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NEWSLETTER

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IF YOU ARE A READER of 'Country Life' magazine, you are probably familiar with the Tottering-by-Gently cartoon strip, which has run weekly in the magazine since January 1994 - and for the past three years in the EDP Norfolk Magazine also.

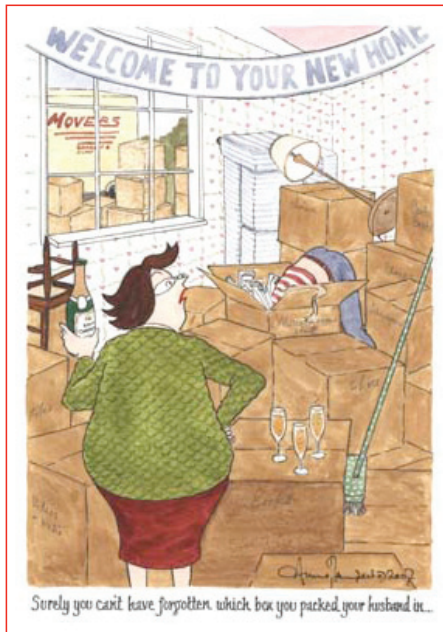
What you may not know is that the cartoonist, Annie Tempest, is one of our county's great artistic talents and has her studio in Stibbard. Sir Roy Strong, former head of the V&A museum, encapsulates Annie's appeal in the following quote:

"Annie is a bit of England, she articulates the things which set us apart and which form our identity. She has created a cast of characters from a certain set, but her observations are social rather than political."

Back in 2006, Annie began developing her skills as a sculptor, and last year she held her inaugural sculpture show at

the O'Shea Gallery in London. Over 30 of her bronze figurative sculptures were displayed closer to home recently, at Annie's Open Studio event held in a series of marquees at Tyler's Barn, as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Open Studios.

More than 2,000 people took the opportunity to meet Annie 'at home', to visit the new O'Shmolean Sculpture Gallery and to view a large selection of Tottering-by-Gently cartoons and ephemera.




I must declare an interest here (Annie is my cousin), but I have to say that I find her sculpture remarkable. If you want to find out more about Annie's work, please visit: www.tottering.com and www.osheagallery.com or email Raymond O'Shea at lordtottering@hotmail.com.

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MARKET UPDATE

 The clouds are lifting and the summer sun is finally starting to shine on the UK property market. The latest figures on house prices and mortgage lending are starting to make more positive reading, as good news filters out into the market.

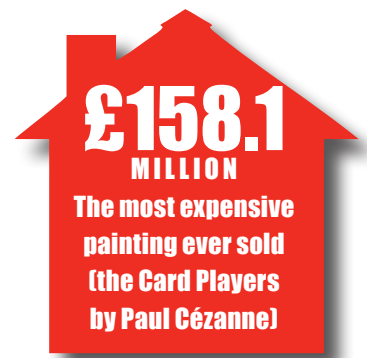
The government's 'Funding for Lending' initiative is finally starting to bear fruit. The latest figures from the Bank of England suggest mortgage lending picked up significantly in May, with loans totalling £14.1 billion, the highest figure since 2008 and almost 20% higher than in May 2012. The Halifax have also reported the fifth consecutive monthly price rise nationally, being 3.7% higher in June than a year ago.

UK house sales rose to their highest level for more than three years in the three months

to the end of May. Members surveyed by The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors had seen an average of 17.9 property sales over the three-month period.

The RICS also reported that in June, 21% more surveyors reported house prices had risen rather than fallen nationally, the highest since January 2010. The survey also suggests increased optimism for sales volumes in the coming months, with 45% more respondents predicting sales would rise rather than fall over the next three months.

London has the highest number of residents with a second home at 6.1%, compared with 4.8% in Norfolk. Kensington & Chelsea has the highest proportion of residents with more than one property at 19.1%.



THE JAMIESON FILES

With the summer season in full swing in Norfolk, the calendar of events is as full and diverse as ever. On 22nd August Brancaster Beach plays host to the inaugural Kett Country Cottages' Sandcastle Building Competition, with a chance for one lucky team to take home the 'King of the Castle' award for 2013.

