

GIBBONS

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Howard at the Office

Dear readers, it is strange how things happen. I was on the way to my hairdressers which is James Daniel at 20 High Street, Hadleigh (Tel. 01473 823616) who by the way takes a great deal of time and care and produces a very neat finish. I am a walking testament to James' work! This journey was only a few strides up the High Street and so I decided to take the air and to leave Frank, my chauffeur, behind.



My readers often approach me when I am out; they can't believe that I am real! Sure enough a gentleman stopped me and suggested that I may like to go to the Hadleigh Community Choir Concert in St Mary's Hadleigh the following evening. As the concert was of light music (a term that is no longer in common parlance) comprising many of the well known songs from World Wars 1 and 2, I thought that it would be "right up my street". Such a lot of work had gone into the occasion and I take my hat off to the Choir's Director, Simon Thompson for everything that he must have done. The accompanist was excellent and so was the opera singer Maggie Addison. There was a war time Jeep at the door. But I did not enjoy it as much as I should. The dreadful state of St Mary's did not help with next to no pews, old plastic chairs, clapped out lounge suites, pool tables and such like. We could have done without the comedian and I wished the large Choir (so well presented in black with light blue accessories) had projected its enthusiasm to the audience through a much larger sound.

Maria was delighted to find that Frank's pumpkins are enormous; in fact she can hardly manage them on her own. I know that some splendid soups will be on the menu for Halloween.

I have continued to be really busy with our conveyancing business. You may wish to give some thought as to how you hold property jointly whether as "beneficial joint tenants" where the property will pass to the survivor or as "tenants in common" where you will each have an individual share. The latter can make life more difficult for a body seeking to put a mortgage on a property against, say, nursing home fees. I have had various approaches from people who have had very difficult experiences when using "on line" conveyancing providers. Do use a local "high street" firm which can provide the service that you are expecting. A Lasting Power of Attorney is so important to have in place as many of you have found so do come to see me. There is something of a procedure involved but we can make that as straightforward as possible for you.

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