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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

In times of uncertainty like the present it is more important than ever that we have at least a week of carefree fun to look forward to which we can all participate in without having to travel to far off places.

My co-Chairman, John Davidson and I have been privileged once again to be able to present a carefully planned programme which has been devised by a dedicated team of volunteers who have been meeting on a regular basis since last year's Gala to pool their resources and motivate the community to rally round for another great event.

As well as being the festive community event of the year it is also the time when we involve our holiday makers in all of our activities. The programme has been designed to suit all ages and tastes and given the fortune of sunshine and blue skies we are assured of a memorable week.

This year the innovation of the Gala Information Shop will act as a focal point to find answers to any questions not covered in this programme. It will also act as a handy point to obtain function tickets, prize draw tickets and your own personal torch for the Torchlight Procession.

Congratulations go to Gala Queen Helen Watson who will carry the Gatehouse of Fleet smile everywhere she goes. She will be in the good company of her attendants Diane Patterson & Ashley Flannigan with pages Ruaridh Hesketh and Greig Taylor.

To get the full flavour of Gala fever please endeavour to participate in as many functions and activities as possible. If we see you happy—you will make us happy!

Joint Chairmen H. Holmes and J. Davidson

Pictured alongside Gala Queen, Helen Watson, are her attendants—top to FRONT COVER: bottom: 1st. Attendant Diane Patterson and 2nd. Attendant Ashley Flannigan. Crown Bearer Ruaridh Hesketh and Speechmaker Greig Taylor.

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MONDAY 2nd, AUGUST

10.30 am. GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on the Fleet Visitor Centre. No charge. Easy stroll.

Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx 1 hour.

11am. LIFEBOAT DEMONSTRATION DAY at Sandgreen and Mossyard beaches. In aid of R.N.L.I. and Fleet Bay Inshore Rescue Service.

Co-ordinated by H.M. Coastguard who will give a running commentary. Starts with a sail-past by a flotilla of power boats and local craft.

11.30am. RESCUE DISPLAY (same locations) by the Kirkcudbright Atlantic 21, the Fleet Bay Inshore Rescue Craft (based at Mossyard), the Portwilliam Inshore Rescue Craft, and helicopter from H.M.S. Gannet.

12.30am. DINGHY RACE around the bay, and POLICE DOG DISPLAY on Sandgreen beach.

REFRESHMENTS available at both beaches.

 MISS GATEHOUSE and her attendants will visit Woodlyn and the Senior Citizens Party.

GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST - courtesy of Forest Enterprise.
 Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue

entrance gates. Watch the weather and dress suitably.. Guide: Roy White. Duration time: Approx 1 hour.

5.30pm. THE PUPPET SHOW in the Community Centre. Presentation by Mrs Van Delden Paterson of Kirkcudbright. Children invited to bring mum or dad or come with adult to this event. Admission 50p. per person.

THE ANNUAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS in Blackloch Field (adjacent to Dromore Road, opposite the Fire Station). Competitors, including members of the International Team, compete for the Gala Association Trophy. An interesting event for all the family to witness the skilled and expert masters at work with a disobedient flock of sheep. Organised by Alec McNichol. Live commentary, Admission 50p.



6.30pm. MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE - within Fleet Forest. Organised by Cally Venture Scouts. Various age groups. Assemble in Garries Park. Helmets advisable. Entry Fee 50p.

7.30pm. GATEHOUSE SINGERS GALA CONCERT - School Hall. well known songs from the Gatehouse Singers together with several entertaining contributions from some of their younger friends. Admission £1.50. Children 50p.

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GATEHOUSE GALA FUN RUN

The "Roon the Watter" run will be held again as part of the town's Gala Week.

A six-mile run starting 6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd. August. The start and finish is at Gatehouse Community Centre.

There are Challenge Shields for 1st Male and for 1st Female overall, medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Male and for 1st Female in each group, a trophy for 1st local (permanent resident in Anwoth and Girthon parishes) in each group and a commemorative medal for all finishers.

Entry fee is £1.00 for the junior groups and £2.00 for the senior groups. This should be sent with completed entry forms and enclosing an 8" x 10" s.a.e. to Gayle Macnamara, 8 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet or telephone (0557) 814594, by 21st. July but late entries will be accepted on the day.

"Roon the Watter" Entry Form

Tick which group you are entering:

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10.30 am GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill

> on the Fleet Visitor Centre. No charge, Easy stroll. Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx 1 hour.

