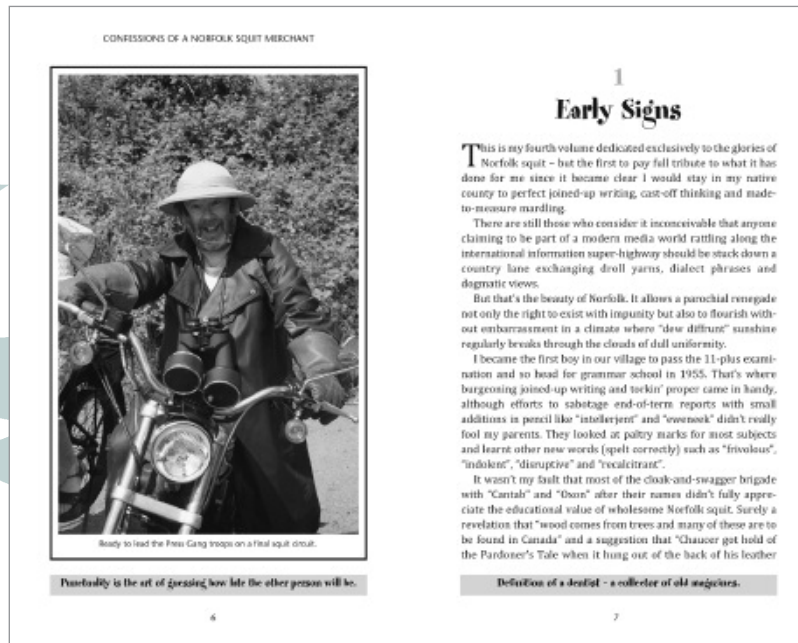


Ready for the last lap of the Press Gang circuit in 2008.



What a team! Press Gang performers prepare for their final tour at North Walsham Motorcycle Museum.

Example of a double page spread



Right: A Norfolk Compo gets to grips with Nora Batty. A touching scene from the Mother Goose pantomime at Norwich Theatre Royal when I made my professional debut.

Far right: Former Cromer lifeboat coxswain Richard Davies shows his skill at traditional step-dancing.

