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Tenterden Topic

TRIBUTE should be paid to the anonymous volunteer band of helpers who tidied up the Recreation Ground after the Youth Club Gala on Monday.

At 5 p.m. the ground was alive with stalls, competitions, crowds of happy adults and children doing all the things that crowds on a Bank Holiday do.

At 6 p.m. the first tiddlers-up were moving across the grass picking up the bulky bits of litter. By 8 p.m. there was not a single piece of paper or tin foil to be seen.

Only those who have had the job of cleaning up after a big crowd, however well-behaved, has passed that way, know how much is involved in this.

The organisers of the gala say they never had to organise this cleaning up operation. It just happens that at the right moment someone begins the job and everyone joins in as they get free from their personal responsibilities.

Which is another good example the Youth Club and their senior friends are setting us.

Sun saves the gala

TWO hours after the organisers of the third Tenterden Youth Club gala feared they faced a disaster on Monday, the sun shone and instead they had another great success. Final figures are expected to show a profit of about £380.

Once again, all the organisation in the town came in to help. For much of Sunday, in the showers, stalls were put up. On Monday morning the rain came down even more heavily but just in time to dry the worst off the grass, the sun shone brightly.

Opening the gala, the Mayor, Cllr. Reuben Collison, said it was a fine thing to see young and

elderly people working together as they did in Tenterden.

Popular

One of the most popular attractions this year was the Scout Ensemble Plus band.

This group was started by the Scouts for "Gang Shows" but the girls demanded inclusion and new members were recruited from the Guides. Still more came from outside these organisations.

At a recent Canterbury festival, they took honours in competition with other groups of up to 60 in strength.

The leader is Keith Balkham, accordion, leading guitar, Terry Moore, leading violin, Linda Healey, pianist, Maureen Feaver,

who on Monday played a glockenspiel, and other members are Martin Preston, guitar, Colin Feaver, glockenspiel, Vivien Leigh, Graham Lucker, and Miss Roughton (violins).

Competition results. Fancy dress: Children (TV theme) — 1 Sonia Happer, "Save the Tiger", 2 Julie Hyatt (8) "Fry's Turkish Delight", 3 Tracy Hyatt (5) "Save the Tiger".

Groups: — 1 St. Michael's Girl Guides "Raggle Taggle Gypsies", 2 1st and 2nd Tenterden Brownies "Old Woman in a Shoe", 3 2nd Cub Scouts "The Pied Piper of Hamelin".

Highest score, darts — J. Mannering (114); skittles — G. Walter (188); lucky programme 520 (can be claimed at the Youth Club); bowling for a

chicken — Mr. Irish, Appledore Road, Tenterden; treasure island — Janet Flischer; teddy bear draw — Brian Muston.

Main draw — picnic set, Mrs. M. Head, 23, Marshalls Land, Tenterden, Handbag, Mrs. J. Ruck, 132, Bury Road, S.E.22. Double blanket, Martin Gompertz, Elmfield, Tenterden. Garden chair, Mrs. K. Bartlett, 33, Shrubcote.

Garden tray, Miss M. Johnstone, 6, Marshalls Land. Thermos flask, R. M. Chadwick, 16, Wayside Avenue, St. Michael's, Bowl, R. Edwards, Churchfields, Ashford Road. Three bottles of beer, W. Willett, Tenterden.

During the afternoon, six teams took part in a KENT MESSENGER pushball competition.

Tenterden Youth Club