A team of 'sand sculptors' from Florida hold the world record for the longest sand castle, an incredible 16 miles. As the crow flies this would stretch from Wells-next-the-Sea to Hunstanton.

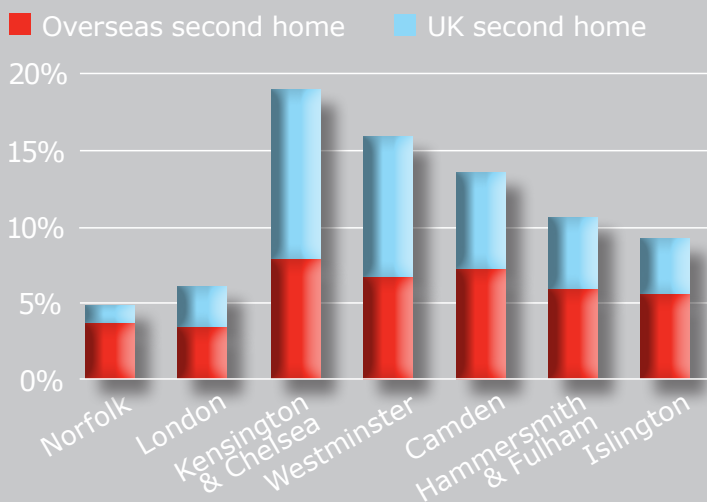
Despite our changeable weather, the UK is the second biggest market for convertible cars in Europe. UK car sales were up 13% in June compared with the same month a year ago, the 16th consecutive month of growth. This means that over the last 12 months over 1.16 million cars have been registered in the UK, 10% higher than the previous year.

For fans of the Old Masters, the Houghton Revisited exhibition is a must-see this summer. Running from 17th May to 29th September, the art collection of Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, will return to its original setting of Houghton Hall. This is the first time the collection has returned home since it was sold to Catherine the Great over 200 years ago.

2013 is proving to be a good year for art lovers in Norfolk. As well as Annie's exhibition at the O'Shea Gallery there are the sculpture trails at Sandringham Country Park and the ten-mile Salhouse Trail.

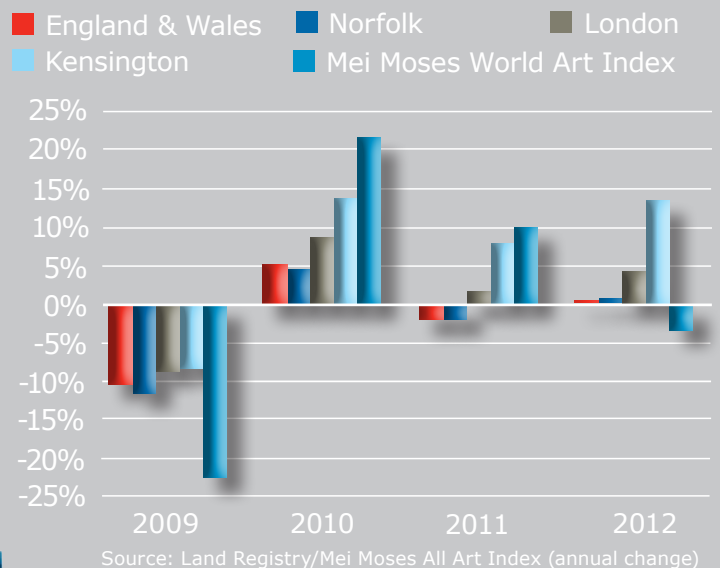
“£67,500
Most expensive beach hut currently listed for sale in Norfolk.”

Second home ownership – Norfolk and the top 5 London boroughs



Source: 2011 Census

Fine art market more volatile than the property market in recent years



Source: Land Registry/Mei Moses All Art Index (annual change)

About Jamieson Property Search

As a leading independent property search consultant, Jamieson Property Search sets the standards for the acquisition of exceptional property in Norfolk. Combining Jamie Jamieson's expert knowledge of the market with his unrivalled personal contact book, Jamieson Property Search is able to offer a discreet and very personal property finding service.