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### Howard on board the Walton Lifeboat



Dear Readers as I write to you I am being dappled by the sunlight. Whilst we are all hale and hearty why not instruct us to

put in place your Lasting Power of Attorney which will enable sons and daughters or another trusted person to run your affairs should you not be able to do so. The Power will operate even after you have lost mental capacity. It is so much cheaper and easier to have a Lasting Power of Attorney that is entered voluntarily than your family having to achieve the same result (if you lack the mental ability to be able to conduct your own affairs) by way of obtaining a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection.

It was lovely to motor to Thursford on Easter Sunday. Yes, that is where the fantastic Christmas Show is held and the rest of the year the Wurlitzer cinema organ is played twice daily by Robert Wolfe who is one of the leading cinema organists and who has been playing the mighty Wurlitzer at Thursford since 1981. His dexterity on the keyboard and pedals alike was absolutely breath-taking. The collection amassed by George Cushing includes carousels, steam organs and there are some shops. We enjoyed beverages and a light lunch in the limousine. I had a thoroughly enjoyable visit but my chauffeur Frank finds a run of several hours quite tiring these days. Frank and Maria have been on their knees propagating in the kitchen garden for the Summer. The Essex Section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club contributes to the Walton and Frinton Lifeboat. And so it was that on the Section's visit to the lifeboat that I won a place to go to sea on board. I was concerned that my best shoes should not be water-logged but my wellies sorted that and I alighted bone dry. The picture shows me on the deck. The engines were unleashed and we powered through the sea off Walton pier at 25 knots. We were seated in special captain's chairs with computer screens in front. It was quite an experience.

Seeing a film? Why not try dinner at the Harvester (there is an option for all-in to include soft drink at £10) followed by a movie. I have just seen *Woman in Gold* which is a true story about the theft by the Nazis of valuable works of art from a wealthy Jewish family in Austria and the battle for its return to Mrs Altmann. The film took us back to the atrocities of the Nazis and the obstacles placed in the way of Mrs Altmann by the Austrian Government. I found it terribly moving. With the arrival of Spring you may be thinking of moving house or purchasing a property as an investment. Get in touch for sound and practical advice

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