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Howard in the grounds of the Gibbons' Mansion



Hello my dear Readers. As with all businessmen, my practice is a way of life and I have to do very long hours. I am fortunate that I can undertake the odd sojourn to other parts of the world. As the last vestiges of Summer disappeared to oblivion, I asked my chauffeur Frank to prepare one of the sports limousines for continental touring. Trunks were loaded and Frank took us to board a vessel at Harwich where the motor car was stowed in the hold. The flying "B" proud on the bonnet cut through the air and we were soon leaving the express carriageways behind us and arrived at Chateau d'Urspelt in the Northern regions of the Principality of Luxembourg. We were able to explore Luxembourg's "mini Switzerland" and the Moselle wine valley to the South. All too quickly the sun's rays glinted upon our chromed wheels as we disembarked back in the UK.

You will know how much I enjoy light and jazz piano. The sight of a grand piano sends tingles down my spine as does an organ. If you like our kind of music do have a listen to Stephanie Trick who is a fantastic young stride piano jazz pianist. You will find a lot of You Tube recordings on line. I am sure that you will enjoy her.

Why is it that some restaurants keep one waiting for so long. My mother and I went to a place some distance away and after waiting for more than half an hour we had to leave. We had said that we were in a hurry and could have cooked the meal ourselves quicker.

Frank's wife Maria who is my housekeeper appeared in the Dining Room. I was just gazing at her dumplings nestled and golden a-top a casserole and Maria asked me what a Grant of Probate is. When a person sadly dies, banks, asset holders and the Land Registry will need to see a Grant which proves that the Personal Representatives named are properly appointed. In order to obtain a Grant one has to have made a return of the value of the Estate for purposes of Inheritance Tax and to pay the tax if appropriate. Unfortunately Maria's Uncle Miguel had expired and his son Ricardo was trying to decide what he should do. Naturally he asked us to deal with the matter. As always, if you are buying or selling a house, entering a Lasting Power of Attorney or making a Will – do get in touch with us. You will have plenty to talk about at the Christmas Lunch table.

Have a very Happy Christmas, Howard Gibbons

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