

GIBBONS

— SOLICITORS —

Howard at Niagara Falls



Happy New Year to my loyal readers. Just before Christmas I was stirring in my four poster in the early morning. The wireless had just popped into life (in fact it is a Sony Digidig alarm clock which I have had since the mid 70s when it was state of the art). None other than the dulcet tones of Jane Haylock of The Idler was speaking to the County about Hadleigh. It sounded as if she was next to me. I popped into see Jane as I was concerned lest she had been broadcasting in her housecoat. Apparently, it is going to be the year of the sheep in Hadleigh so keep an eye on how you can participate. Sad news reached me that Ann Stephenson (who used to own Odds and Ends) passed away in December. Even in adversity Ann had a sense of humour and she was a real local character.

I happened to mention pickled walnuts in one of my despatches. Many of you will know John Sargeant "Busky" of Polstead who tells me that he pickles his own. I have his walnuts in a jar and they are delicious and went down a treat on Boxing Day. Thank you. My mother and I did another winter Transatlantic Crossing on board Queen Mary 2. Even in heavy seas and gale force winds, the ship was as stable as could be. There is nothing to beat afternoon tea in the Queen's Room with the band playing. Another local resident, Elsie Brett from Elmsett, happened to be on board with her family. It was quite something to be discussing the foibles of Frank and Maria mid Atlantic. In New York my mother and I thought that The Rockettes' Christmas Show at Radio City was absolutely fantastic. The Wurlitzer organ had two consoles and it was a treat to hear. New York was freezing and we had to cancel our train journey to Niagara due to heavy snow. We were able to fly to Toronto and a limousine was waiting to motor us the two hours to Niagara. You can see me on board the Hornblower (formerly Maid of the Mist) where I got soaked as we went right up to the Falls.

Just before Christmas, Maria was concerned about Frank's sprouts; they were like buttons. Special feeding brought forth mighty hearts for Christmas.

A sale of part of a parcel of land can be complicated. Clients are always surprised that a plan drawn to scale is required by the Land Registry. We can put you in touch with experts to do that. One then has to consider what rights may need to be granted or reserved. Why don't you make a New Year's Resolution to put your Will in place and you could make a Lasting Power of Attorney at the same time. We will await your call!

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