

Cart will depict town's history

TENTERDEN Youth Club is hoping for a record turnout at its second carnival and gala to be held on August Bank Holiday Monday. Among the attractions is a special cart painted with historical scenes.

The carnival will start at 1.30 p.m. with the floats leaving St. Michael's to travel along the main road to Tenterden where it will enter the recreation ground.

The aim is to pay off some of the debt still remaining on the youth club premises; it has been reduced from the original £7,000 to £4,000.

A challenge has been thrown out to alcomers for a tug-o'-war contest. Representing the youth club is Mr. Knight's team which will be defending a barrel of beer.

FASCINATING STORY

Research, design, and execution of the panel pictures on the youth club cart was in the hands of Mr. Malcolm Dunstall of Berkeley, Ashford Road, Tenterden.

The panels tell a fascinating story of the older days of the town. The name Tenetwarudenn, the original form of Tenterden is depicted by runes, the writing that was used before the Roman alphabet came to this country.

Another panel shows the half timbered house at Smallhythe famous as being the last home of well-known actress Ellen Terry who bought it in 1900 and died there in 1928.

Other panels show Tenterden Grammar School, The Wool Trade, The Cinque Ports, Iron Smelting and St. Mildred, St. Michael and St. John the Baptist.

New lease of life for an old farm cart

AN old farm cart will be given a new lease of life when it appears in a carnival procession at the end of this month to mark the start of Tenterden Youth Club's second Gala Day.

The cart has been restored from a near dilapidated state to one bordering on grandeur. Members of the club have been busy repairing the cart and Mr. Malcolm Dunstall, of Berkeley, Ashford Road, Tenterden, has designed and painted panel pictures depicting historical notes on the borough.

Mr. Dunstall, an expert on Anglo-Saxon language, has included in one panel the letters meaning Tenetwarudenn—the original form of Tenterden.

Other panels show the town's former connection with the wool trade, shipping, iron smelting and the Cinque Ports.

St. Mildred, St. Michael and St. John the Baptist are also represented as are William Caxton, the first English printer, and Ellen Terry, who died in Smallhythe in 1928.

Many other floats, including one which won for the youth club a first prize at the Rolvenden Gala, are expected to take part in a procession which will be headed by a 60-strong Army Cadet Force band from London.

Opening number

BANK Holiday celebrations for Tenterden Youth Club start tonight with a dance at Highbury Hall, the club's headquarters.

On Monday, the club's second annual gala day will take place on the Recreation Ground. A carnival procession headed by a 60-strong Army Cadet Force band from London, will set the ball rolling and included in the highlights of the day will be a tug-o'-war contest between teams from many parts of the county.

Money raised at the gala will go towards paying off money borrowed to build Highbury Hall.