2.30pm CHILDRENS' PARTY in the Community Centre. All children invited. local and visitors alike, but must be 9 years old or under. Organisers: Dawn McIntyre and Samantha Thompson.



6,30pm THE GREAT ANNUAL FUN RUN - 'Roon the Watter'.

Full details on opposite page. A great family event.



A SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE in the Gatehouse School Hall. 8pm

> Music by the Elm Bank Scottish Country Dance Band. Tickets £3: can be reserved by telephoning (0557) 814278.

BINGO in the Community Centre. Admission 30p. 8pm

Caller Allan Campbell.

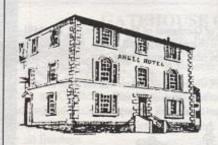
HIDDEN OBJECT SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

Entry forms at 20p. each from Mrs Fergusson's shop (Drapers on High Street.)

The hidden objects are to be found in retail shop windows in the town. A card in the window will indicate that there is a hidden object and a number on the card will help you place the answer on the form.

Please return completed forms to Mrs. Fergusson by 4pm on Friday 6th. August. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Gala Day, Saturday 7th. August in Garries Park.

DO return your form, even if it is incomplete—you may still be a winner



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CHILDRENS' COLOURING COMPETITION. Girls and boys aged five to thirteen years are invited to obtain picture from Mrs. Fergusson (High Street Drapers Shop) and return it coloured-in to Mrs. Fergusson by 4pm. on Friday 6th. August. Prizes for 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 7th. August. Entry 20p. each.

CHILDRENS' PAINTING COMPETITION organised and sponsored by The MILL on the FLEET Visitor Centre. Entry forms may be obtained at The Mill reception desk.

Tickets for the GRAND DRAW are on sale throughout the Town and will be available at all our functions during Gala Week. They will also be on sale at the GALA INFORMATION SHOP or STAND in Garries Park on Gala Day

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10.30am. GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill

on the Fleet Visitor Centre. No charge. East stroll. Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx 1 hour.

2.30pm GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST - courtesy of Forest Enterprise.

Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue

entrance gates. Watch the weather and dress suitably... Guide: Roy White. Duration time: Approx 1 hour.

6.15pm DISPLAY of MODEL AIRCRAFT and MODEL CARS by courtesy of

Newton Stewart Radio Model Club in Garries Park.

Followed by a display by Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band and

Highland Dancers at 7pm approx. Collection for Funds.

Commentator: George McCulloch.

(The Pipe Band and Dancing display will take place in the Community

Centre if weather is wet.)

6.30pm ANNUAL GREEN BOWLING TOURNAMENT. Access to Bowling Green via, Garries Park or Ann Street. Bowling visitors are welcome to

join in and play for the Bobby Telfer Memorial Ttrophy which will be

presented by MISS GATEHOUSE.

9pm - 1am BANGERS & BEER DISCO in marquee in Garries Park.

Hot snacks on sale. Entry FREE. CASH BAR.

10.00pm. THE GREAT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION Starting from the

Community Centre Car Park where torches will be on sale at £1.20 cach.. Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band will lead the procession to Garries Park. SPECIAL NOTE: There is NO entry to Garries Park via Fleetvale Car Park or Angel Hotel ground. For safety reasons all torch bearers must stay in the procession. FIREWORKS DISPLAY and

BONFIRE in GARRIES PARK.

ENTRY TICKET

GATEHOUSE GALA

BABY SHOW

SATURDAY 7th. August

2.30 pm

in

GARRIES PARK

(If wet, in the Community Centre) ENTRY TICKET

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3.00pm Auto Test 3-30pm Pet Show 6.30pm Songs of Praise

Football - Junior Five-a-Side 6.30pm

9.00pm Beach Party

MONDAY 2nd.

10.30am Walking tour - Around town 11.00am Lifeboat Demonstration

11.30am Rescue Display 12.30pm Dinghy Race

2.30pm Walking Tour - Fleet Forest

5.30pm Puppet Show 6.00pm Sheep Dog Trials 6.00pm Mountain Bike Race

7.30pm Concert - Gatehouse Singers

TUESDAY 3rd.

10.30am Walking Tour - Around Town 2.30pm Children's Party

6.30pm Fun Run

8.00pm Dance - Scottish Country

8.00pm Bingo

WEDNESDAY 4th.

10.30am Walking Tour - Around Town 2.30pm Walking Tour - Fleet Forest 6.15pm Display - Model Aircraft & Cars

Pipe Band & Highland Dancers Green Bowling Tournament Bangers & Beer Open Air Disco Torchlight Procession 6.30pm 9.00pm

10.00pm Fireworks and Bonfire

GALA EVENTS

THURSDAY 5th.

