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Howard on top of The Shard

Hello my faithful flock as we head into June. I felt the glimpses of some better weather as I joined over 200 other classic cars on a run from Kelvedon to the Keep at Castle Hedingham which used to be the seat of the de Vere family. I forsook the services of my chauffeurs Frank and Christof and ventured to Gatwick by train to meet a friend who was returning from visiting some continental types in Europe. As I watched the passengers passing through arrivals, I was struck as to how mundane the whole business of air travel has become. The passengers were largely in their mid 20s, dragging the inevitable little case on wheels and dressed as I would should I be spending a little time with my gardener out in the grounds of the Gibbons' residence.

I had an exciting visit to London. Christof my chauffeur brought round my shiny black car and we departed at 6 in the evening for The Shard. Within a couple of hours I was being greeted at the front door of The Shard and shot up its 1016 feet in two successive lifts at 6 metres a second. The views that awaited me on the 72nd floor as I peered out from the some of the 11,000 glass panels in the building were fantastic; London was like a toy town laid out before me at all points North, South, West and East. There was HMS Belfast, London Bridge, St Paul's, the London Eye and so. As the day faded, the twinkling lights of London emerged and I enjoyed the view for over two hours. The tallest building in the world is presently Burj Khalifa in Dubai which is nearly three times as high as The Shard. Christof then drove me to the West End where I listened to some up and coming singers at the Show Off Piano Bar. As I purred back through Hadleigh High Street, you had all been asleep for quite some hours.

We have been exceedingly busy advising clients upon the sale and purchase of properties. On a purchase, the results of our enquiries and investigations culminate in a report and accompanying bible of the documents involved. Clients should then be placed to sign their contracts in readiness for the big day. One day you may wish that you had a Lasting Power of Attorney in place: give us a call. News reaches me of a Talents and Interests Weekend at St Mary's Church Hadleigh on 22/23 June. Local exhibitors will be demonstrating their skills. Telephone Joyce Willis 01473 823165 for details.

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