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APPROX £ 70,000



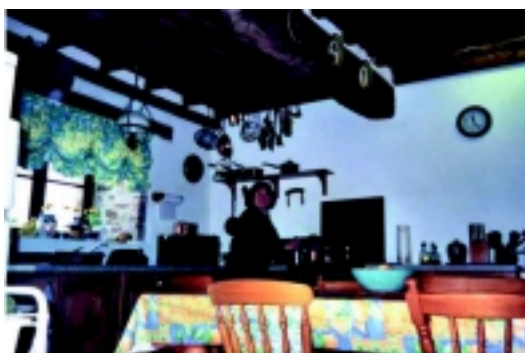
**Modernised Farmhouse Property
Normandy, France.**

Secluded position in open countryside only 20 minutes south of historic Saint Lô and only 5 minutes from the small town of Percy.

Includes an orchard within a total of 3½ acres of land

Accommodation comprises;
3 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite); Thirty square metre lounge with feature inglenook fireplace and woodburning fire;
large kitchen diner (25m²);
Barn attached (30m²)

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As has been widely reported, overwhelming public interest in the 1901 Census Online service resulted in sustained levels of hits which exceeded capacity by a factor of 20 during the first days of operations. Based on carefully benchmarked market research of similar genealogical sites, the site was actually specified to be able to cope with a sustained 1 million visitors a day, with a peak of 1.2 million averaged over 24 hours. Behind the 1901 Census website front end web-servers is a very large searchable database and eCommerce elements which, given time and cost, could be scaled up to meet the exceptionally high levels of demand seen during the first days of operation. The PRO and QinetiQ are keen to enhance the site, but will not be able to increase capacity so dramatically as to cope with the levels of demand seen before. The investment required would be prohibitive and would result in unreasonable charges to the public for the paid services.

The complete 1901 census for England and Wales published on the Internet on 2 January has to be one of the most ambitious projects of its kind undertaken by the Public Records Office [PRO]. Information about the population of the United Kingdom has been collected every ten years since 1801. The information given in census returns is used to generate statistics about the population in general and assists the Government in planning public services.

Containing over 32 million records showing names, address, occupations, family relationships and mental health details, the 1901 Census promises to give the chance for family historians to discover more of their family roots. One cannot underestimate its value as a resource for genealogical, local and demographic research.

Under the '100 year rule' enforced to protect individual privacy it is only now that the PRO can release the 1901 records that are so eagerly awaited by researchers. This is the first time it has been made available online and is obviously a boon to those unable to visit Record Offices

**THE 1901 CENSUS
WEBSITE -
Overloaded**

in the UK. [The 1891 Census currently on microfiche is expected to be 'digitised' and made available online by Spring 2003.]

The Census taken on 31 March 1901, several weeks after the death of Queen Victoria, gives an amazing insight into life at the turn of the last century. The population of England and Wales, at that time estimated at 32.5 million, means we are talking a vast amount of information. However, some family details you may not want to know! The Edwardian 'non PC' census takers also recorded the mental health of over 90,000 who they categorised as "lunatics, imbeciles and feeble-minded people". In addition, the records show over 70,000 people counted on merchant sea-going ships, inland barges as well as naval vessels. Knowing the name of the vessel will allow you to search that specific area. Still, a word of warning: address searches will still be unavailable in the relaunch. However, the PRO expects them to be available in the early part of the year.

On the 1st of February, a Press statement contained the following: "Having reviewed the work required to implement the enhancements to the site, PRO and QinetiQ have agreed to wait until all the work has been completed in full before re-opening access to the databases. All this takes time, but we are working hard to bring the site up in a controlled manner over the next couple of weeks. This will mean that many users will not be able to access the site immediately the technical changes are in place. Even with these improvements, the site will not be able to service the levels of demand encountered on the first few days, and we ask users to continue to be patient. What we are most keen to ensure is that those users who access the site and are engaged in paid sessions are able to conclude their research.