



This is one of  
twenty  
“Tales from  
the  
Commons.”

## High Days and Holidays



Chislehurst Common has seen many happy occasions.

The Kentish Gazette, in June 1845, reported on a rural fair which was  
*“conducted with its usual spirit.”*



One of the first decisions of the Board, established under an Act of Parliament in 1888 to manage the Commons, was to allow the bonfire  
*“which has of late been burned in the Old Cock Pit”.*

Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee fell on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1887, and the Board agreed to let the Sports Committee hold the celebration sports on the Common. At their following meeting, the Board congratulated the Committee *“for their excellent management of the whole thing.”*

In 1902 permission was given for *“the usual arrangements”* for coconut throwing etc. at the Easter Fair, but later that year it was noted that licences would only be given to donkey proprietors for Bank Holidays.

**The Act that protects the Commons made no provision for funding.**

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