

# Parish News

## ***Baverstock***



During the thunder-storm on Thursday last, the lightning struck a barn in the village of Baverstock, and in an instant a whole range of buildings, including four barns, with a considerable quantity of unthrashed wheat in them, were in flames, and in the course of a very short time were reduced to ashes. Providentially, there was little or no wind, and the mischief did not spread beyond the farm-yard. Mr Smith, who occupies the farm, is insured in the Sun Fire-office. The lightning was terrific from five o'clock to half-past six, during which time the rain fell in torrents. Yesterday morning there was still a considerable fire in the mass of ruins; but by the continued exertions of the labourers and police, it was soon so far subdued as to remove all apprehension of further injury.

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