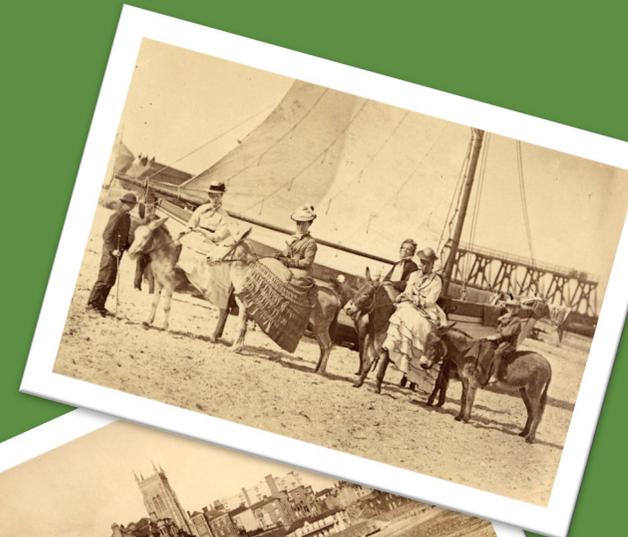


# The Introduction of the Railways

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# Cromer Before the Railway



Cromer was a small and select tourist destination. Where visitors enjoyed the health giving benefits of sea bathing. In 1814 a bath house was built, where you could enjoy hot and cold salt water baths.

Or you could use a Bathing Machine- a wooden hut on wheels where you could change into your bathing suit, before it was wheeled into the water, so you could climb into the sea and preserve your modesty.



# Cromer with the Railway



**1877** Cromer High station opened

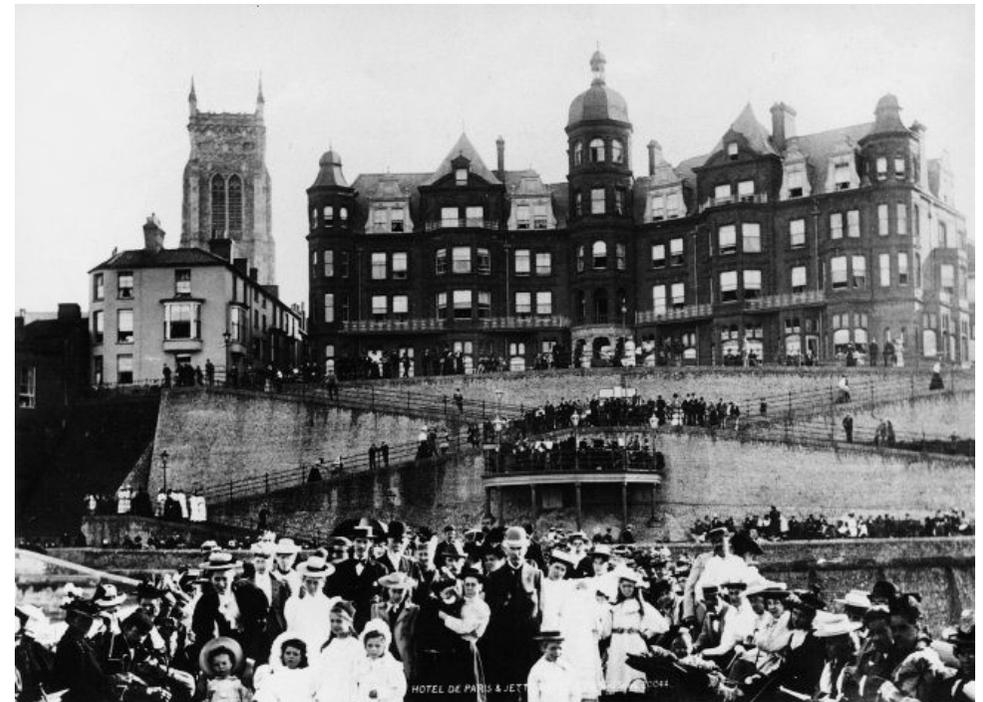
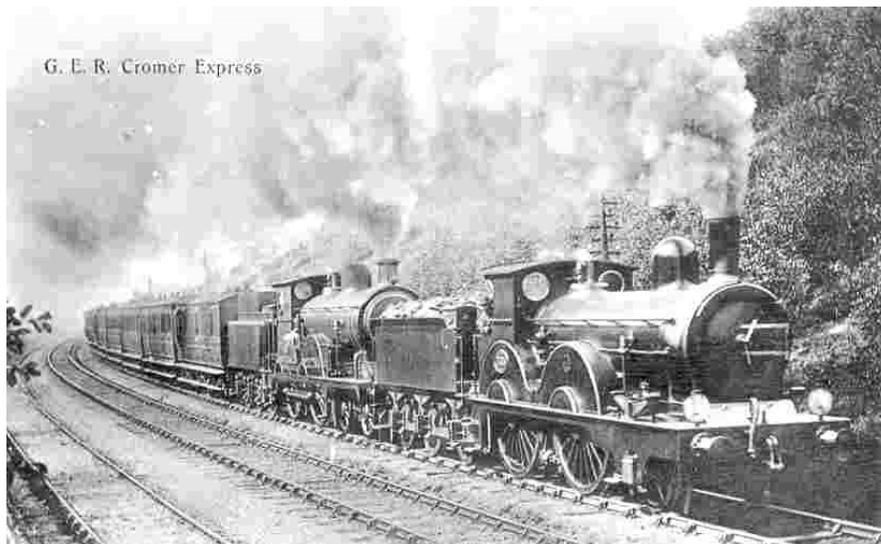
Fishermen began to offer lodgings to holiday makers.

