

"Sawbridgeworth at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>  
1897. Part of contents of bedroom destroyed by Fire.  
Cause of Fire unknown. The following Firemen attended.  
"Perry, Stacey, Pleasance and Chief Officer Riches"  
"signed Ralph Riches"

On the motion of Mr Riches seconded by Mr Bryan  
it was decided to send in a claim of 10/- to Miss  
Wallis for the services of the Firemen.

### Fire at Rowney Lodge

The Report of the Captain respecting this fire was  
also read.

"Called to a Fire at Rowney Lodge at 6.55 p.m.  
on Wednesday Jan 7 12<sup>th</sup> 1898. Stables & Barn containing  
one load of straw totally destroyed. part of roof and  
end of dwellinghouse damaged by Fire & water. Owner  
of Stables & Barn & dwellinghouse. Heyrick Anthony.  
"Greatestor Esq". Stanstead Abbots. Tenant of dwelling-  
house Charles Thear. Owner insured Office Royal.  
Cause of fire unknown. All the members of the  
Sawbridgeworth Fire Brigade (with engine) attended  
with one exception Chas Pegrum. <sup>who was unfortunately absent</sup> The Brigade left  
scene of Fire at 12 o'clock p.m. leaving in charge, Chas  
Thear, Wm Gregory, & Slaughter"

"signed Ralph Riches"  
"C. S F B"

"Mr W. Morris Secy."

It was unanimously decided that the following charges  
should be made against Mr. Greateore for the  
attendance of the Brigades viz.

8 Members of Brigade 6 hours each @ 1/-	£2. 8. 0
21 Outsiders for helping with pails @ 1/-	1. 1. 0