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Howard on a steam engine

Hello my Readers – as I scribe these words, the longest day has just gone and I feel sad that we can only look forward to days getting shorter and shorter. The recent celebrations of the Queen's 90th Birthday have been magnificent and demonstrate a Britain to be proud of. The events reminded me of some visits I made to the Royal Cinema at Buckingham Palace when I was 17. My school was asked to provide volunteers to prepare some form of First Day Cover relating to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. It was organised by Mrs Gordon Spencer who ran the Scheme for girls. It was quite an experience. The picture shows me on a steam engine at Rural Pastimes at Euston Park. The coals were burning, steam was all about and whistles were a-blowing. The Estate is the home of the Duke and Duchess of Grafton not far from Thetford. The event was so interesting. There were hundreds of classic cars, there were steam engines, Cossacks on horseback and farm machinery. It was quite something to see steam engines on the move.

A good friend had his seventieth Birthday lunch at The Flora Tea Rooms near the beach at Dunwich. The journey was further than my chauffeur Frank had expected but we did have an enjoyable time upon arrival.

It does concern me that so many large housing developments are springing up and proposed in our immediate vicinity. I treasure our countryside and it seems that we are gradually ruining it. Hadleigh's 8,000 population is expanding enormously. I was dismayed to receive a notice from Suffolk Highways that in connection with a new development behind the High Street in Hadleigh parking spaces outside Numbers 107 to 121 High Street are to be removed. These are spaces that Hadleigh needs so that you my dear readers can visit our businesses. Surely if a company is to profit from its housing development then it must provide replacement spaces. Do object to Suffolk Highways straight away at Phoenix House 3 Goddard Road Ipswich IP1 5NP or heather.miller@suffolk.gov.uk by 8 July.

I have before expressed my surprise that people seem happy to sign up for leases for shops and the like without advice. A lease can contain onerous terms, such as obligations on the tenant to put a property in good order (no matter as to its condition at the outset) at the end of the term of the lease. Do take proper advice. If you are buying or selling a house or building it is worthwhile preparing in advance. Do come to us at an early stage so that you can marshal the necessary documents. A Lasting Power of Attorney is one of those things that you should have – quite a lot of paperwork but we can make short work of that for you.

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