



Property News - Fire

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Alarming Fire

On Wednesday evening the farm premises of Mr. J. Reynolds, of Inland Farm, situate opposite the Calley Arms Inn, had a most miraculous escape from destruction by fire. It appears that a child named Gibbs, 5 or 6 years of age, living on the farm, took up a lighted stick from the fire in the cottage and ran out and thrust it into the centre of a rick of bean straw, setting the whole on fire in an instant.

Fortunately the flames were seen at once by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Arman, and other neighbours, and they all worked with a will to prevent the spread of the flames. On one side of the bean straw, and close to it, there was a barn communicating with other buildings, and on the other side a straw rick, with a lot of loose keaving about the yard. Three wells of water were emptied, and by the use of sticks to beat out the flames, the fire was fortunately confined to the rick in which it broke out, the damage not much exceeding £5 which is covered by insurance in the Sun Fire Office. Had it not have been for the prompt assistance rendered thousands of pounds of property must have been sacrificed.

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