



## NEWSLETTER

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I went to view a house in south Norfolk the other day. I was, truth be told, a little distracted by the very attractive lady who answered the door and even more distracted as she dashed to her car upon my arrival, "Make yourself at home and have a good look around – I'll be back in ten minutes but we've run out of milk and I'm desperate for a cup of tea!". With that she was gone. I made my way inside and began making some cursory notes as I roamed from room to room.



The next thing that happened is a bit of a blur, in fact I'm sure I have probably seen something almost identical in a 1980s American comedy. I opened the back door and walked out in to the garden, the back door slamming locked shut behind me. Not a problem as it was a lovely sunny day; until then I heard the growling. Quiet at first but it got louder as the galloping (salivating) Doberman approached me out of nowhere.... I remembered hearing once that if approached by an aggressive bear in the woods, to stand stock still rather than run. I also had my back up against the back door, so in fact didn't have anywhere to run to, so I bravely pushed my pink leather

Smythson notebook firmly in front of me, as a form of shield from the man-eating canine, and stood my ground. I then began to wonder exactly how long it takes to buy a pint of milk, and had the very attractive lady nipped to the local shop less than half a mile away, or in fact driven to Waitrose which would be a round trip of approximately three quarters of an hour? The door opened behind me, "Off you go now Dolly!" and my fate was secured. I have never been more in need of a cuppa in my life!

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## MARKET UPDATE



The property market across the UK is still strong, with most areas now back to the pre 2008 prices. The 'Big Four' accountancy firms predict that the average UK house price will increase by a third from £242,000 to £328,000 in the next 6 years and that the average house price in London will reach £500,00 by the end of this year. There is one sector that is outperforming London and that is BEACH HUTS. One 13' x 13' hut with no bathroom or electricity recently sold for £225,000 (it was in Dorset rather than Norfolk)!

In local news [Bedfords](#) report their coastal office has been buoyant particularly at the top of the market. Sensible pricing remains the key. The Old Rectory at Kelling and St Mary's House (both pictured above) recently sold very well (in excess of the guide price). Coming to the market soon is a Farmhouse near Blakeney with 1 acre of walled garden and a guide of £2m.

[Chesterton Humberts](#) have announced they are demerging, reverting back to the original separate brands of Humberts (est. 1842) country estate agents and Chestertons with their 27 London based offices. They have a spectacular new build contemporary home near Woodbridge on offer for £1.75m (see picture).



## THE JAMIESON FILES

This edition we meet some of the people in the industry.

**Charmaine Povey, Associate Director, [Sowerbys](#)**

1. What's your favourite pub/restaurant in Norfolk? Without doubt [The Manor Hotel](#) at Titchwell and Eric's "conversation menu" it's a gourmet treat.
2. What's your favourite walk in Norfolk? It has to be walking from Holme-next-the-Sea along the high dune path towards Thornham at sunset. It's a beautiful stretch of the North Norfolk coastline and quite usual to see no other people - so don't all go rushing off there please!
3. What super power would you like to have and what would your hero name be? To be able to fly, as it would save a lot of bother trying to park in Burnham Market! Just call me "Super Agent".
4. Do you have an interesting claim to fame? I unknowingly asked a member of the Royal family looking to buy a property if they needed a mortgage or funding in order to buy. I hadn't recognised who it was until I was given a name and address. Quite a grand address, and no, a mortgage was not required.



**Andrew Pointen, Owner, [Pointens Estate Agents](#)**

1. What's your favourite pub/restaurant in Norfolk? The [Hunny Bell](#) at Hunworth
2. What's your favourite walk in Norfolk? The one to the Hunny Bell!
3. Do you have an interesting claim to fame? I had an advert read out on The News quiz on Radio 4. I wrote a property advert the should have read: Meticulously restored cottage etc. etc. However, I didn't notice the spell check had changed Meticulously to Maliciously ! Steven Fry read the whole advert out.



4. What has been your worst travelling experience? Coming back from the Hunny Bell sometimes!

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**Graeme Taplin, Senior Valuer, [TW Gaze](#)**

1. What's your favourite pub/restaurant in Norfolk? [The Boars](#) pub in Spooner Row, near Wymondham has been my local for many years. Great spot for a pint.
2. What's your favourite walk in Norfolk? My favourite Norfolk walk is Gorleston sea front – not glamorous but it is my wife's home town and whenever we visit her folks, we go for a stroll. Nice in any weather.
3. What's the phrase or word you overuse the most? The word IS - **Blimey**.....this can be a frustrating job at times and the word gets used often.
4. Do you have an interesting claim to fame? As an estate agent in Melbourne, I featured in a movie documentary about agents and auctioneers. It was called 'The Bidding Game' produced in 1997 and was shown on national telly. My mum still has the original video and pulls it out to embarrass me. I look so young!



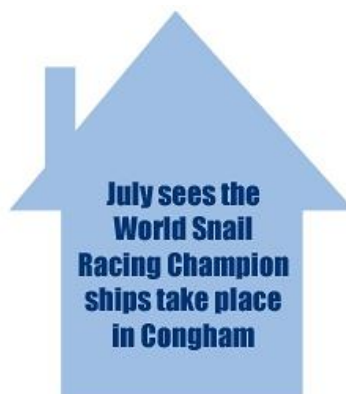
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**Tim Stephens, Director of the Norwich Office, [Humberts](#)**

1. What's your favourite pub/restaurant in Norfolk? [The Swan](#) in Loddon.
2. What's your favourite walk in Norfolk? Brancaster Golf Course.
3. Do you have an interesting claim to fame? I represented Britain in the Whitbread Round The World Race.
4. If you were exiled what country would you choose as your new home and why? South Africa. Climate, wines and steaks!



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