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Engines only are barred

ENGINES are the only items barred from the carnival procession to open Tenterden Youth Club's Bank Holiday Fair in the recreation ground next month.

Decorated carts, toys, prams, bicycles, even lawnmowers, are definitely in. It is hoped a large array of them will be moving off from Elmfield.

"It leaves plenty of scope for the imagination and will enable every household to take part," said Mr. Bob Matthews, the youth club leader.

Prizes will also be awarded for TV-inspired fancy dress for children under 12.

A new feature of the fair will be a garden centre, selling plants, produce and sundries given by local people. With various other stalls and sideshows and a push-ball competition the fair is likely to surpass last year's figure of £350.

"It is growing all the time and we are learning from past mistakes," said Mr. Matthews.

All the money will help pay for Highbury Hall, used by the youth club and by others not so young, for which nearly £3,000 of the original £7,000 is still outstanding.

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Holiday fair for Tenterden

A **MOTLEY** motorcade and fancy-dress parade should catch Tenterden Bank Holiday crowds on the hop as it streams on to the recreation ground in two weeks' time.

And as it passes through East Cross it will give a cordial invitation to everyone in the town to come and join in the fun of the Youth Club's annual Bank Holiday Fair.

Arrangements are well in hand to make the event even more of a success than last year, when it raised £350 for the club, leader Mr. Bob Matthews revealed this week.

NEW IDEA

A new idea is to hold a garden centre, where all manner of plants, seeds and produce will be on sale, donated by local people. There will be a push-ball competition, a wide range of stalls and sideshows, and a competition to pick the best out of the fancy dress and motorcade entries when the initial parade is over.

These competitions will be open to everyone in the town — the only condition is that the decorated vehicles in the motorcade, which could be anything from a lawn-mower to a haycart, must not have an engine. "But this still gives everyone plenty of scope to use their imagination," said Mr. Matthews. "And it means that every household in the town will have a chance to take part."

The parade to the recreation ground, which will open the fair, will start at 2 o'clock from Elmfield. The fancy dress competition is limited to children up to 12 years old.

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