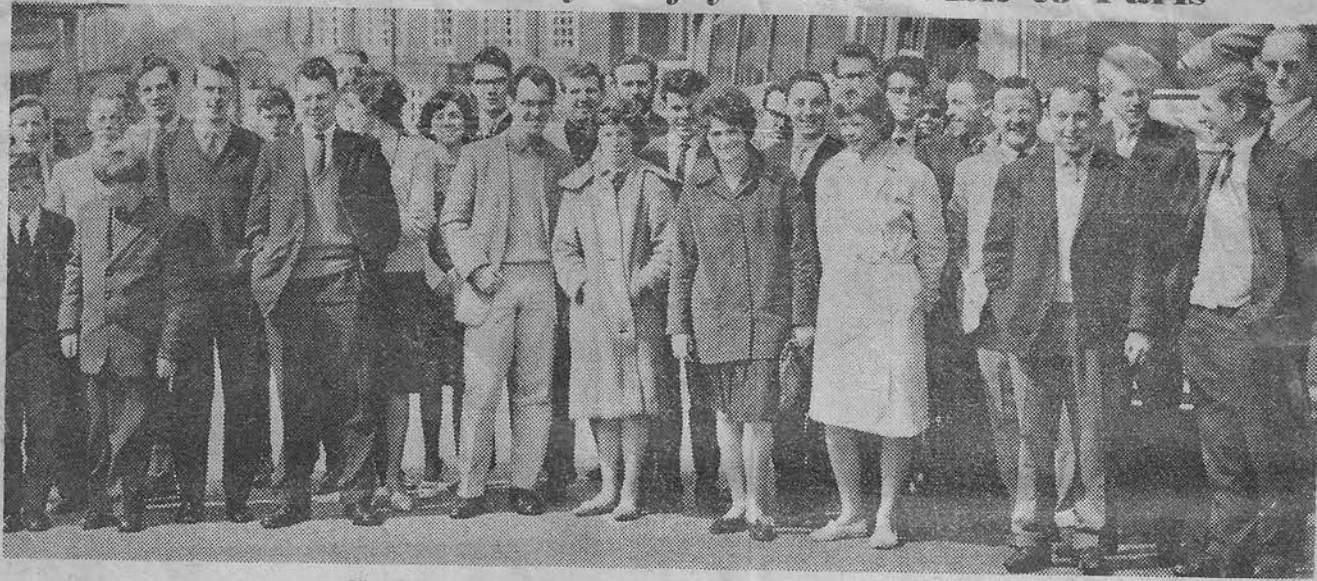


# Hastings Sports Party Enjoy Easter Visit to Paris



Members of the party just before their departure for Paris.

## HOLIDAY-TIME THIEVES ACTIVE

Thieves were active in Hastings over the Easter holiday and the police were called to investigate three offences.

Three of the automatic coffee vending machines in the shelters on White Rock Promenade were broken open and a large quantity of sixpences was stolen.

While the occupiers were out a thief broke into 484, Bexhill-road, St. Leonards, and stole jewellery and other property worth about £22.

The display window of Currys, Ltd., in Queen's-road, Hastings, was smashed and a car radio, a tape recorder and a portable radio set, valued together at about £50, were stolen.

## Hastings Spiritualist Brotherhood

Miss Lilian Davies conducted the service at the Hastings Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, Baldslow-road, on Sunday, and spoke on the Resurrection. She said that the times today were like those of Jesus. Many lived in unbelief, just content with earthly pleasures and wealth.

Some considered the after life, after Jesus had spoken about it, as a sort of fairy story, and many sects of that day preached that death was the end of life, and saw in Jesus an enemy of their pet theories (writes a correspondent).

So today, they had the same effect, and they as Spiritualists must go on preaching and doing what Jesus did. They must educate the masses, to think, on higher thoughts, and so build up a new world as it were, where people could live in peace and understanding.

Miss Davies said that as Spiritualists they were a universal body that could unite with all religious thought, to worship God in brotherly love, for all had some truth in themselves, and Spiritualists quarrelled with none.

The beliefs of Spiritualists were based on truth and the discovery of God's laws, that could be applied to their daily lives. They had in their ranks all types—some investigators, clergy of various denominations, actors, medical folk and many famous names.

A party of 40 local sportsmen and their supporters from the Old Histonians' Football Club, the Hastings Judo Club and the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club spent an enjoyable Easter week-end in Paris as the guests of the Union Sportive Argenteuilaise.

The French club visited Hastings last Easter, and both visits were so successful that an annual event, similar to the Dordrecht exchange, now seems to be well established.

