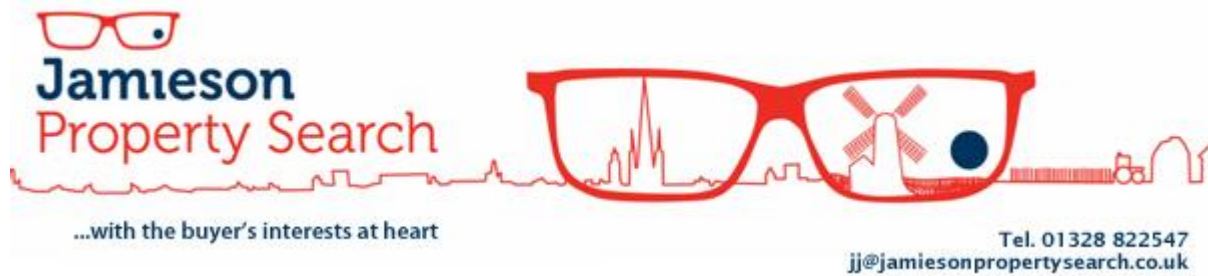


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NEWSLETTER

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"When I was in Scotland over the summer we went to a service at Crathie church, and there was the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Just imagine having the same job for over sixty four years and that your job is being the boss of a huge and rather powerful company, where everyone pretty much does exactly as you say (for fear of being locked up in the Tower of London)! Two things I immediately noticed were her extremely smart hat and her very large (but not remotely gauche) diamond brooch. The brooch would probably equate in value to a number of substantial houses in Norfolk, or perhaps a small island somewhere exotic, although I doubt the Queen has any need of my property finding services.

I had recently been asked to find a house with a river running through the grounds or a lake where the owners would be able to do some fishing. My father in law had a house with a lake and it was always such fun going down to see if one could catch a trout, so I was thrilled to be asked to find a similar property. Having identified a potential property, I went along to check its suitability. Everything was going well; it had a stream fed lake, lots of parkland and a lovely house, everything my clients were looking for. As I circled the lake I passed a patch of rushes – suddenly something very large and white rushed at me from

the undergrowth, I barely had time to register the fact that I had disturbed a very angry adult swan before I lost my footing and fell into the lake! On the positive side I was able to catch sight of a few trout as I sank beneath the surface and I fortunately didn't have another appointment to go to after my impromptu swimming session. However I doubt the Queen would have approved of my thoughts toward one of her swans – I rather feel that roasted swan should be making a comeback onto our menus!"



Jamie Jamieson
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ON THE MARKET












Properties that have caught my eye recently are; [Longacres at Blakeney](#), on the market with [Jackson Stops](#) and [Meadow Farm at Tasburgh](#), which is on with [Strutt and Parker](#).

[Longacres, Blakeney - Jackson Stops](#)

[Longacres](#) is a recently refurbished, detached, brick and flint 4 bedroom house set in 2 acres (stms) of landscaped gardens and woodland, close to the heart of Blakeney.














Recently extensively refurbished.

-  Hand built kitchen.
-  Sitting room, dining room and study.
-  Kitchen/breakfast room, utility and boot room.
-  Master bedroom with en-suite bathroom.
-  3 further bedrooms.
-  Family bathroom.
-  Double garage.
-  Gardens and woodland in 2 acres.
-  Situated down private driveway.
-  Open countryside views.
-  Short distance from Blakeney Quay.



Meadow Farm, Tasburgh - Strutt and Parker

Meadow Farm is a Grade II listed former farmhouse which has been extended, modernised and fully renovated by the current owner. A former barn has been converted and linked via a glazed link/reception hall which gives fantastic views over the gardens at both the rear and front of the house.

-  Fully renovated and extended.
-  Bryan Turner designed kitchen.
-  Kitchen/breakfast room and utility.
-  5 bedrooms.
-  4 reception rooms.
-  3 bathrooms.
-  Mezzanine area.
-  Gardens and land in 2.6 acres.
-  Far reaching views.
-  Double garage.
-  Last house on a 'no through road'.



THE JAMIESON FILES

Susan Boyle had one back in 2009 and now Norwich is having one - Norwich is truly having its 'moment'...

The question is, why now?

A11 aside, (I think we've all been surprised just how much it's improved our journeys into and out of the county) Norfolk's dense population of SME businesses has, I think, stood the county in good stead as the UK climbs out of recession. Our glut of relatively small family run businesses is, without doubt, thriving. We also have a particularly strong creative industries sector with a lot of young talented people – many of whom are UEA graduates and young professionals up from London looking for a better life.

In terms of our further education offering, Norwich is attracting the leading lights of academia across the board – and of course we have the Norwich Research Park with its heralded expertise in bio-science.

As those of us lucky enough to live here know all too well, Norfolk has a gorgeous 100-mile coastline, a huge array of arts, gastronomic and sporting events, festivals galore – indeed, if you pick up a Sunday newspaper now there is nearly always a mention of our county somewhere. And of course the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have chosen to bring up their children in West Norfolk, which is not a bad endorsement.

So, what does all this mean to property? David Merrick, Director of Development at Savills in Norwich: "I think we've been given the opportunity to create some great new places in Norfolk. As the county becomes more desirable and prices go up, so developers have more money to put into the green infrastructure and environment. Norfolk deserves to benefit from some really great development from developers who will go beyond the obvious kerb appeal to create exciting builds, but always balanced against affordability of course. That juxtaposition is a constant challenge for developers if they are to get things just right."

I think Norwich in particular offers a truly unique proposition. The city has more to offer culturally, socially, artistically, academically than ever before. And it will never become saturated because it's simply not

close enough to London (let's see if those 90 minute trains actually materialise shall we?).

Over to David again: "The enhanced interest from potential buyers of all sorts of houses and the people who will create those houses for them is fantastic for the county. In the 30 years that I've been in the property business, this is the first time that there's been real outside interest in Norfolk. A sea change has unquestionably taken place."

Where Norfolk used to be the butt of jokes, notably Alan Partridge and Jeremy Clarkson, our county is now being talked up all the time. And quite rightly so.

Let's celebrate the halo effect that Norfolk is currently enjoying and take time to enjoy and explore this exceptional county of ours.



EDIBLE NORFOLK

Now all is safely gathered in (just about) we thought we would end with a quick look at Norfolk's prime produce, the edible items that we think we do rather well! Unsurprisingly, considering our 100 or so miles of coastline, seafood features rather highly!

1. **Cromer Crab** - There are thought to be several reasons as to why crabs caught off the coast are tastier than crabs caught elsewhere in the UK but whatever they may be, they certainly result in a delicious meal.
2. **Samphire** - This fleshy green plant loves our salt marshes and tastes delicious simply cooked.
3. **Mussels** - From Brancaster these are large, juicy and perfect in moules marinière.
4. **Cockles** - Stewkey blues from under the mud at Stiffkey.
5. **Beer** - Norfolk's golden fields produce some of the best malting barley in the country, perfect for providing the core ingredient for all our lovely breweries.



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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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