

~~Chalet des Courlis~~

~~Wimereux sur Mer.~~

Rose Lawn

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Kent.

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Dear Frank Snell,

Quite a pleasure to hear from you again. I had wondered once or twice whether you were still busy with bowls.

You seem to have been going through some vicissitudes, while I have been pottering on the even tenor of my way. I can quite understand how you missed Bideford, and felt rather like Ulysses about Ithaca. It is good news that you are now comfortably fixed in that delectable spot. It must be more than fifty years since I have seen Bideford, but don't I remember it! One of these days I hope they may give it a show on TV.--my only chance of ever seeing it again.

I am very glad to hear that Timo is still in the land of the living. Long may he wave!

Perhaps you have heard that our fat friend, Bunter, has been disporting himself on television of recent years? I have done about sixteen BB. plays, and hope to do some more. The Bunter books are still coming out twice a year, now published by Cassell's

Just at the moment I am up to the neck in a new one.

Yes, there have been sequels to "Jack of All Trades". Two new volumes have come out: "Jack's ~~st~~ the Lad", and "Jack of the Circu~~s~~s". I am expecting to see two more out some time this year. Mandeville's, the former publishers, are out of business, and "Jack" and "Tom Merry" are now published by Spring Books, Ltd. Spring House, Spring Place, London, N.W.5. They are published at 3/6, though for some reason impenetrable to me, they are marked 7/6. The forthcoming volumes will be called "Jack on his Own" and "Jack Goes South". Just when they will appear, however, I couldn't say: there is a lot of uncertainty in the publishing world.

I am very glad to hear that you are keeping well, and happy to state that the same applies to me, in spite of Father Time. In fact, I suspect that Father Time has forgotten me: and if that be so, I hope that nobody will remind him!

Kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Frank Richards