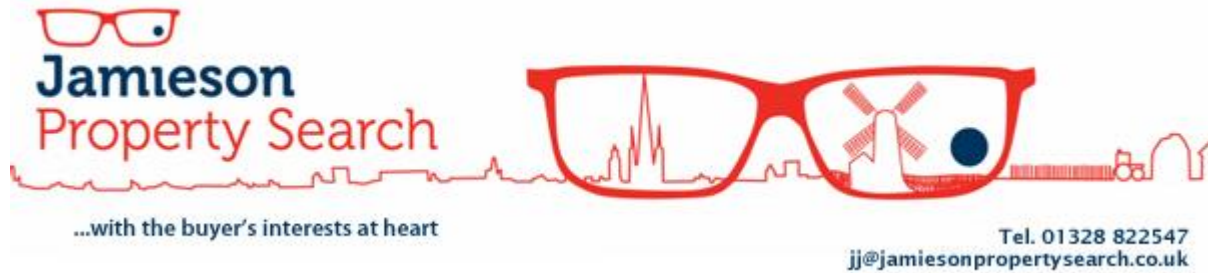


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NEWSLETTER

October 2014

'I think it is important to keep fit. However thinking it is important and actually doing anything about it are clearly two completely different issues! Having said that, I have been known to play tennis every now and then and even venture to the gym. After a particularly indulgent weekend last month, I booked myself in for a private tennis lesson at the local outside courts. Although I would like to think I am an able player, there is always room for improvement; I just hadn't realised *how* much room! After an hour of near constant anaerobic respiration, which now takes place on a weekly basis, at the hands of a forty year old, I was trying to kid myself that I had height and maturity on my side, but I got the feeling he could not hide his smug grin at the end of the session as my trembling, sweaty palm paid him for the humiliation! I had a meeting to get to straight after the lesson and so hopped in to my car and headed off. I had the windows open as I drove to dissipate the gentle glow on my brow and I was sure I would find somewhere to park up and get changed on the way. As the owner of a Discovery I thought I wouldn't have too much trouble getting changed in the back of the car in a underground car park in the centre of Norwich, despite being 6'4". I thought it was bound not too be too busy and I could change unnoticed. But every time I thought I had enough time to slip off my t shirt someone decided to linger on the way to their car chatting to a friend, or spend an unreasonably amount of time putting their purchases away. All the while the clock ticked by and I was getting increasingly worried I was going to be late for my appointment. Anyway after a few attempts I made it and was able to put my tie on and run to my meeting, just managing to get there on time. Thinking I had done rather well to make the appointment, the owner then said "Did you have a good game of tennis?" . I looked at my feet and realised that I had forgotten to change my shoes...'

Jamie Jamieson
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MARKET UPDATE

We asked four of the county's leading agents for a special property to lead us firmly into Autumn and here is their selection. Click on house names and photos to be taken to the details.

Fine and Country

Ivy House Farm, Weston Longville.

An attractive 17th Century period farmhouse with a stunning contemporary addition. Price £795,000.

Property features

- Standing within 2 acres in a rural location.
- An additional converted one bedroom barn within the grounds 679sq.ft.
- Four bedrooms; two bathrooms; four receptions.
- Spacious kitchen with separate utility.
- Original character includes panelling, fireplaces and oak flooring.
- The newer addition adds contrast with its generous use of glass and timber.
- Two drive approach; stunning views over adjoining farmland.
- Stable block; workshop; additional outbuildings.



Savills

The Villa, Brinton

A beautifully presented and contemporarily extended village house, set on a quiet country lane and within a short drive of Holt and the North Norfolk coast. Price £725,000.

Property Features

- Open plan living.
- 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms.
- Stunning kitchen/breakfast room.
- Bio Mass heating system including under floor.
- 2 bay cart stand.
- Unspoilt edge of village position.
- Lovely rural views.



Strutt and Parker

31 Newmarket Road, Norwich.

A superb period house which has been extended with a double garage, off street parking and gardens. Price £650,000.

Property Features

- Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room.
- Utility room, cellar/office.
- 4 bedrooms.
- Family bathroom.
- Front and rear garden.
- Double garage.
- Off street parking.
- Terrace room.

Jackson Stops

Billingsford Hall, Billingsford



A charming Grade II Listed family house with attractive gardens, grounds and cottage. Price £1,175,000.

Property Features

- Spacious entrance hall with elegant staircase.
- 4 reception rooms.
- Kitchen/breakfast room.
- Master bedroom with en suite dressing room and bathroom.
- 4 further bedrooms.
- 2 bathrooms.
- 2/3 bedrooms, games room and bathroom on the 2nd floor.
- Self-contained 2 bedroom cottage
- Garaging, studio, stables and outbuildings.
- Delightful formal and informal part walled gardens with greenhouse.
- Paddocks and parkland in all about 10.7 acres (stms).



THE JAMIESON FILES

Whether your children force you to embrace it or you prefer to pretend it's not happening, it's Halloween folks!



We thought we'd take a quick look at one particular element of 31st October – a day that originated as a festival of the dead...

Pumpkins (Seeing as Peter Pumpkin Eater used one to house his wife in the classic children's rhyme there's a property connection in there somewhere...)



Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to

7000 to 5500 BC.



References to pumpkins date back many centuries. The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for "large melon" which is "pepon." "Pepon" was changed by the French into "pompon." The English

changed "pompon" to "pumpion." American colonists changed "pumpion" into "pumpkin".



There seems to be some confusion over the world's heaviest pumpkin. The Guinness World Records states that the heaviest pumpkin in the world weighed 921.7 kg (2,032 lb) when it was presented by Tim Mathison (USA) at the Uesugi Farms Pumpkin Park in Napa, California, USA, on 12 October 2013. However...



According to an official from the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth association, Mr Beni Meier, a Swiss gardener, broke that record on 29th September this year by presenting a 2,096.6lbs specimen (that's the weight of a small car!) in Mainz, Germany. The pumpkin is apparently due to be 'slaughtered' on November 2nd to make 'a good soup' and its seeds auctioned off...



A carved pumpkin illuminated by candles is known as a 'jack-o-lantern'. People have been making jack-o-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack." Who, after playing several tricks on the devil, made a deal with him that he would not collect his soul upon death. After Jack died God would not allow such an unsavory figure into heaven and the Devil, keeping his word not to claim his soul, sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack O'Lantern".



NORFOLK FACTS

And finally a quiz, with - you guessed it - a Halloween theme. Answers below.

1. What is the name of Norfolk's very own ghoulish black dog?
2. Where was the 'Black Monk' said to haunt?
3. What is the name of Norfolk's very own, very endangered, species of fairy?
4. Anne Boleyn's ghost has kept rather busy in death haunting several locations in the country - but where does she appear in Norfolk? Bonus points if you know any others!
5. What location is said to be the inspiration for the myth of the 'babes in the wood'?



Black Shuck, Binham Priory, Hikey Sprite, Blickling Hall (Tower of London, Windsor Castle), Wayland Wood.

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