

GIBBONS

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Howard and Brenda on board M V Black Watch



I am so lucky that every day Maria has a meal prepared for me which I enjoy in the Great Hall at the Gibbons' residence. Apparently, TV suppers are all the rage especially as one can now get a meal in a carton ready to be heated-up. Maria had a night off recently and so I bought a dinner from a Chinese restaurant that one could take away – everything was in tin foil boxes. I gather that the hoi poloi do this all the time but what fun.

Well in May trunks were packed and the household joined M V Black Watch at Harwich for a voyage to the Fjords. What a joy to be able to travel without flying which can

be such a strain on the arms. Frank brought the car round to the dockside where the Commodore greeted us but there were charabancs for owner-drivers and those arriving on the boat train. Our ship was in today's terms quite small at 30,000 tons but that enabled us to steam through Fjords surrounded by beautiful mountainous terrain with gushing waterfalls. I enjoyed a breathtaking trip on a train up a mountain at Flaam. We had a splendid time on board and the picture shows my mother Brenda and I en route to a formal night with the Captain. As always, we enjoyed wonderful cuisine and I passed many an hour in the swimming pool soaking up the sun that beamed down most of the time. It was quite eerie that it was still light as I stepped along the Promenade Deck at just before midnight. There were a number of local people on board including several of you my dear readers who kindly introduced themselves.

I think that the High Street is busier than it was in the depths of winter. Readers call me to say that prices in the High Street on many items are competitive. It seems to me that the Town is now more than adequately served with supermarkets. It would be quite preposterous that Tesco should be permitted. Take every opportunity to let your views be known. I believe that our clients find their visits to see us to be pleasurable. We always discuss all sorts of things as well as the business in hand. The local property market seems to be buoyant. You should not be tempted into entering peculiar arrangements to achieve a sale with a view to saving Stamp Duty Land Tax or assisting a Buyer to obtain a mortgage that he would not otherwise qualify to receive. These are not arrangements that we can entertain. Time and again I hear of people who do not have a Lasting Power of Attorney and upon losing capacity their affairs cannot be immediately managed. Why not ask us to prepare a Lasting Power of Attorney for you.

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