

# GIBBONS

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### Howard and his mother in Monte Carlo

This month we have glamour in spades. 2015 has been a special year for the Cunard Line as it celebrates its 175 years of history. You may have seen the glorious sight of the three ships of the line the Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth proudly presented at Liverpool at the end of May. My mother, Brenda and I enjoyed a short break on



Queen Victoria just after she had left Liverpool. We trotted along ports in the Mediterranean and the picture shows us in front of the Royal Palace at Monte Carlo. The Grimaldi family have been resident on the site for some seven hundred years. The weather was glorious and I was excited to see Monte Carlo again which I had last visited in 1985. It was amazing to see so many beautiful yachts as we were moored in the Marina. Simon Weston was on board and gave a fascinating and moving lecture about the Falklands and his life that followed.

My chauffeur Frank and my housekeeper Maria continue to be very well, thank you. Naturally, they had to travel with my mother and I to attend to our multifarious needs. That included having a motor car craned off the ship at our various ports of call. The Commodore did suggest that it may have been easier to have hired a limousine at each port of call! There is just so much involved when the entourage moves overseas.

I know that many of you have been concerned to hear news of my miniature dachshund Tilly who recently underwent a back operation having lost the use of her back legs. I am delighted to say that Tilly is making an excellent recovery.

I am glad that you were all interested to hear about Big Ben. You will have seen recently that many millions of pounds of work are required to the tower and so I was pleased to have been able to have my tour when I did.

Some agents tell me that the property market is slowing down, however, our instructions have continued at a reasonable rate. One parcel of land can be subject to so many interests in existence at one time and so it is so important that a title is properly investigated. Titles in this area only became subject to first registration in the 1990s and thus there are still a good number of unregistered titles that can require some careful attention in order to know that first registration can be achieved without difficulty. There is a great deal to be done in the Conveyancing process and that is why the purchase of a property is not "see it today and complete it tomorrow". We look forward to hearing from you if you are buying or selling a house. It is so important to have one's information marshalled and ready in advance.

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