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Howard on The Orwell

Hello dear Readers: my friend Eric Bauly so well known in the local classic car world celebrated his Seventieth Birthday in June. My mother and I were delighted to join his party on board the cruiser Allen Gardiner as it made its passage along the River Orwell. What an exciting thing to do. The boat has an illustrious history dating from the Second World War. We had an enjoyable dinner; there was a fabulous Rolls-Royce birthday cake and we saw the sun set. I am captured in the picture with the Orwell Bridge glowing behind me. My chauffeur Frank drew up in front of Colchester Town Hall to deliver me for a wonderful organ recital given by Peter Crompton, Organist Emeritus of Royal Hospital School at Holbrook. I bet that few of you have been to the Moot Hall that spans the top of the Town Hall dating from 1896 and decorated in exquisite panels and such like. It is really worth a visit. The Town Hall has been described as one of the most exuberant and confident municipal buildings in the Country. The Norman and Beard Organ stands in all its splendour ready to speak to the Hall. It was a great way to spend a lunchtime and for owner drivers parking is available behind Williams & Griffin. Frank's cherries have ripened and are almost dropping off. They've been enjoyed with cream, in pies and Maria has lined a shelf in her pantry with jars of jam.

Frank was pressed into service for one or two longer runs to include a visit to Headcorn Aerodrome near Ashford in Kent. What a busy and bustling runway. We were even treated to the arrival of a Spitfire and a Hurricane which had dropped in for re-fuelling en route to the open day at Heavingingham Hall. We boarded a Lear Jet to whisk us back and left Frank to fight his way through the traffic.

We have had several instances recently where good clients and their relatives have suffered unexpected serious illnesses so that they are unable to run their affairs. All the resulting problems would have been overcome if a Lasting Power of Attorney had been in place. Just like making a Will, it is one of those things that you should have in place. We can deal with these matters for you and so do arrange to come to see me. Now that the political machine appears to be on an even keel again and as we come to the end of the Summer holidays, I am expecting to see buoyancy in the property market. It makes sense for you to contact us at an early stage so that arrangements can be dealt with for your sale or purchase.

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