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A GREAT SUCCESS! CHAPEL ROW FAYRE LAUNCHED

After a wet and windy Friday, the skies cleared and bright sunshine beamed on the Chapel Row Fayre yesterday. This was to the great relief of all those who had put so much into the organisation of the event.

Although it was organised by Bucklebury Football Club, many villagers unconnected with the Club said it was good to see the Fayre back on the village green. They hoped it would now become an annual event with perhaps others in the village joining in, as in the former years of the Revels.

Of all the events, the Tug of War produced many surprises. The ladies and the children excelled themselves. It is invidious to single out any of the 25 stalls that occupied the perimeter of the field but, apart from the ever popular Tombola, the Coconut Shy and Spin the Wheel headed the list of popular attractions.

The criterion of popularity, however, is not where most money was won or lost, but was there enough enjoyment for young and old who turned up? The answer must be a definite yes.

The delight of the children on the pony rides, the excitement of the various sports and the relaxation of enjoying something to eat in the sunshine, provided by Barbecue, Refreshment Tent or Ice Cream Stall. Each stall and activity had its own special attraction.

All this was done at short notice, and many played their parts, but special thanks must go to Pat Mason. Thank you Pat!

25 Years at Village Shop

Next month, Reg and Janet Allum will be celebrating their being 25 years at the Chapel Row Post Office and Store. We send our congratulations to them on their long service to the people of the village.

Autumn Show

The Autumn Show of the Bucklebury and Marlston Horticultural Society is being held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday September 7th, starting at 2 p.m. Admission is free.



150 years of . . .

PUNCH

The famous humorist magazine Punch first made its appearance on the 17th July 1841, when Queen Victoria was on the throne. In spite of certain comments to the effect it is not as funny as it was, it is still going strong.

Many well known writers and personalities have worked for Punch over the years, including Miles Kington, Norman Thelwell, Michael Parkinson, Malcolm Muggeridge and Katharine Whitehorn. Roy Hattersley was a columnist for the magazine from 1979 to 1988.

The early cartoons were far more deferential than now. It was John Tenniel who introduced the satirical note with Lord Palmerston drawn as a butler, Lord John Russell as a jockey and Disraeli as a sphinx. He was eventually knighted for his work.

Margaret Thatcher was a gift for the cartoonist, and Punch represented her as Supermag, Maggie Antoinette and in blue swimwear as Miss Blackpool '89.

Probably one of the best Punch cartoonists was H.M. Bateman. His most notable work involved somebody making a social gaffe such as the Man who ate his lunch in the Royal Enclosure.

Unlike some other satirical magazines, Punch has rarely been malicious. Below is an example of the magazine's often topical style of humour.



"I've had enough. Tell the lady she can stuff her Milk Tray."