**1896** The train from London to Cromer took **2 hours 55 minutes.**

(Today it takes 2 hours 58 minutes changing train in Norwich).

**1901** Cromer Pier was built

**1907** Mixed bathing allowed.

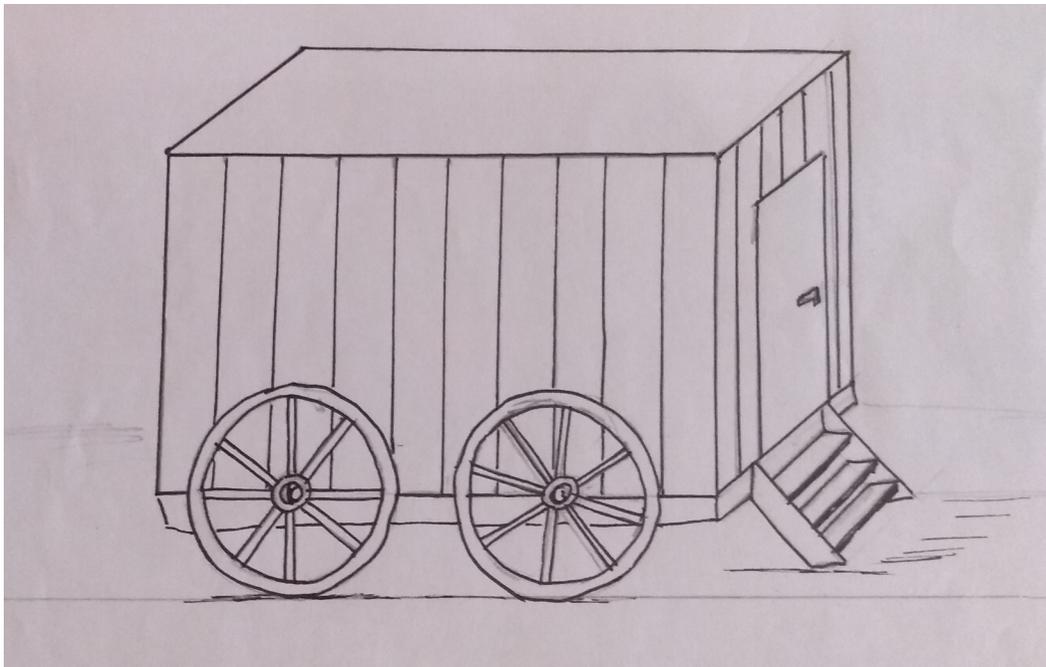




Before 1907 men and women used different parts of the beach at Cromer to swim in the sea.

Bathing machines were used these were wooden huts on wheels where you could change into your bathing suit, before it was wheeled into the water so you could climb into the sea and preserve your modesty.

