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Youth leaders see how it is done

VISIT TO TONBRIDGE CLUB

THREE members of Tenterden Youth Club's Management Committee — Dr. Hugh Gompertz and Mr. G. Miller (founders) and Mrs. Noel Winter — went to see how the Tonbridge Teen and Twenty Club runs its affairs, on Thursday of last week.

The Tonbridge club has proved a highly successful venture over 30 years and now has 260 members. Tenterden Youth Club is just over three months old and has 120 members.

"We were very impressed with the way things were done and the number of activities they run. We got plenty of ideas of how to run the club at Tenterden," said Mr. Miller last weekend.

Contact between the two clubs was established through the county youth organisation and the Tenterden officials went to Tonbridge by invitation of the Teen and Twenty Club leader, Mr. Les Scott.

Judo lessons begin

"He is a wonderful leader. We can't praise him enough," said Mr. Miller. "They have a fine spirit over there."

The Tenterden visitors saw members enjoying judo and wrestling, basketball and bar billiards and were impressed by the fact the Tonbridge youngsters run a monthly dance and carry on many outside activities.

At Tenterden it is hoped to begin judo lessons this month. After three months of organisation the special judo mat should arrive soon, and Mr. Lockhead of Biddenden has offered to give instruction. He is the holder of a brown belt.

Wrestlers' visit

The Tenterden club is also considering organising activities with other youth clubs and has ideas for regular dances. Mr. Miller said a bar billiards table similar to the one that has proved successful at Tonbridge would be valuable to his club.

He thought that on the whole the Tenterden club could copy most of the Tonbridge club's activities. Basketball might be arranged at Homewood School in Tenterden.

Meanwhile the link between the two clubs was further forged on Wednesday night, when a team of Tonbridge wrestlers gave a demonstration at Tenterden Drill Hall where the club meets.



THE THREE MEMBERS of the adult committee of Tenterden Youth Club (from right): Mrs. E. M. Winter, Mr. G. Miller and Dr. H. Gompertz, pictured with the Teen and Twenty Youth Club leader, Mr. L. Scott (extreme left).