10.30am Walking Tour - Around Town 4.30pm Golf Tournament

Pram. Barrow & Kart Race 6.30pm 7.00pm Walkers' Rally 9.00pm Folk Concert

FRIDAY 6th.

10.30am Walking Tour - Around Town

10.30am Produce Stall

2.30pm Walking Tour - Fleet Forest Football - Senior Five-a-Side 6.30pm

7.00pm Disco - Junior

10.30pm Dance - Holiday Princess Selection

SATURDAY 7th.

1.15pm Grand Parade GALA DAY ACTIVITIES:

Pipe Bands & Highland Dancing

Fun Fair & Side Shows Clay Pigeon Shooting

Tug O'War & Pillow Fighting

2.30pm Baby Show Competition Childrens' Sports & Games 3.00pm

Nobbly Knees Competition 3.20pm Competition Results

4.00pm 4.15pm Grand Prize Draw

8.00pm Cabaret & Dancing

SUNDAY 8th.

3.20pm Raft Race 3.00pm Barbecue

Car Treasure Hunt 4.30pm

Rafters' Dance 9.00pm

The GALA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1993



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Co-Chairman JOHN DAVIDSON

> Secretary JIM KERR

Treasurer JIMMY DENT

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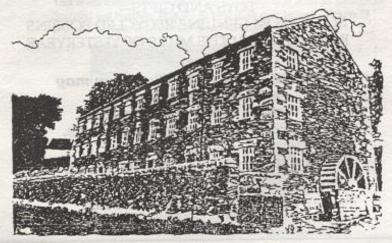
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A visitor Centre based on a restored

18th century cotton mill, the Mill on the Fleet
is a new attraction which opened to visitors in August
1991. There are two rebuilt water-wheels outside, while inside the
permanent exhibition tells the fascinating story of Gatehouse of
Fleet from its founding in the 1760's. The story is told through
sight and sound, for which the 'hard hat' is an important accessory.

The theme then widens to include the whole of Galloway, and visitors can enjoy a 'magical mystery tour' through the medium of the audio-visual production on the first floor. Other exhibits can be seen, before returning to the ground floor to browse through the shop, or to enjoy the home-baking in the tea-room. In fine weather tea can be taken outside on the riverside terrace

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THURSDAY 5th. AUGUST

10.30am GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on the Fleet Visitor Centre. No charge. Easy stroll.

Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx 1 hour.

- 4.30pm GOLF TOURNAMENT at Gatehouse Golf Club, run over nine holes.

 If no official handiegn is known the Gatehouse Club system will apply
- If no official handicap is known, the Gatehouse Club system will apply.
- 6.30pm PRAM, BARROW or KART RACE in FANCY DRESS. Entry is strictly limited to holders of the Official Gala Programme. All competing pairs start in the Community Centre Car Park.

First group 14 years and under: Run to The Shop on High Street, where Jim and Anna Kerr will serve them a refreshing drink before returning to Anwoth Hotel corner for the finish.

Second group 15 years and over: Follow same route.

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- (B) BEST PAIR IN FANCY DRESS
- (C) FASTEST VEHICLE

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- 7pm WALKERS' RALLY commencing at Community Centre and finishing around 8.30pm at Scout Hall in Digby Street. Light refreshments served in Scout Hall. £1 Entry Fee. Prizes for locals and visitors. Organised by Gatehouse Scout Group.
- 9pm FOLK CONCERT featuring Runt o' The Litter in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. This much sought after broadcasting group appear at festivals throughout Scotland and Northern England as well as all over Ireland. Tickets £3 available at Gala Information Shop—2 High Street.



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FRIDAY 6th. AUGUST

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on the Fleet Visitor Centre. No charge, Easy stroll. Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx 1 hour.

PRODUCE STALL in Victoria Street for Abbeyfield Stewartry 10.30am

Society, Woodlyn House.

GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST - courtesy of Forest Enterprise. 2.30pm

Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue entrance gates. Watch the weather and dress suitably...

Guide: Roy White. Duration time: Approx 1 hour.

6.30pm SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL in Garries Park.

Entry fee £5 per team. Sponsored by Fleet Star Football Club.



JUNIOR DISCO in the Community Centre. Noky's Disco. 7pm-9pm

No admission charge. Soft drinks sales stall.

