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## Disastrous Clifton Fire Ba

### OVER £1,000 DAMAGE

Evacuees and their families living there were forced to leave hurriedly when fire, which caused over £1,000 worth of damage, partially destroyed a large thatched house owned by Lady Denbigh, at Clifton, Deddington, on Friday afternoon.

The fire, believed to have been due to a defective chimney, spread rapidly and at one time threatened several neighbouring thatched cottages and a chapel, but the Deddington Brigade, under its Chief Officer, Mr. Stanley Hall, with the assistance of a trailer pump crew and an additional line of hose from Banbury, prevented its extension.

Water was pumped into a dam from which the Deddington Brigade had an ample supply for three branches and in the meantime, furniture and the evacuees' personal belongings were salvaged and removed to the lawns.

Fortunately, it was possible to confine the fire to one section of the house and the Banbury trailer pump crew returned to their station at 7.30 p.m., leaving Deddington to complete its extinction.

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