

BOSÆTNING
PÅ KANTEN AF HAVET
THE SETTLEMENT
ON THE EDGE OF THE SEA

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Bosætning på kanten af havet

Kommer man fra syd kommer landsbyen til syne neden for bakken. Først det hvide kirketårn, så husets tage. Landsbyen er lille, og er man i bil, passerer man hurtigt igennem og kommer ud på det store kær, der strækker sig milevidt nord for landsbyen. Kærene nord for Nørre Kongerslev op til Limfjorden vurderes til at være Danmarks største kær-område.

Nørre Kongerslev formodes at have eksisteret helt tilbage i vikingetiden. Det, der nu er marker og kær nord for landsbyen var frem til stenalderen et hav. Fund fra oldtiden bevidner, at der har boet mennesker ved den nuværende landsby langt tilbage i tiden. På kæret er der fundet rester af to skibe fra vikingetiden.

Kirken menes at være bygget i 1100- eller 1200-tallet. Lidt misvisende pryder årstallet 1796 kirketårnet mod syd. Det formodes at være indmuret i forbindelse med en større restaurering af tårnet. Tårnet bærer også initialerne for den daværende greve fra Linden-

borg, E. H. von Schimmelmann.

Nørre Kongerslev ligger på den nordligste del af den holm eller halvø, der eksisterede, da havet krøb helt herind i Stenalderen. Holmen bærer navnet Kongerslevholm.

I dag bærer landsbyen fortsat præg af, at landbruget en gang var det altdominerende hovederhverv. De gamle gårde ligger fortsat inde i landsbyen langs hovedgaden. Den tidligere folkeskole er nu udstykket i lejligheder. Brugsen, købmanden, bageren, mejeriet og smeden har for længst drejet nøglen om, og de fleste beskæftigede pendler til arbejdspladser uden for sognet. De fleste arbejder i Aalborg.

Forleden fik jeg lejlighed til nærmere at studere kirken. Den er sparsomt udsmykket og fremstår rustikt med de hvide kalkede vægge og det grå bjælkeloft. På en varm sommerdag er det en dejlig kølig og stille oplevelse at sætte sig på en af bænke under prædikestolen.

The settlement on the edge of the sea

Arriving from the south, the village appears below the hill. First the white church tower, then the roofs of the house. The village is small, and if you drive by car, you quickly pass through and leave out on the large meadow that stretches for miles north of the village. The meadow north of Nørre Kongerslev up to the fjord, Limfjorden, is estimated to be the largest meadow area in Denmark.

Nørre Kongerslev is believed to have existed way back in the Viking Age. What now are fields and meadows north of the village were, until the Stone Age, a sea. Finds from ancient times testify that people have lived at the present village far back in time. On the meadow, remains of two ships from the Viking Age have been found.

The church is believed to have been built in the 1100s or 1200s. Somewhat misleadingly, the year 1796 adorns the church tower to the south. It is presumed to have been walled in in connection with a major restoration of the tower. The tower also bears the initials of the then Count of Lindenborg, E. H. von Schim-

melmann.

Nørre Kongerslev is located on the northernmost part of the islet or peninsula that existed when the sea covered the meadow area in the Stone Age. The islet bears the name Kongerslevholm.

Today, the village is still characterized by the fact that agriculture once was the dominant main industry. The old farms are still located inside the village along the main street. The former primary school is now divided into apartments. The farm, the grocer, the baker, the dairy, and the blacksmith have long since closed, and most employed citizens of the village commute to workplaces outside the parish. Most people work in Aalborg.

The other day I had the opportunity to more closely study the church. It is sparsely decorated and appears rustic with its white-washed walls and grey beamed ceiling. On a hot summer day, it is a nice cool and quiet experience to sit on one of the benches under the pulpit.



Nørre Kongerslev, Himmerland, november 2021

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Nørre Kongerslev, Himmerland, august 2020

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Nørre Kongerslev, Himmerland, maj 2020

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