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### Howard at The Victoria and Albert Museum

Hello my dear readers. I had the opportunity to have a day in London. I probably have not spent any time in London since I moved to this part of the world some nineteen years ago. Frank, my chauffeur, delivered me to the Station at Colchester just after the commuters had taken flight. I went to Harrods and I saw a lot of posh cars. I passed the old offices of the firm that I was with for many years in Duke Street St James's. I went to the Victoria & Albert



Museum which was vast. I was looking at an old window frame there and when I read the plaque I was surprised to see that it had come from Hadleigh in Suffolk. In fact, the picture shows me standing in front of it. The window was Gothic and carved with elaborate Gothic tracery. Apparently, these windows would never have been glazed. The weather would have been kept out with shutters. The window frame was given to the museum by a Mr A H Fass. Perhaps one of my readers knows something about it? I was certainly very glad that I was not remaining in London and after a drink at Le Meridien Hotel in Piccadilly I returned to Suffolk.

I am looking for another Secretary so if you know of anyone then please advise. This would be a very interesting role for the right person.

It was very enjoyable to once again take part in the vintage car run from Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich to the seafront at Felixstowe. The event took place on Sunday, 7 May when some six hundred cars drove through the old roads to Felixstowe. It is always an experience to see so many well wishers lining the route but I felt that they were fewer this year. My passengers all have white gloves for the occasion. I have just returned from a lovely Rolls-Royce Rally that was held at Cranleigh School in Surrey. I had a wonderful evening at The Royal Hospital School at Holbrook when Peter Crompton Organist Emeritus and former Director of Music at the School gave a rousing recital. Do take the opportunity to go to the concerts given at the School as they are very good indeed. As I have mentioned previously, the organ is fantastically powerful. I know that money does require to be spent on the instrument and so there's an idea should you wish to make a bequest.

I have been very busy as always and I am grateful to my readers for their continuing instructions. Do telephone to discuss your proposals and if you are selling then speak to me at an early stage so that you can get yourself prepared.

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