Arriving in the early hours of Saturday morning after a delayed journey, the party were met by their hosts and escorted to the homes where they were to stay. On Saturday the U.S.A. arranged a day coach tour of Paris and Versailles, and the judo competition was held in the evening.

### JUDO BOUTS

The visitors were well beaten by 52 points to one, with three bouts drawn, but apart from an unfortunate accident, in which F. Burgess dislocated a shoulder and spent a night in hospital before rejoining the party with his arm in plaster, the competition was enjoyed by all.

Results were,—Juniors: T. Bamberges (3rd Dan), won, 1 point; C. Lane (2nd Dan), lost; Girls: S. Maylam (yellow), lost; S. Rosewell (white), lost. Men: F. Burgess (green), lost; K. Brooks (blue), lost; R. Evans (blue) lost, 2 point; T. Croombes (brown), draw; S. Wisdom (1st Dan), draw; P. Walker (2nd Dan), draw.

On Sunday afternoon the football match was played, and the Old Boys, with two players unwell, lost 4-1.

They started well, however, taking the lead after five minutes when Cole scored following a good movement down the right wing. The Old Boys retained this lead until just before half-time, when the U.S.A. equalised.

In the second half the superior fitness and ball-control of the Frenchmen was more in evidence, and despite some fine diving saves by Chris Martin in goal which had the crowd applauding, they added three more goals.

Before the match the two captains exchanged goodwill tokens, and Brian Brightbill, the Old Boys' captain, received a huge bouquet of flowers.

In the evening the whole party was entertained to a social and meal, and a truly international flavour was added to the occasion

by the presence of a party from the Royal Sporting Club Anderlectois, from Brussels, who competed against the U.S.A. in an athletics match.

Later the visitors were taken on a tour of Paris by night, stopping at Montmartre to try the traditional onion soup.

### CYCLE RACE

While the main body of the party left Argenteuil on Monday morning for the return journey, the Cycling Club members remained to take part in a 20-lap international race at Poutoux.

Up against some top-class amateur opposition, they found stomach trouble to be their worst enemy, but the iron-constituted Bob French and Lynn Chambers were well up among the leaders until French came to grief on the cobbles in the 15th lap, and was forced to retire.

All agreed, however, that a great deal was learned in the club's first Continental event.

After the race the cyclists entrained for Calais, where they joined the rest of the party for the last stage of the journey home.

## Boy Stole Radio Set from Parked Car

For stealing a transistor radio set from the back seat of a car, a 14-year-old schoolboy was at Hastings Juvenile Court on Thursday sent to a remand home for a fortnight to enable further inquiries to be made.

Chief Inspector K. Huntly said a man had left his car in Woodland Vale-road, St. Leonards, with the radio in the back seat. He locked the front door, but the lock on the back door was broken. He later found the radio was missing.

Interviewed at his home by P.C. Williams, the boy admitted the offence.

## Hit by Cricket Ball

John Berry (6), of Parkfield-road, Hollington, was struck over his left eye by a cricket ball on Tuesday and was taken to the Royal East Sussex Hospital for treatment.

At Hastings Magistrates' Court on Thursday, Stephen Norman Hibbert was sworn in as a Special Constable.

## Boy Drove Away Motor Scooters

A 15-year-old Hastings boy who drove away two motor scooters without the owners' permission was fined £10 for each offence and disqualified for 2½ years at Hastings Juvenile Court on Thursday.

Chief Inspector K. Huntly said Mr. J. Watson parked his motor scooter in Priory-street, and went into the Billiard Hall. When he returned his scooter was gone. His machine was later found abandoned.

Another man left his scooter at the rear of some shop premises and when he returned he found it had gone.

P.C. Cowan saw the youth riding the scooter up Mount Pleasant-road. He was having difficulties with the engine and stalled it. P.C. Cowan questioned the boy and he gave a false age, name and address. He was taken to the Central Police Station for further questioning.

In a statement the boy said that since the end of March he had taken five other motor scooters and motor cycles and he asked for these cases to be taken into consideration.

## Women's Co-operative Guild

The continued good attendance at the weekly meetings shows members' appreciation of the varied programmes (writes a correspondent).

The business and reports afternoon provided some very interesting matters for discussion, especially the report on the Southern Sectional Conference, which was attended by 236 delegates representing 126 organisations.

The branch President, Mrs. Sargent, was the delegate and gave a full and interesting report.

Mrs. Tassel and Miss Glibbeny also spoke on meetings they had attended on our behalf.

The following week the speakers were Miss H. V. Gelston-Davey, chairman of the local branch of the United Nations Association, and Miss Hayes.

Progressive games were a new venture for a social afternoon and caused plenty of amusement.