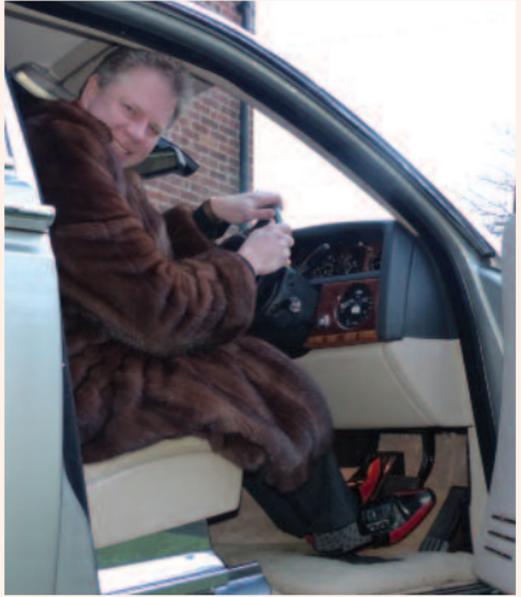


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Howard behind the Wheel

Hello my dear Readers – thank you all for enquiring as to how my mother Brenda is coming along after fracturing her hip. Upon our return from New York, my mother had a spell in Ipswich Hospital and she came back from a convalescent home in Woodbridge on Christmas Eve. I am pleased to say that she is getting stronger. The picture shows me behind the wheel and as with all classic car buffs, I



am looking forward to the Spring weather in order to take to the highways. Frank my chauffeur had the engine purring for a motor from Hadleigh traversing the A120 to Great Dunmow to visit P & A Wood, Rolls-Royce distributors and workshops. If you are remotely interested in cars, the Showrooms are really worthy of a visit with beautiful vehicles and other exhibits. There is also a shop. We then cantered on to Kelvedon and broke our journey at The Western Arms Silver End CM8 3SD. This pub/restaurant had recently been acquired by the owners and was well presented with courteous service and good food at very reasonable prices. They even had somewhere for Frank to eat. If you are out on a run why not pay them a visit.

Peering through the haze of the misted windows of the Gibbons' residence on these cold days, one will find my housekeeper Maria and Frank dealing with domestic duties and warming themselves over the AGA. I've recently agreed to dispense with the services of the twin-tub washing machine – its belt had gone to ribbons. We now have an automatic model which washes, rinses and spins. Frank has been in the kitchen garden forking in some organic matter and he's popped his aubergines under glass. What a life we have in the Country.

I have mentioned to you on various occasions the merits of entering a Lasting Power of Attorney. An ordinary Power of Attorney can be granted under the Powers of Attorney Act 1971 in about two lines. That though will not outlive the mental incapacity of the person granting it and hence the special regime of the Lasting Power of Attorney which does just that. You can enable someone else to run all your affairs on your behalf even after you have lost mental capacity. That is known as a Property and Financial Affairs Lasting Power of Attorney. There is a similar arrangement for health decisions called a Health and Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney. We are busy as always dealing with property matters for our clients not only locally but in London too. I think that it is important that for legal matters you should be able to visit your lawyer – something that is not possible with on-line outfits. Stay local and give us a call.

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