

Historic Norfolk

From the Air

Mike Page and Pauline Young

As recently as eight thousand years ago Britain was joined to Europe by a land bridge. As sea levels rose and the North Sea broke through this barrier, Eastern England – with what is now Norfolk at its edge – suddenly became a frontier-land, where isolation helped develop an independence of spirit and a singularity of landscape which remains to this day.

Aerial photography has helped to uncover the rich history of Norfolk, and in this book remarkable images by Mike Page portray features of its landscape and townscapes across many centuries of the county's past. Within its covers, for example, you will find evidence of one of Norfolk's earliest industries (flint mining at Grimes Graves) and one of the most recent (the development of Lotus cars on the former Hethel airfield). Historic buildings like Norwich Cathedral are contrasted with the ultra-modern Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts; the traditional delights of the Golden Mile at Great Yarmouth with the outdoor-tourism of Centre Parcs at Elveden; and the leisurely wherry with the fast-paced A11. Along the way, you will discover more about Norfolk heroes like Thomas Paine, Horatio Nelson and Queen Boudicca.

This book doesn't make judgements, but it seeks to entertain, inform and amuse through Mike Page's stunning aerial pictures taken over several decades together with Pauline Young's explanatory text.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



Mike Page was born in Gorleston in 1940. He lived in Beccles from the age of ten and attended the Sir John Leman school in the town. On leaving school he went to teacher training college in Buckinghamshire to become a woodwork teacher although on return to Norfolk at the end of his training, he saw a boat building job advertised in Norwich. Having always had an interest in boats and the river, he took the job. During his time as a boatbuilder he became involved with engine fitting and installations on many types of craft and this led him to venture into motor engineering.

Mike's first book was published by Halsgrove in 2005 and he has since gone on to produce 18 other books. Some of the books are now out of print and becoming collectors' items due to the historic nature of the photographs contained within them, making them an invaluable record for reference.

Aerial photography has been a passion for Mike since getting his pilot's licence in the late 1960s. Mike has always used Canon camera equipment and all photography is through the open window of his Cessna 150 aircraft flying with a co-pilot at all heights from sea level to 6000ft depending on the subject.

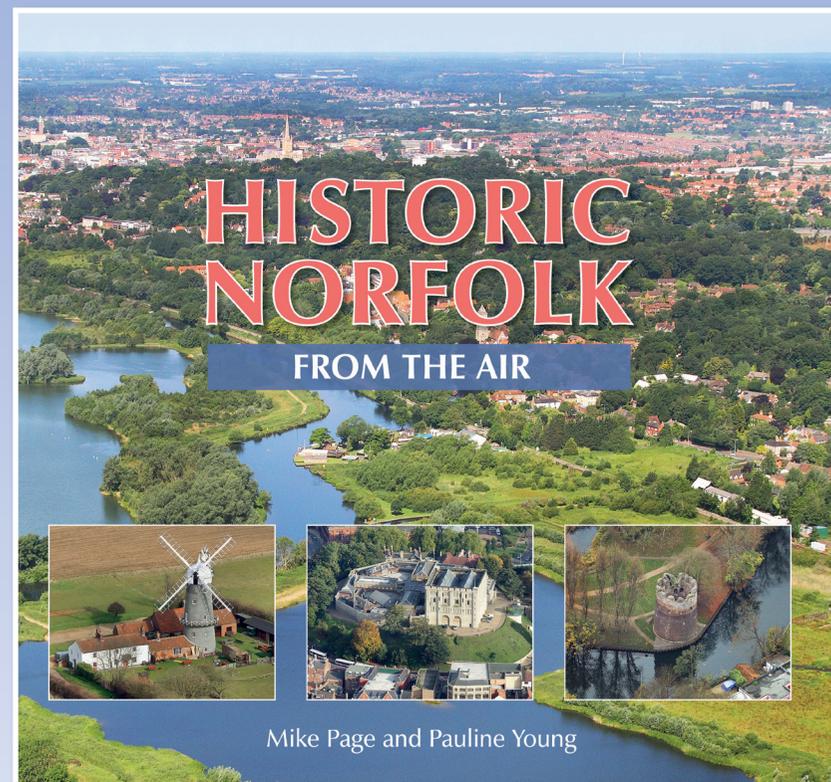


Pauline Young has lived for much of her life in Norfolk. She trained as a Primary School teacher at Keswick Hall and for several years taught Environmental Studies at How Hill. She and her husband were members of the flying group where she met Mike Page and with him has produced several books on Norfolk and Suffolk from the air.

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