

Briar's Rock News

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Valiant Villagers Avert Disaster!

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It was an eventful night for Lighthouse keeper Harold Thomas and the local villagers in the usually sleepy town of Briar's Rock, when Mr Thomas accidentally smashed the lighthouse bulb, causing near disaster for an approaching ship.

It was around 10.15pm last night when lighthouse keeper Harold Thomas noticed the light flicker out of the lighthouse.

He immediately set about fixing the problem when disaster struck! As he carefully lifted the heavy glass bulb, he stumbled on his toolbox, and it smashed spectacularly onto the hard floor.

"It was at this point that I began to panic," explained Mr Thomas.

"The sea was plunged into darkness, and I knew that any approaching ships would struggle to see the rocks."

— His worst fears were confirmed when he heard the deafening sound of an incoming ship's engine.

"I ran hastily down the stairs, not even knowing what I was going to do," Mr Thomas continued.

When he opened the door he was surprised to see a sea of lights all around, and it was then that he noticed the faces of all of the villagers who had braved the elements to come to his rescue.

"I was totally overwhelmed by the kindness shown to me, and relieved that the ship avoided certain disaster.

The lighthouse has towered over the small town of Briar's Rock since 1855, and has helped to guide thousands of incoming ships ever since.

Local villager Peter Turner, who was there with his lantern last night said;

"We knew Harold was in trouble when the light suddenly went out and didn't come back on. When we heard the roar from the ship we had to act quickly, and we decided to all go to the lighthouse together with our lanterns. Luckily it worked out!"

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