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**Howard
and his mother at
Fowey Cornwall**

Hello Readers: I hope that I find you rested after your Easter Holidays. I spend most of my time in my office, however, I do escape occasionally. Very sadly John Moring, a family friend of fifty years died after a long illness. Uncle John as I always called him lived in Pinner where I grew up. He hailed though from Cornwall and that is where my mother Brenda and I went for his funeral in mid March. I never like motorways and so we made the 350 mile journey across country and on the return traversed Dartmoor. We stayed at the Crown Inn at Lanlivery where we had a very pleasant room and our dinner was there in front of a roaring open fire. I am sure that many of you will be familiar with the nearby Lostwithiel.

The picture shows my mother and I in the grounds of Fowey Hall Hotel, a Victorian pile overlooking the sea having had a cup of tea and cream scone. We enjoyed sending clotted cream to our friends from Trewithen Dairy. You will remember that I have previously penned words about the Chapel of the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook and its powerful, fantastic organ. You will know that Peter Compton, the recently retired Head of Music plays the Albert Hall Organ for the annual Remembrance Service there in November. I was lucky enough to be able to play a hymn or two on the organ and on a separate occasion enjoyed a really excellent concert given by the various choirs of the School. Do look up the concerts and try to go – quite an experience. If you are in the market for such a school then I would have thought that the Royal Hospital School and its facilities must be hard to beat.

Every year I arrange a Driving Day for my motoring friends. This year a gaggle of classic cars would have been seen en route to The Cold War Museum at Bentwaters. We enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Bentwaters Diner and then a visit to Parham Airfield and the museum in its Control Tower and the secret bunker. You too can go to see these remarkably interesting places.

And whilst at the office we continue to provide an excellent service to our clients. I am dismayed that conveyancing is being carried out by some at such a low level. If you are buying a house remember that for legal services, it is as much about service as cost. You cannot see or often speak to an on-line provider. You can always arrange to come to see me. I am in the High Street and within a few miles of your front door. If you're thinking of making a Will then speak to me about that too. Do not get dragooned into endless costs with an on-line Will writer.

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