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A warm welcome to the October edition of our e-news. As the subject of our Focus On this month is Holt, I thought it worth mentioning the superb arts programme played out at the Auden Theatre, situated at Gresham's School. In addition to productions by their own students, each term the theatre offers an eclectic mix of professional productions. This term one of the highlights will be solo specialist George Dillon in Dostoevsky's Heaven and Berkoff's Hell. Described by Berkoff himself as 'the best person to watch how to perform', the British Theatre Guide enthuses about the show - 'if you want to see the craft of acting at its best, there's no better place to go than here'. For more information: <http://www.greshams.com/enterprises/auden-theatre>. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and as always I can be contacted on 07717 311377.

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Not a bad view!
Looking towards the Isle of Mull during a trip to Scotland last week

FOCUS ON

Indulging In & Around Holt

As I'm writing this article, the sun gloriously shining but there's a definite nip in the air. The thought of a coast walk now seems all the more appealing if there's a rich reward at the end of it - and so to Holt. A bracing march along the marshes at Blakeney and then a delightful meander in the car to indulge at Byfords Cafe & Restaurant ... As compelling as ever, Byfords manages to be all things to all people, in their own words: 'a delightfully higgledy-piggledy world of pleasure', it's the perfect spot for a quick coffee, leisurely lunch, refined dinner or anything in between. And then of course there is the inimitable 'dell stone and' 'poor' B&B - all housed in what is believed to be the oldest building in Holt. The Pigs at Edgefield, just a couple of miles outside Holt, is also well worth a mention, having recently been awarded the Best Family Dining award at the ESP Norfolk Food & Drink Awards as well as winning the Best Family Dining category in the Great British Pub Awards just three days later. Proof that a relaxed, family friendly site can go hand in hand with exceptional, locally sourced produce. The Pigs has also recently opened seven luxury new guest rooms, each with a private sauna and pretty courtyard garden.

More here: www.thepigs.org.uk



Property Search - Market Update

The number of people living in Norfolk has risen by 61,200 in the past decade with 857,900 now living in the County. All local authorities in the County saw a rise in population, the highest being South Norfolk (which gained 13,300) and King's Lynn & West Norfolk (12,200). The lowest increase was in North Norfolk (3,100).

Whilst the number of households in Norfolk increased by 29,000 between 2001 and 2011, the number of properties sold fell by 39% from 20,474 in 2001 to 12,452 in 2011. Despite lower transaction levels house prices in Norfolk have increased by 45% in the past decade.

The average price of a London home is now 156% higher than the Norfolk average - this is up from 71% in 1995 and the highest since April 2000, time to escape to the country?

In Knightsbridge a single house has recently been marketed with a price tag of £300 million. The 45 bedroom property, former residence of the Prime Minister of Lebanon, offers over 60,000 square foot of living space with views of Hyde Park. If sold it will smash the previous UK record of £140 million. To put this into perspective, in the last four months 1,700 detached houses have sold in Norfolk with a total value of £295 million.

Olympic Achievements

With help from the Olympic and Paralympic games an increase in overseas visitors, as well as the rise of the 'staycation' have benefited UK tourism. Norwich International Airport welcomed over 425,000 passengers last year, with 7.4 million people visiting the Broads, a 4.2% rise year on year.

Norfolk now has its own golden post box! The Royal Mail has re-painted a post box in Bepton in honour of Paralympic Women's 200m freestyle Gold medal winner Jessica Jane Applegate.

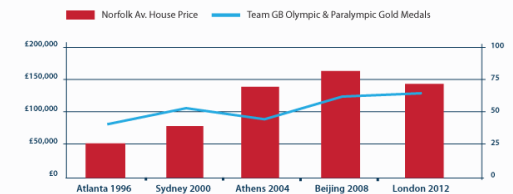
More than 10,000 athletes from over 200 nations competed in this year's London games. According to Forbes, Roger Federer is the highest paid Olympian with earnings of \$54.3 million in the year leading up to the games. The top 20 highest paid Olympians earned an estimated \$448 million over the past 12 months. The list is dominated by tennis and basketball players, with Usain Bolt being the highest paid track and field athlete, with annual earnings of \$203 million.

Average House Prices by postcode - 2012

| Postcodes | Detached | Semi | Terraced | Flat | All |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| IP | £178,809 | £126,722 | £93,466 | £65,725 | £141,244 |
| NR | £195,734 | £133,792 | £112,235 | £95,891 | £146,478 |
| PE | £171,362 | £119,601 | £108,544 | £89,037 | £139,635 |
| All Norfolk | £189,029 | £130,541 | £110,029 | £92,767 | £146,239 |

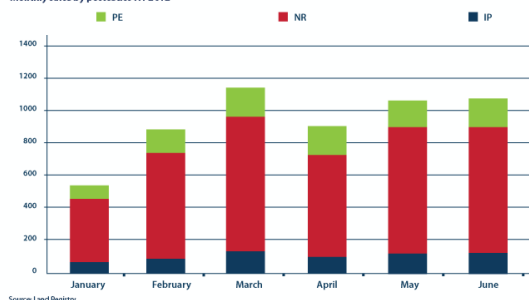
Source: Land Registry

Team GB Medals & Norfolk House Prices



Source: Land Registry, London 2012

Monthly sales by postcodes H1 2012



Source: Land Registry