

# GIBBONS

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### Howard at sea: Kefalonia

I made mention in my last column of the sudden death of Rodney Burt and along with hundreds of you, I joined a very fitting celebration of his life at St Mary's Hadleigh. The following day was sadly the funeral of John Chisnall who many of you will know had developed his father's business to a successful building company in Hadleigh. I had worked with John on various matters. John was only a young man and it was terribly sad indeed



that in spite of the many sports that he undertook that he should have been struck by fatal illness. My sincere sympathies are with John's mother and father Heather and Maitland Chisnall and his family. St Mary's in Hadleigh was packed on both occasions. It struck me as a great pity that the Church has seen fit to get rid of many of its pews and replace them with lounge suites and a snooker table. To my mind the Church looked a mess. What a pity. Please do approach me with all your Conveyancing needs and take advantage of the 28 years of qualified property experience that I can offer – longer than any other property professional in Hadleigh. I always advise my letting Landlord clients not to take a deposit in view of the many complications that can arise if that deposit is not dealt with properly. A case this year called Superstrike has heightened those difficulties to the extent that a Landlord could end up in a position whereby the ability to recover possession could be compromised.

I had a lovely time during the Summer on holiday at a Villa in Kefalonia. I know that the island is the destination of choice for a number of my readers and in particular the Lord of the Manor of Polstead! As I was limited to a charter flight, my chauffeur Christof motored over a week earlier with the trunks, provisions and household staff Frank and Maria. I had glorious weather and was able to sit by an infinity pool in peaceful surroundings gazing out to sea with only the gong-gong of goats' bells to break the silence. The picture shows me in a motor launch that we took to sea one day. In spite of being able to swim off the vessel in soft and warm waters in the morning, the winds got up in the afternoon and I had to hang on to a rope to stay on board. My hat was left to the depths of the Ionian Sea.

As my pen was poised to sign off, dear readers, news reaches me that the Tesco application has been rejected. Undoubtedly there is much fighting still to come. I don't think that the people of Hadleigh want or need another supermarket and perhaps we should write to the Chairman of Tesco to tell him.

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