Why not draw your own bathing machine !





# Make a Junk Model Bathing Machine

You will need

- Selection of boxes
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Felt tip pens
- Stick Glue or tape
- Wooden skewer

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Decorate your bathing machine

Don't forget to cut out a door

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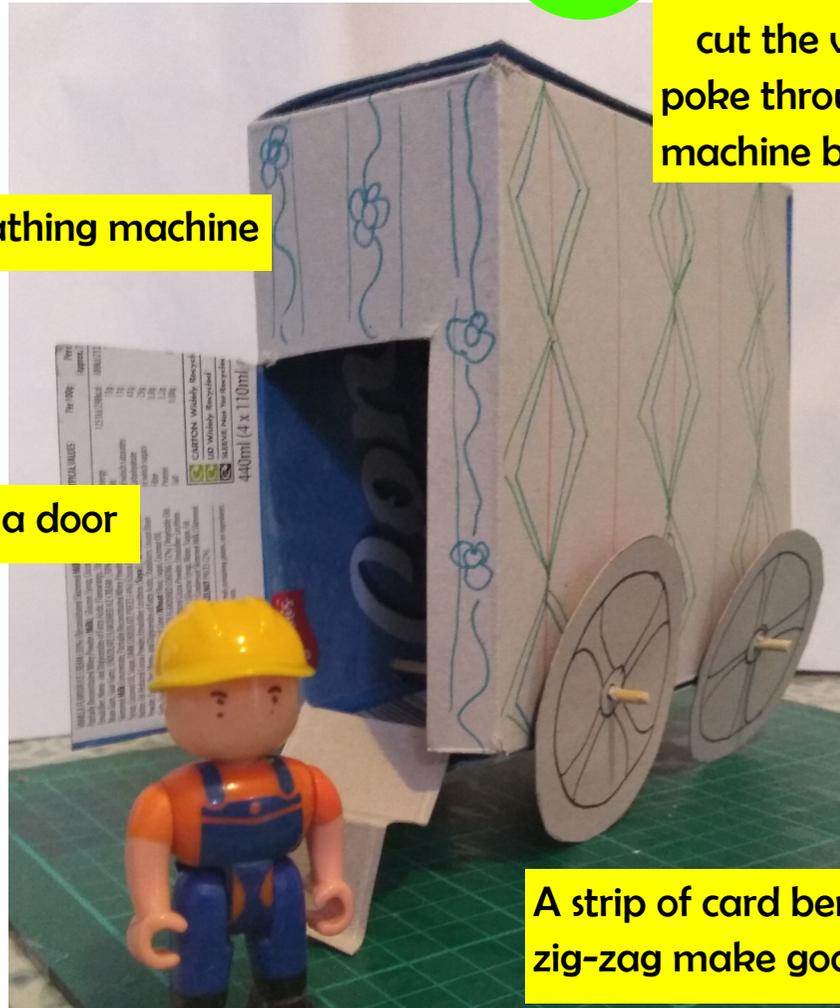
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Use lids or circles of thick card for wheels and ask an adult to cut the wooden skewer and poke through the bathing machine box

1



Unstick your box, restick with the plain cardboard on the outside, ready for decoration.



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A strip of card bent into a zig-zag make good steps

Let your imagination fly!

See what you can find and think how you can use it to make your model.

# Census Challenge

## What is a Census?

- The earliest census were a record of the numbers of people in each area
- From 1841 the census records names, ages, jobs, place of birth
- It happens every 10 years
- The next census will be in 2021

This is what one sheet from **1881 Cromer Census** looks like. It can be quite difficult to read.

