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Howard at Dee Ludlow's Hotel

My word my dear readers, things seem so much better with the arrival of the longer evenings and brighter weather. Many of you will remember Dee Ludlow who had Hintlesham Hall. In fact, I see from my archives that Dee featured in a photograph with me in my column as long ago as 2008. Dee disposed of her interest at Hintlesham and now has a hotel near Cheltenham. You will remember that I had been to the Cheltenham Races in March. I arranged to drop in to see Dee upon my return journey. Dee sends her regards to friends and colleagues in and about Hadleigh. Dee's Hotel is The Inn at Fossebridge Fosseway Stow Road Cheltenham GL54 3JS Tel. 01285 720721. The hotel is a 17th century Inn and found in four acres of gardens next to the River Coln. The hotel is in a lovely setting and also has some external suites; ideal for your chauffeur or staff that travel with you. There is plenty of parking. The picture shows me in the bar area where I had my dinner. Why not take a few days off to visit and to relax in the surrounding countryside. I know that Dee would be glad to see you.

Some of you will have heard me one morning on Radio Suffolk speaking about a classic car outing that I had organised. A party of fifty and some twenty Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars visited the Heritage Museum at RAF Wattisham and were lucky enough to be invited to the Officers' Mess for coffee. We went on to have the unbeatable fish and chips at The Brewer's Arms at Polstead (Tel. 01787 210441). We then went to see the amazing collection of Rolls-Royce limousines and hearses of funeral directors R Gwinnell & Sons (Tel. 01206 868585). One's last journey should surely be in a Rolls-Royce and few undertakers can offer that service. We closed the day with tea at The Saracen's Head at Newton Green (Tel. 01787 379036) where we had wonderful cakes and scones and tea in bone china cups.

We never have a dull moment at the office. We were terribly busy in the run-up to the increase in Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT). Now, if at the end of the day of a transaction one holds more than one property then the higher rates of SDLT are likely to apply. This is a matter that needs to be carefully considered at the outset of a purchase. You can check applicable rates on the HMRC SDLT calculator. We should be your first port of call if you are considering a sale or purchase. We can help you prepare for the conveyancing process. If you haven't made your Will then really you should. As I have mentioned previously a simple Will is better than no Will at all. Do contact us to arrange an appointment. The bedrock of the practice are those clients that come back to us time and again to seek practical advice and it is our pleasure to continue to assist.

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