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THE MAYOR and Mayoress of Tenterden Cr. and Mrs. Reuben Collison chat to Janet Milligan during the judging of the fancy dress competition at the Tenterden gala day on Monday. (More pictures on Page Six)

Gala gives club a £370 boost

THE cuddliest sight at Tenterden's gala day on Monday was a yearling donkey carrying a teddy bear nearly half his size. Teddy was to be won in a competition—Oliver, the donkey, was not.

Oliver and his mother, Nina—who was advertising the lucky dip—were led by their owners, 11-year-old twin sisters Jane and Caroline Stewart, of Boundary Cottage, Tenterden.

It was Oliver's first public appearance, but Nina is quite used to crowds—she has won a first and second in donkey derbys this year.

The fair was opened by Tenterden's Mayor, Mr. Reuben Collison. He thanked all those, especially the youth, who worked hard for the gala. He told the crowds that the new youth club building—which is also to be shared by the older people's clubs—is nearly complete. The afternoon boosted club funds by around £370 and an estimated 1,200 people flocked to the recreation

ground.

The Mayor and Mrs. Collison judged the fancy dress competitions. In a close battle the St. Michael's Girl Guides, as the Rag and Taggle Gipsies, just pipped the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe and her family, in the group competition.

The 1st and 2nd Tenterden Brownies were the family, and in third place were the 2nd Tenterden Cubs as Pied Piper.

The judges decided the single entrants all deserved a prize. First went to Sonia Happe as Save the Tiger; Turkish Delight and Julie Hyatt came second, and her younger sister, Tracy, was awarded third prize as a little tiger.

TIPPED OUT

It was not only the youngsters who were catered for. Attempting to Tip the Lady out of the Bed were nearly all the men at the gala. The brave young ladies taking turns in the "hot seat" were Rosemary Best, aged 14, of 35 Castweazle, Tenterden, Sylvia Hat-

cher, 11, of 38 The Bungalows, Rolvenden, and ten-year-old Diane Burden, of 14 Shrubcote, Tenterden. They were joined for a short while by 14-year-old Elizabeth Tyson, and mini-skirted Margaret Collins, aged 16.

TREASURE ISLAND

There was a coconut shy, hoop-la, and other sideshows. Even the army was there, with a camouflaged jeep and guns for the boys to play with.

Better than the usual square of sand for treasure hunts was the treasure island made by Mrs. E. Winter, of 27 Ashford Road, and Julia Walker, of Grange Cottage, Wayside, St. Michael's. They took an afternoon to make the island of moss, and flowers.

A huge dragon, built by Alan Garlinge, of Pittlesden, Tenterden, welcomed all arrivals with fiery smoke billowing from its nose. It was ingeniously made, with blue scales on its body, papier-mache head, and a "body" between its teeth. Alan, who hid inside the dragon working the "smoke," now hopes to exhibit it at other shows.

Tenterden Youth Club