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Tenterden youth gala provides a good day's fun

EXCELLENT weather conditions, and a crowd of well over 1,000, combined to make Tenterden Youth Club's annual Gala Day a success on Monday. By Wednesday it was thought that a profit of over £300 had been made.

The day's fun began with a procession of floats from St. Michael's recreation ground, headed by an Army Cadet Force band from London, followed immediately by the Mayor and Mayoress of Tenterden, Cllr. and Mrs. Reuben Collison.

FLOATS

Among the floats entered for the procession was a model of Mr. Leonard's Linen House, High Street, which was later to win the tableaux competition, with entries by Mace Stores, and a Toy Town Train entered by Benenden Chest Hospital, as runners-up.

Organisers of the procession were a little disappointed at the number of floats entered for the procession, but nonetheless the outcome was a colourful affair which attracted hundreds of spectators along the route from St. Michael's to Tenterden Recreation Ground.

Once the procession arrived at the recreation ground, the Mayor welcomed everyone who had come for the Bank Holiday festivities. He also urged people to spend as much money as they could afford, and told them that although funds raised were to go toward the youth club's building fund, it would be misleading to think that only the club would benefit.

FOR OLD PEOPLE

"Highbury Hall," he said, "is now being used by the old people of the town, too, and in the near future it is hoped that the clubrooms will be open four times a week for the use of elderly people. It is also planned that, sometime in the near future, it will be possible to serve hot meals for them in Highbury Hall."

The Mayor and Mayoress, and other people who had contributed to the gala, were thanked by Dr. Hugh Gompertz, chairman of the Youth Club's Adult Committee.

Most of the town's various organisations subscribed in some way to the event. Many



EVERYBODY connected with Tenterden Gala put a big effort into making it a success, and that includes these donkeys who were busy giving children rides all afternoon.

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