10.30pm-'THE HOLIDAY PRINCESS SELECTION DANCE' midnight

The 1993 Holiday Princess will be selected from the young ladies on holiday in the district. The newly chosen Holiday Princess will be invited to assist in the judging of the foot entrants in the Fancy Dress Parade the following day-Saturday 7th. August-GALA DAY.

Admission to the dance £2.50. Tickets available at Gala Information

Shop - 2 High Street. Licensed Bar at dance.



FLOAT DECORATORS' REFUGE

A limited amount of under-cover accommodation has kindly been made available in the former Anwoth Garage premises (Campbells) by courtesy of Jim and Helen Stewart and could be helpful to those decorating floats for entry in the parade (also prams, bogies and rafts.)



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Class D ADULTS Decorated Bicycles and Prams

Judging will be by the 'Dunky Dobbers' assisted by the Holiday Princess

1.15pm The GRAND PARADE moves off en-route to Garries Park, led by the KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT PIPE BAND, GALA QUEEN '93 HELEN WATSON heads the parade followed by the new HOLIDAY PRINCESS and celebrity guests 'THE DUNKY DOBBERS' (Michelle Holmes and Sue Devaney), NEWTON STEWART MAJORETTES, DUMFRIES PIPE BAND, STAR-LITE MAJORETTES, the DECORATED VEHICLES and FANCY DRESS PEDESTRIANS.

> The continual programme all afternoon in GARRIES PARK will include PEPE BAND DISPLAYS, HIGHLAND DANCING, DUMFRIES THISTLE COUNTRY DANCERS, MAJORETTE

> PRESENTATIONS, GRAND PRIZE DRAW, STALLS and SIDE SHOWS, CANDY FLOSS, ROUNDABOUTS, COMPETITIONS and MASSED PIPE BANDS.

SPECIAL EVENTS: LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING TUG o' WAR sponsored by ANGEL HOTEL

PILLOWFIGHTING sponsored by MASONIC ARMS INN

2.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee (Organised and served by the ladies of Gatehouse Womens' Rural Institute.)

Licensed Bar in Marquee. Head barman 'Noky'.

2.30pm BABY SHOW COMPETITION. All babies up to two years of age are welcome to enter. Mums and friends accompanying babies require to show

> their official Gala Programme as an entry fee. CHILDRENS' SPORTS, GAMES and BOYS' CYCLE RACE,

organised by Rob Thompson.

3pm

3.20pm GENTS NOBBLY KNEES Competition for a bottle of Grouse Whisky sponsored by Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Judging by 'The Dunky Dobbers'.

4pm COMPETITION RESULTS: (a) Hidden Objects in Shop Windows

(d) Colouring Competition (b) Childrens' Painting

(c) Bonny Baby Picture (e) Baby Show

4.15pm GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place.

Gala Day Commentators: George McCulloch and Jim McDowall 60's DANCE and CABARET SHOW featuring 'The Dunky Dobbers'

8pmmidnight in BANK O' FLEET HOTEL where advance tickets are available at

£3 each. Music for dancing by Bobby Swan.



SUNDAY 8th. AUGUST

2.45pm

Assembly time at PORT MACADAM for the start of The GREAT RIVER FLEET RAFT RACE

Kindly sponsored by the Anwoth Hotel

NOTE: A prompt start is essential as the river is tidal. Entries must be crewed and ready to start by 3.20pm. All rafts to be decorated.

ENTRY FEE: £1 per RAFT (no punts)

Prizes awarded for:- FASTEST LADIES RAFT FASTEST MENS' RAFT BEST DECORATED RAFT

The course is from PORT MACADAM under FLEET BRIDGE.

A balloon will be given to each entry. NOT to be blown before the start of the race. Balloons must be put in the net at ANWOTH HOTEL GARDENS at the finish.

Buoyancy aids must be worn—car inner tubes or water wings if lifejackets not available.

NOTE: All rafts to be removed from the river immediately after the race to safe position away from children and then removed completely

3pm-5pm

RAFTERS' CELEBRATION BARBECUE in Anwoth Hotel
Garden - everyone welcome. No admission charge. TUG O' WAR

for men, ladies and children.

4.30pm

CAR TREASURE HUNT. All entrants to assemble at the COMMUNITY CENTRE by 4.20pm. Cars will leave at approximately 2 minute intervals. £4 per car (including light refreshments). Prizes for 1st., 2nd., and 3rd., also a BOOB Y prize!

9PM midnight THE RAFTERS' DANCE in Bank O' Fleet Hotel. Admission Free. 60's and Popular Music and Song by Brian Grey.

The GALA FINALE THANK YOU DANCE.

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