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twenty tales  
in our  
Midwinter  
Miscellany



## Skating at Prickend



Newspapers record examples of cold winters when Prickend Pond became a skating rink.

Snow and ice caused problems in January 1917, but ***“London faced arctic conditions with characteristic good humour.”*** In fact, ***“on the ponds of Chislehurst Common skating by moonlight has been a popular form of recreation.”***

In December 1938, ***“A woman plunged into an icy pond and helped a constable to save three girls from drowning at Chislehurst, Kent.”*** They were skating when the ice gave way.

The local paper of January 1968 reported that, ***“local people had taken advantage of the cold spell to skate on the ponds, and on Saturday the area had been given a gay, Dickensian look.”***

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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