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## Super darts match to aid club

**T**ENTERDEN Youth Club is to benefit from a darts match to be played at the Ancient Borough public house tonight. The match will be no ordinary game, for four experts from Maidstone are the challengers and, during the past season, they have raised £350 for the KENT MESSENGER'S Old Folk's Coal Fund and for old people's holidays.

The match has been arranged by local turf accountant Jack Pocock, and Medway sports equipment dealer Gus Harris.

The visitors are George Simmonds, Alan Hayes, Peter Smith and former Kent and England cricketer, Fred Ridgway.

Mr. Pocock is supplying a special wooden board for the game and, when the match is finished, he will auction it. Again the proceeds will go to the Youth Club.

"The club," said Mr. Pocock this week, "is deserving of support. The young people have done a lot to help themselves, and I hope this will give them a little encouragement."

**P**ARTY of about 40 young French people attended the evening session of the Youth Club at Highbury Hall on Wednesday. They were staying at a camp at St. Mary's Bay on a visit arranged by the Kent Association of Boys' Clubs.

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## Locals beat the star darts team

**O**NLY twice in three years has Gus Harris's crack darts team been beaten, and the last occasion was on Friday when the four-man team accepted a challenge from the locals of This Ancient Borough, Tenterden.

The visitors, well known in and around Maidstone for their fund-raising activities for the KENT MESSENGER'S Old People's Coal Fund and Old People's Holiday Fund, consisted of Alan Hayes, George Simmons, Ted Martin, and Kent County and England cricketer Fred Ridgway.

Victors, all members of This Ancient Borough's dart team, were Tenterden and Maidstone footballer, Doug Gray, Frank Collins, Norman Ralph, and Walter Maskell.

The match was arranged by Mr. Jack Pocock, Tenterden bookmaker, who lives in

Maidstone, and Mr. Gus Harris, sports shop proprietor from Medway.

Present to watch were the Mayor and Mayoress of Tenterden, Ald. and Mrs. Noel Winter, and several members of the local youth club, for whose benefit the game was held. A cheque for £12 10s. was handed to Mrs. Winter, chairman of the youth club's adult committee, by Mr. Harris.

The special darts board provided for the match by Mr. Pocock was presented to the winning team.

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## Youth visits youth

**T**WENTY-five members of Tenterden Youth Club visited the Teen and Twenty Club at Tonbridge this week, the first of several away trips planned for the club. Some time in the future the club will be hosts to the Tonbridge people.

A dance is to be held at Highbury Hall on December 23, at which the Shades of Black group from Ashford will play.

Tenterden Youth Club