

GIBBONS

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Howard with Jill Gould of EACH and the famous grand piano

My dear readers: we all had a difficult time following the storm on Monday, 28 October. The winds brought down several big trees in the grounds of the Gibbons' residence and my gardener Gustav has been working around the clock to clear up the mess. A number of you were without power for several days and it may be some consolation for you to know that I suffered with you. A super curry had been prepared and frozen for a dinner party on the Saturday following the storm and fortunately the curry was still frozen solid when power was resumed. Frank was driving me along the High Street one day during November and I spied a grand piano in the window of EACH the classy new retail outlet in Hadleigh of East Anglian Children's Hospice. The piano was for sale and looked really glamorous in the window. Jill Gould, the manager of the shop, allowed me to play the piano and I popped-in from time to time to entertain the shoppers. EACH, the piano and I found ourselves on Radio Suffolk before the 9 o'clock news one morning and then we were pictured in the East Anglian Daily Times. I gather from Frank that there was even a short piece about the piano in The Sun. It was all very exciting. What a good cause. Why not ask me to make your Will and include a gift (whether large or small) to EACH. What a good thing to do for Christmas.

On a plane recently, I found myself sitting next to a writer from New York who was on his way to address a literary festival in Lyon. I told him of my column and that I had recently spoken to the Hadleigh Wives' Group affiliated to St Mary's Church and I had ended with a musical rendition on my keyboard. It became apparent from my talk with Hadleigh Wives that there are a number of you who have titles to their properties which are not registered at the Land Registry. Do let me attend to a voluntary registration in order that titles cannot get lost. The property market is bubbling. When instructing a solicitor apart from being interested in the fee that is charged you should also consider the service that you will receive. We have a reputation for good service. It makes a difference that you can telephone and speak to me as opposed to an internet type firm where you would find it difficult to get hold of the person handling your work or indeed anyone at all.

Happy Christmas, Howard Gibbons

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