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Howard at Hintlesham Hall Golf Club



Spring is here my dear readers. The clocks have gone forward and it is light in the evenings. I am glad that you all enjoyed my picture from The Galle Face Hotel in Sri Lanka. One of your number suggested that my astonishment could be expressed in the phrase

“Gosh! Buttered Parsnips are available here”. I am not sure that my senses come alive at the thought of parsnips generally; I may have been surprised at the sight of a courgette in Colombo. I know that some of you have been concerned that my chauffeur Frank’s gardening exploits may need attention. He has pruned his wisteria at entirely the wrong time of year and now risks frost bite in his buds; he may never recover from that. Well, Frank was taking a house guest and me for a cup of coffee at Hintlesham Hall only to find it was closed for a private function. We wafted by and arrived in the portals of the separately owned Hintlesham Hall Golf Club (Tel. 01473 652761). The proprietors are Debbie Roblin and her husband. Debbie and her staff looked after us in an exemplary fashion so much so that we returned for Sunday lunch and a mid week repast. The Golf Club is set in some 150 rolling acres and Debbie kindly drove me around the grounds and the course in a buggy. The picture shows Debbie and me in front of the vehicle. You can pop in for coffee and cakes, afternoon tea and excellent lunches or just a drink. Everything is wonderfully prepared and the staff are attentive and one is made to feel special. That is something that so many hotels and restaurants lack. Why not pop along and give it a try – tell Debbie that I sent you. There is an Easter Lunch on Sunday, 16 April and then a St George’s Day lunch on 23 April with The Three Chordettes entertaining. It really is a good place for a Wake if you should sadly have a funeral or on a brighter note, a wedding and you can even play a round first!

I received enormous interest in the position of my new Secretary. I am pleased to say that I have now appointed Alison Brown who has a wealth of legal experience. Whilst as I mentioned previously there is some expansion arriving in the Inheritance Tax nil rate band in the shape of an additional £100,000 allowance for a house left to children, the Government fees payable upon a probate application are to leap as from May when Estates up to £500,000 will attract a fee of £1,000 and up to £1 million a fee of £4,000. Do approach us in connection with your conveyancing needs. Support local business where you will receive good service and the benefit of vast experience all at a reasonable fee. So many of these on-line outfits dress up their charges to appear low but in fact they add-up to a figure greater than ours.

Happy Easter.

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