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Helpers wanted for youth club

MEMBERSHIP of Tenterden Youth Club rose to a new peak last year when 160 youngsters from the town and surrounding villages enrolled, youth leader Mr. Bob Matthews told the club's annual meeting last week.

But with its increased size, the club is facing a growing problem — lack of voluntary helpers.

The whole of the club's adult advisory committee, presided over by Dr. Hugh Gompertz, issued a strong plea to anybody in the area willing to give up time in helping to run the club for one of its three weekly sessions.

"If only people could come along for, say, a couple of hours a fortnight it would be a great help," said Dr. Gompertz.

In his report Mr. Matthews said that club activities were now wider than ever before, and now even included gliding. Treasurer Mr. Leslie Gordon was able to report that only £2,867 was left to pay of the original debt of £7,000 for building the Highbury Hall headquarters.

Dr. Hugh Gompertz was elected the club's first president at the meeting, with Mr. Don Miller filling his previous position as chairman of the adult advisory committee.