On the next sheets there are transcripts (typed up extracts) from the 1871 and 1881 Census, also some questions for you to try.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

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Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclésiastical Parish or District of		
Cromer			North Norfolk			Epingham	North Norfolk		
No. of Street	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (A) or Building (B)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of Male Female	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
94	1 Railway Cottages		William Mansfield	Head	Mar	54	Carpenter	North Norfolk	
			Blaney Lamb	Wife	Mar	41	Railway Clerk	Kent Woolwich	1
			Samuel Lockett	Head	Mar	36	G. L. M. Goods Porter	North Norfolk	
			Mary Ann	Wife	Mar	22	<del>Wife</del>	Do Epsom	
			Wibbit	Do	Mar	22	<del>Wife</del>	Do Cromer	
			George Savage	Head	Mar	23	Do Porter	Do Epsom	
95	1		James Chapman	Head	Mar	32	Cartlayer	Do Norwich	
			Abelaide	Wife	Mar	28	<del>Wife</del>	Do Wymondham	
			Esther	Do	Mar	7	Scholar	Do Do	
			Thos	Do	Mar	1-7	<del>Wife</del>	Do Cromer	
96	1		John Lambson	Head	Mar	40	Carrriage Examiner	Do Thospe Hamlet	
			Mary Ann	Wife	Mar	44	<del>Wife</del>	Do St. Andrew Norwich	
			William	Do	Mar	18	Gen <sup>l</sup> Serv	Do Thospe Hamlet	
			Arthur E. Brown	Head	Mar	39	Miller	Do South Yarmouth	
			Lynd Lambson	Do	Mar	24	Fireman	Do Kea Wick	
			John Holroyd	Do	Mar	50	Engine Driver	Yorkshire	1
97	1		Samuel Lockett	Head	Mar	39	Railway Porter	North Norfolk	
			Grace	Wife	Mar	31	<del>Wife</del>	North Norfolk	1
			Thomas Green	Do	Mar	14		North Norfolk	
			Betham Green	Do	Mar	2		Do Cromer	
			May	Do	Mar	11		Do Do	
			Lucey Lockett	Head	Mar	29	Barmaid	North Norfolk	
			Frederick Mathew	Do	Mar	15	Gen <sup>l</sup> Domestic Serv	Do North Norfolk	
98	1		James Edward Chapman	Head	Mar	37	Railway Guard	Do Boston	
			Marion Emma	Wife	Mar	32	<del>Wife</del>	Do Norwich	
Total of Houses...		5	Total of Males and Females...			12	13		

NOTE.—Draw the pen through such of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

Eng— Sheet F.

## 1871 Census - Cromer, Norfolk

Name and surname of each person	Relation to head of family	AGE	Rank, Profession or occupation	Where born
Isaac Hewes	Head	54	Shoemaker	Cromer
Sophia Burton	Wife	54	Teacher	Coleby
Frederick W.	Son	20	Grocer	Cromer
R. William Rogers	Head	32	Painter	Overstrand
Sarah Ann Rogers	Wife	31		North
John T Edwards	Head	42	Labourer	Sheringham
Emma Edwards	Wife	34		Northrepps
Susanna E.	Daughter	14	Dressmaker	Northrepps
Emma R. Edwards	Daughter	11	Scholar	Cromer
John H. Edwards	Son	8	Scholar	Cromer
Harriet Edwards	Daughter	6	Scholar	Cromer
Matthew Allen	Head	51	Fisherman	Cromer
Sarah A Allen	Wife	53		Cromer
Martin Allen	Son	21	Fisherman	Cromer,
William Warner	Head	58	Fisherman	Cromer,
Ann Warner	Wife	55		Roughton
Amelia Warner	Daughter	34	Maid	Cromer
George Warner	Son	21	Fisherman	Cromer

## 1881 Census - Cromer, Norfolk

Name and surname of each person	Relation to head of family	AGE	Rank, Profession or occupation	Where born
Samuel Lacock	Head	25	Railway	Cromer
Mary Ann Lacock	Wife	22		Overstrand
George Savage	Lodger	23	Railway	Ellingham,
James Thompson	Head	32	Platelayer	Wicklewood,
Adelaide Thompson	Wife	28		Wymondham
Britiana Thompson	Daughter	7	Scholar	Wymondham
John Sampson	Head	48	Carriage Examiner on Railway	Thorpe Hamlet
Mary Ann Sampson	Wife	49		Norwich
Arthur G Beavor	Lodger	39	Miller	Great Yarmouth
Elijah Ladbrook	Lodger	24	Fireman	Keswick
John Holroyd	Lodger	56	Engine	Yorkshire
Samuel Clarke	Head	32	Railway	Great Ormsby
Grace Clarke	Wife	31		Hampshire
James Chapman	Head	37	Railway	Northrepps
Marion Chapman	Wife	32		Eaton

## Cromer 1871 and 1881 Census

	1871 Census	1881 Census
How many jobs are to do with the sea?		
How many jobs are to do with the railway?		
How many people were born in Cromer?		
Why do think this is?		

