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NORMAL FOR NORFOLK REPRINT

Keith Skipper

When dealing with someone 'not quite all there', local doctors would write on a patient's report 'NFN' (Normal for Norfolk!). Taking his cue from the medics, Keith Skipper will have you in stitches with his stories and reflections on local life and characters described in this hilarious and entertaining book.

A potent stirring of homely traits, home truths, waspish wit and endearing whimsy, this Norfolk miscellany reeks of native cunning. That famous awkward streak, often couched in glorious understatement and a rich dialect, feeds Norfolk humour to bring a smile to the most serious of subjects. There's plenty of fun with a purpose here.

Observer-in-chief of the Norfolk scene after four decades as writer, broadcaster and entertainer, Keith celebrates characters ancient and modern, including eccentrics, unsung heroes and showbiz stars. While exploring the arcane world of Dwile Flonking, he also muses on dialect words and expressions, boyhood memories and 'foreign' excursions (including Suffolk).

Hugely funny, but poignant too, the author is proudly determined to reveal what really is 'Normal for Norfolk'.

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 teenage sons Danny and Robin – 'not too far from Chelsea-on-Sea'.



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