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NEWSLETTER

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I wonder if I am too old for a mid life crisis? I would imagine they creep up on you, unsuspected, and you only realise you are having one when you come back to your senses and then wonder what to do with the gleaming red Ducatti motorbike sitting on the drive? Of course what you do then – is sell the bike and buy a new car. A shiny, fast car (completely different to a mid life crisis).



I am considering an Aston Martin (old or new, not fussy...) or perhaps a midnight blue Ferrari... or perhaps a reality check on why I am buying a new car in the first place. It's because mine eats up fuel. Guzzles it. So the time has come to consider something a little more practical. A great American friend of mine recommended a Toyota Prius – 'a full hybrid electric mid-size hatchback'. I had images of a little remote control Noddy car like the one I had when I was eight years old, but I managed to borrow one from the very nice people at Toyota and spent the day driving around in it, from appointment to appointment.

In fact I felt decidedly grown up and responsible tooting silently around Norfolk, doing my bit for the environment. The only downside to my stealth travelling was on a country lane, finding myself stuck behind three horses. The lady riders were chattering away to their hearts' content as I crawled behind them, they were oblivious to my presence and I hadn't the heart to honk, so it took me the best part of a half an hour to

travel three miles - all the while trying to dodge copious amounts of fresh manure being dispatched on to the road in front of me!

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MARKET UPDATE



The UK property market has got stronger and stronger since the beginning of the year. With some reports of a housing 'bubble' and some indications that the Bank of England are considering looking at interest rates at some stage in the future, although David Cameron has warned of caution and not stepping in too early. Whilst Norfolk has not seen the huge rises of the London property market it has still fared pretty well.

[Pointens](#) report a very busy May with transactions at high levels, they are particularly busy in their middle market sector. Buyers are still price sensitive so sellers must be sensible when putting their homes on the market.

[Chesterton Humberts](#) have seen a good number of quality instructions recently, including the £1m Old Rectory near Bungay and also a Manor house at Loddon (both pictured above).

[Brown & Co](#) have seen a return of confidence with increasing demand across the price ranges and the scarcity factor being very relevant. Property in the right areas, especially the Golden Triangle, go almost immediately and 90% of their lots at a recent auction sold well.

[TW Gaze](#) at Wymondham have seen the tide turn in respect of prices and buyer demand, sales have been good and they could do with more stock both in the town and surrounding villages. They are offering a family property at New Buckenham for £795,000 built by excellent local builders and with 8 acres (pictured below).

[Jackson Stops](#), following the successful opening of their new office, have also seen some good new instructions including Home Farm at Letton (pictured below).



THE JAMIESON FILES

This issue have a go at our mini quiz and see how your knowledge of Norfolk trivia holds up.....(answers below!)



From which coastal town can you view the sun SETTING (rather rare on the East coast)?

Which Stately home is the Brown Lady said to haunt?



Can you name 2 places in Norfolk beginning with Q?



Which Norfolk family is credited with commissioning the first bowler hat?



Which South American mammal used to roam the broads?

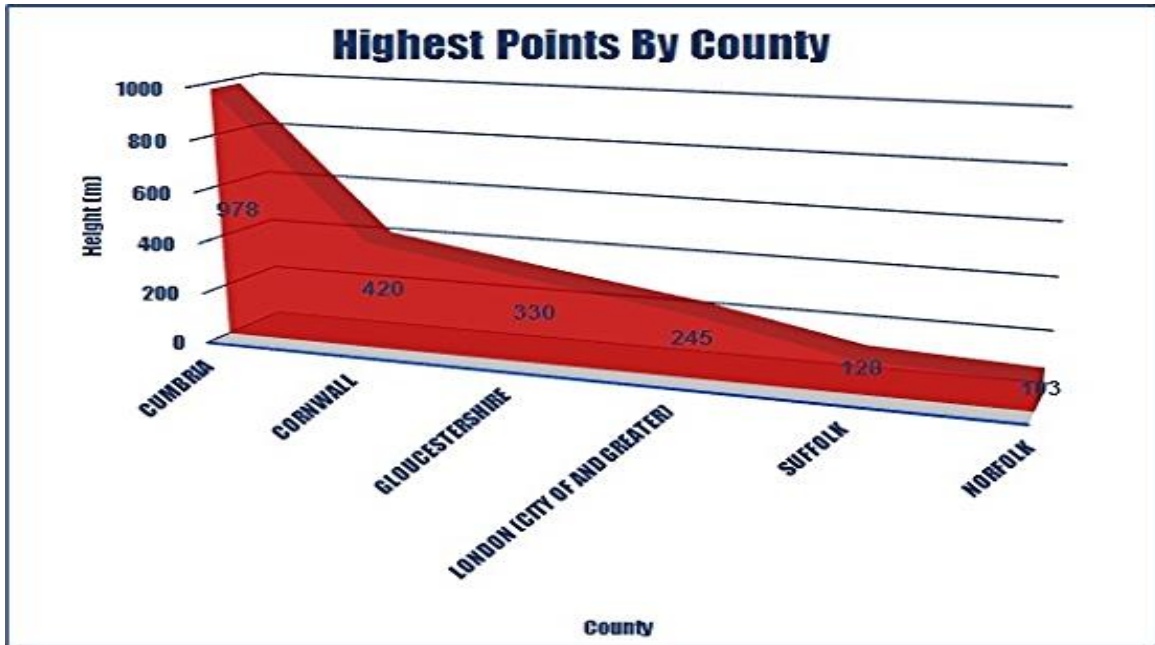


NORFOLK FACTS

The King's Morris group celebrate May Day by 'dancing up the dawn' on King's Hill roundabout!

The UK's largest butterfly, the Swallowtail, can only be seen in the Norfolk Broads, late May-July.

The Internationally renowned Norfolk and Norwich Festival takes place 9-25th May.



Quiz Answers: Hunstanton, Raynham Hall, Quidenham and Quarles, The Cokes - specifically William Coke, younger brother of the second Earl of Leicester, Coypus - they were only finally exterminated in 1989!

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.

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