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Howard at The Orwell Hotel Felixstowe

Hello my dear readers. As you cast your eye down my column with trepidation, the Joy of Christmas will be fading. Your Christmas baubles will be twinkling for the last time. Your Yuletide log will be but a shadow of its former self - withered and exhausted. Why not cheer yourself up and arrange to come to see me to fulfil those New Year's Resolutions. Yes, it is time to make your new Wills and with the Property Nil Rate Band for Inheritance Tax arriving in April you do really need to be getting your testamentary affairs



in order. Everyone should also have a Lasting Power of Attorney so that your financial arrangements can continue even if there is an unforeseen occurrence leaving you without mental capacity. On the brighter side, you could be buying or selling a house or taking a lease of a shop. Take advantage of my thirty years of experience.

Before my housekeeper, Maria, met my chauffeur Frank she was besotted with her then husband. Unfortunately, he came to a sticky end when he tripped over a coconut on a beach in the Seychelles. They did though have a son Thomas Dinsdale who is a good friend of mine and appears in the picture taken at The Orwell Hotel in Felixstowe. Thomas is an excellent photographer. Indeed, my Christmas card which was sent to some two hundred of my closest friends featured a great portrait of me. The Orwell Hotel at the foot of Beatrice Avenue in Felixstowe is really worth a visit. There is an excellent Sunday lunch when the piano plays, a dessert trolley and such like. Lunches and dinners during the week are excellently priced. I know that many of you are owner drivers and do not have a chauffeur, (how contemporary), so you can take to the trunk roads.

You will all know how much I enjoy my annual visit to The Christmas Show at Thursford near Fakenham in Norfolk. The Cambridges tell me (via the Hello Magazine) that they were there again this year with their children. I was accompanied by The Lord of the Manor of Polstead, Alan Keeble and Susan Keeble. Our Number One motor car was soon soiled with road grime as Frank piloted us through the dark and mist of Thetford Forest. We had a wonderful tea in front of a cosy fire at The Chequers Inn Front Street Binham (01328 830297) which is just a few miles from Thursford itself. As we entered through the gates of Thursford we were waved past the hoi polloi to the front door and took our seats as the curtain rose. A cast of hundreds, the Wurlitzer organ, a band and orchestra. Celebrating forty years this is rightly a "World Class" show and the finest of its type in Europe.

Happy New Year, Howard Gibbons

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