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Happy 90th Birthday Brenda

Hello dear Readers. Many Happy Returns of the Day to my mother, Brenda, as she has just celebrated her 90th Birthday. There has been great excitement as we had a party at The Orwell Hotel in Felixstowe with a lunch for 32 guests. There was much scurrying as the preparations were laid. It was like Grieg's "Wedding at Troldhaugen", a piece written to celebrate his



25th Wedding Anniversary. My mother had her hair prepared especially, nails, facial and so on. The dress wasn't as it should be, the nails had to be re-done, guests came to stay and we were able to secure the services of a Dame to entertain us. There were Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen. Frank was busy as he oversaw a cavalcade of four limousines brought round from the motor house and which sped to Felixstowe. The lunch party was a wonderful occasion which my mother really enjoyed and was so pleased to have her friends around her; she even delivered a speech. We also enjoyed a lunch at Hintlesham Hall which was done very well, however, I do wish that the hotel would improve its front of house demeanour; even the new manager wandered by without speaking.

As we were making our way to Hintlesham Hall, Frank was collecting a guest from Kersey when the children from Kersey School in their red uniforms crossed the road in front of us. All was well until they thought that my mother was the Queen where upon there was a great hue and cry! The face of the teacher did not reflect the joy of the children. We all love waving at the slightest opportunity.

And that is what we did when motoring from Christchurch Mansion to Felixstowe for the Ipswich Transport Museum Classic Car Run. There are well wishers along the whole route, on every round about and in the lay-bys. It was a great day. One Friday evening, Frank arrived with Number 1 car for a journey to Norwich Cathedral to see Aled Jones in Concert. It was an entertaining evening but a pity that so much of the music was on backing tapes rather than live.

This is a busy time of year for Frank as he tends the kitchen garden. His buds have been rather delicate and have had a tendency to wilt. Maria sprays them with iced water, they wince and all appears to be well again. Meanwhile at the office the wheels turn and we have pleasure in resolving client problems. Give us a call to arrange to put in place that Will that you have been meaning to do for so long. I have told you before that a Will is an excellent tax planning document since a Will can be varied within two years of death and provided those affected agree the Will can be adjusted to meet the circumstances. I mentioned the higher rates of Stamp Duty Land Tax payable if one already owns a property. The higher rates apply even when you are a proprietor of a property world-wide. Please get in touch if you are buying or selling or granting a lease.

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