



January 1852

Fox Hunting

This is one of
twenty tales
in our
Midwinter
Miscellany



In the 19th Century, foxhunting was a popular sport in the area. Local groups met regularly. The West Kent Hounds, for example, met on Fridays at 10 am. at the Windmill on Chislehurst Common (at the top of Summer Hill).

In January 1852, the South Eastern Gazette reported on a day of ***“Brilliant Sport”*** for the Surrey Fox Hounds which began at Green Street Green. ***“Knowing the whereabouts of a fox that had afforded two good runs before”***, they set the hounds to find it.

“At length he broke cover and across the open country he went at a slashing pace, taking for Chislehurst Common, where he eluded the vigilance of his pursuers, and will be ready ere long for another gallop.”

Chislehurst Commons has responsibility for managing the 180 acres of local common land under an Act of Parliament.

The Act made no provision for funding.

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