

RUMOLEDEW

Telling Tales in a Norfolk Village

Keith Skipper

'Akenfield with attitude...'

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"Rumoledew is nowhere in Norfolk, Rumoledew is everywhere in Norfolk..." In fact it's a Norfolk village much like any other; where life goes on much as it has for decades, but whereas Time's changes once moved at walking pace, more recently it seems to have broken into an undignified trot. As impartial observer; after the manner of Ronald Blythe, Keith Skipper's intention is to lift the lid on Norfolk village life.

A scattered community of about 500 souls, Rumoledew likes to think it is holding on to its rural heart despite a fair bit of expansion in recent years, and the threat of a fair bit to come as there's plenty of agricultural land around to be built upon. The village, with school, pub, new village hall, small shop and post office, is far enough from big centres of population and the coastal holiday beat to be deemed a country community. Most workers do commute to town or city by car, and a few work in London throughout the week, but there's plenty going on. One or two family feuds stretch back a couple of generations and most of the local retired remain close to the land.

Voice recorder in hand the author asks local residents to give their own slants on life, past, present and future, from oldest villager, to the newest newcomer. The upshot is an hilarious look at village life today, with a seasoning of two of serious comment, just to keep the locals on their toes!

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keith Skipper is one of Norfolk's best-loved and passionate writers. He has written two dozen books, many of them celebrating the unique quality of Norfolk. He was founder-Chairman of Friends Of Norfolk Dialect (FOND), set up in 1999 'to help get rid of those abominable Mummerzets 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. Appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, this honour underlines 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. They have two sons, Danny, who recently graduated in English from Leicester University, and Robin, who is reading History and Film Studies at Southampton University.

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