

ROSE LAWN,
KINGSGATE-ON-SEA,
BROADSTAIRS,
KENT.

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Dear Chapman,

Thanks for your letter. You are right: the high ground here kept us clear of trouble. Even the North Sea in its worst temper could not climb seventy-foot cliffs! Margate and Broadstairs have been rather severely knocked about: though nothing compared with what has happened in Essex. No worse damage here than a few palings down and the TV aerial looking a little tipsy. The wind rocked the house, reminding me of the bombs in London in the War time: a real hurricane. Now we are having a burst of sunshine after the storm.

Many thanks for the Bunter picture, which I am very glad to have. I believe you draw better than ever. You will be pleased to hear that the BB annual is now settled upon. I don't think any arrangements have been made so far about the pictures and I am putting it to Mr. Gerrard that the cover at least ought to be by your skilled hand. I get innumerable

letters asking "why Chapman isn't doing Bunter", and a whole host of readers would be pleased to see your name on Bunter pictures again.

Yes, you are right too about the hearty hospitality of the excellent Old Boys. Don't I wish that I were able to take advantage off it! It does irk one sometimes to be so solidly anchored! But I am very glad that you are able to get about so actively, and long may it continue.

Best of wishes, old boy.

Always yours sincerely,

Frank Richards