Remember that the railway arrived in Cromer in 1877.





<b>Cromer 1871 and 1881 Census</b>		
	<b>1871 Census</b>	<b>1881 Census</b>
How many jobs are to do with the sea?	4	0
How many jobs are to do with the railway?	0	8
How many people were born in Cromer?	11	1
Why do think this is? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People arrived in Cromer from other parts of Norfolk and England to work on the railways.</li><li>• Different jobs were available.</li></ul>		



## Extended Activity

Can you identify these jobs from the 1871 and 1881 Cromer Census?

Draw lines between jobs and what they mean, we have done one to get you started.

SCHOLAR                      GROCCER

PORTER                      LABOURER

CARRIAGE EXAMINER

FIREMAN                      DRAPER

   SHOEMAKER

PLATELAYER                      MILLER

Someone who owns or works in a mill

A person who looks after the fire in the steam engine

Pupil at school

Sells food and small household items in a shop

Carries objects/luggage for travellers at railway station

Someone who inspects railway carriages for faults

Someone who makes shoes

Someone who lays and maintains railway track

Someone who does manual work, usually on a farm

Someone who sells cloth

TOP TIP .....Connect those you know first then see what you have left



## Answers

MILLER	Someone who owns or works in a mill
FIREMAN	A person who looks after the fire in the steam engine
SCHOLAR	Pupil at school
GROCER	Sells food and small household items in a shop
PORTER	Carries objects/luggage for travellers at railway station
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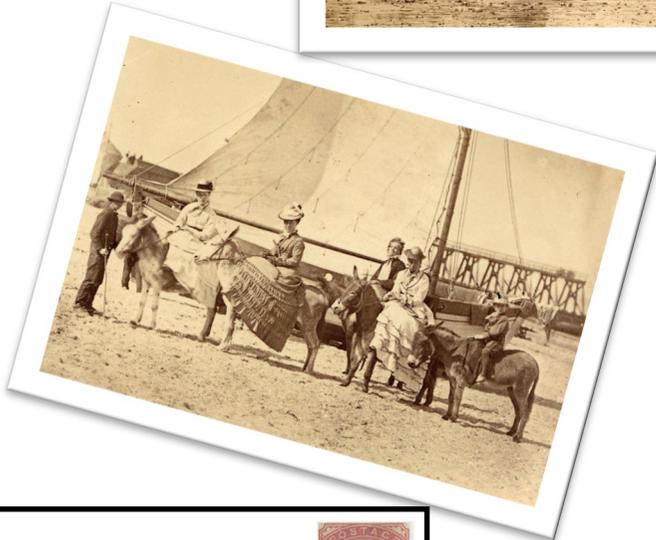
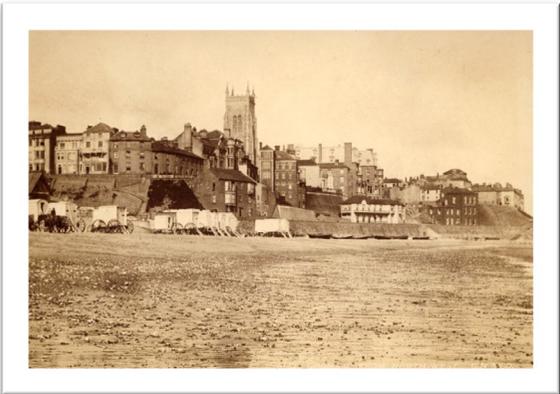


# Activity

## Postcard from the Past

Use some paper to draw your own postcard image

Turn over, draw a stamp in the top right hand corner



Imagine you are one of the first holiday makers to Cromer or Sheringham.

Write a postcard home, using the information you have discovered today, imagine what you did at the seaside.

Did you use a bathing machine?

Did you play in the sand?

Dear Nan, I am writing from 1900 to tell you about my first ride on a train to the seaside at Cromer.

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To Nan  
23 The Road  
Norwich