

NORFOLK FROM THE AIR

Mike Page with text by Pauline Young

Mike Page's name has become synonymous with high-quality aerial photographs in East Anglia. His popular books have sold in their thousands while his photographs also appear regularly in newspapers, magazines and on TV. *Norfolk from the Air* might be said to be 'the best of the best', covering as it does his home county and including hand-picked photographs from recent flights.

Within these pages there are examples of every type of landscape and a wide variety of interesting features, from the oldest castles to modern factories, from Broadland waters to Fenland drainage, from magnificent churches to stately homes, from bustling towns to sleepy villages, from ancient tracks to busy road interchanges, and from windmills to wind turbines. Mike's experience in capturing the very best images, combined with his intimate knowledge of Norfolk, is perfectly matched to the text provided by Pauline Young who has collaborated with Mike on many previous books.

As Mike's followers will know, the principal attraction of his aerial photographs is that they allow us to look down on the landscape from a perspective that we never normally see. Such pictures reveal to us things that are normally hidden from view and surprise us when we find that what we had imagined the layout of the land to be is in reality quite different. Along with the changes that have taken place, we are also reminded of things that have remained unchanged.

This fascinating book will be of great interest to all those who live in or visit the county.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Mike Page, Gorleston-born, began his working life as a boat builder but in 1973 in partnership with his wife Gillian began a garage business at Strumpshaw, east of Norwich. He's now semi-retired and his son Martin runs the garage, which gives him more time to pursue his flying and photographic interests. He has a considerable library of aerial and wildlife prints which he makes readily available. In addition he supplies newspapers with newsworthy pictures and recently has produced aerial photographs for the Eastern Daily Press in a series of supplements that have been very well received. His first major project was a number of videos and DVDs of the East Anglian Coast. His first book *A Broads-Eye View* also produced in partnership with Pauline Young, was a huge success, followed by their book *Norfolk Coast from the Air*.

Pauline Young has lived in East Anglia for many years. She writes regularly for magazines and is a published children's author. She first teamed up with Mike Page, whom she has known in a flying context for a long time, when he began providing aerial pictures for her articles about the Norfolk Broads.

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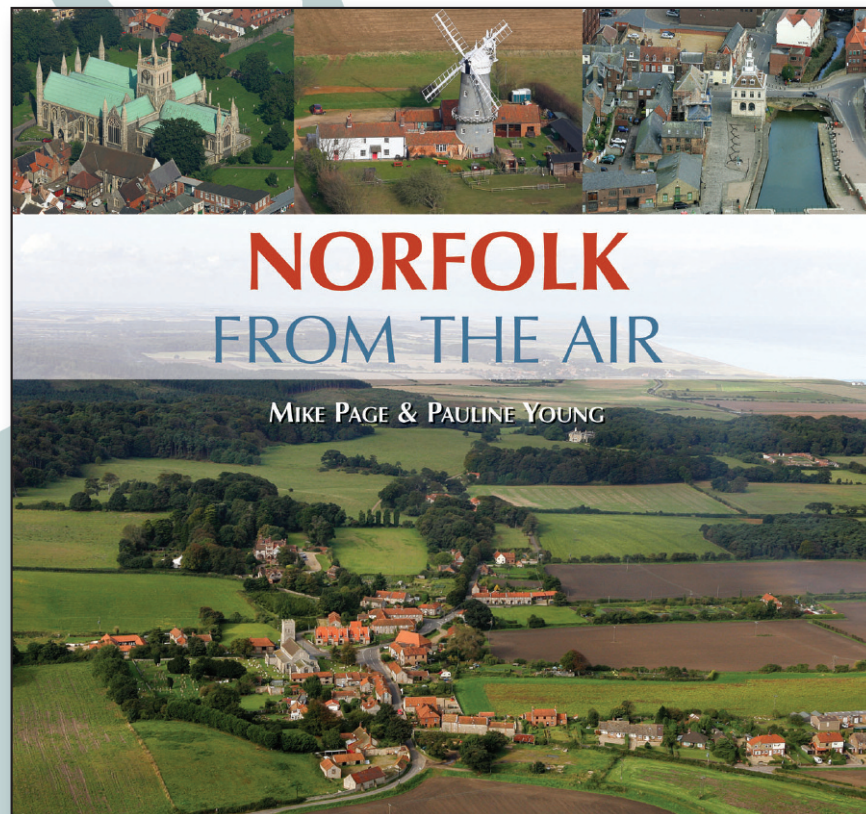
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AYLSHAM
 Norfolk historic towns tend to have their parish churches close to their Market Squares. The church here contains the grave of architect and landscape gardener Humphry Repton (1752-1818). It was said he reduced his professional charges when he particularly enjoyed a project. When the Aylsham Navigation (1799) was open wharves came up here on the River Bure which greatly added to the prosperity of the town.



BACONTHORPE CASTLE
 The ancient Bacon family (since the castle's name) sold their estates here to the Heydon dynasty in the fifteenth century. The Heydon property began to build the fortified moated manor or castle around 1450. Only the two gatehouses and the outside walls remain, much of the building was demolished around 1650 when the Heydon family's fortunes declined.



Norwich Cathedral