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Youth club seeking men with pull

ARRANGEMENTS are almost completed for Tenterden Youth Club's Gala Day to be held on Bank Holiday Monday. The club is still looking for challengers for the eight-a-side tug-of-war competition.

The first event in the gala programme takes place tonight (Friday) with a dance at Highbury Hall.

Tenterden traders who have offered prizes for gala competitions are exhibiting notices in their shop windows.

When the winning tickets are known the shops will display the numbers which qualify for awards.

A cartload of history



A pannelled history of Tenterden contained in a horse-drawn cart is certain to cause a lot of interest at the Youth Club's Bank Holiday carnival and gala day later this month.

It is the work of 23-year-old student Malcolm Dunstall, of Berkeley, Ashford-road, Tenterden. In 11 attractively painted panels he puts over a great deal of information about the ancient borough.

They include iron smelting,

the wool trade, William Caxton, Ellen Terry, the old "Grammer Scole," the legend about Tenterden steeple and the Goodwin Sands, the three patron saints of the parish churches, and an illustration of Dickens' well-known description of Kent.

The cart was bought by the club and restored by some of the members, but all the credit for the panels goes to Malcolm, who was responsible for the research, design and execution.

It is intended that the cart will

bring up the rear of the carnival procession from St. Michaels. This will be led by a 60-strong Army Cadet Force band that has appeared in the Royal Tournament.

The procession, due to arrive at the Recreation Ground at 2 p.m. for the gala, will also include the club's model ship from the borough coat of arms, and it is hoped to get various floats from the town and district.

On the field there is to be a tug o war contest with a barrel

of beer as the prize. It will be generally a mobile effort with a treasure hunt taken round the ground in a handcart, and lucky dips in pannier bags on ponies.

All the money raised will help reduce the £4,000 debt on the fine new club centre at Highbury Hall, built two years ago at a cost of about £7,000 from loans guaranteed by local people without official or other outside help.

Working on the float are, left Malcolm Dunstall, aged 23, Judy Edmonds, 16, and Stan Garlinge.

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