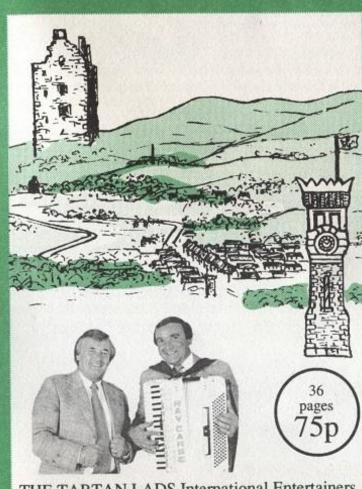
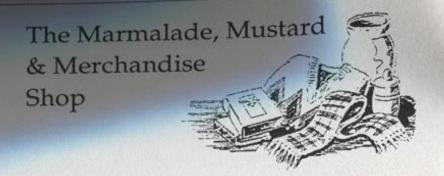
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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The continuance of an annual programme of summer celebrations in small towns like Gatehouse of Fleet hangs in the balance from year to year and is dependent upon two main ingredients—an assurance of public desire to support it and the advent of a willing group of volunteers to organise and run it. Happily here in Gatehouse of Fleet the ingredients are available yet again and an impressive programme has been cooked up over the winter period for presentation at the end of July.

The Gala Association are mindful that many of the summer visitors cannot be here for the main Gala programme and have therefore increased the size and content of this annual publication to draw the attention of visitors to the ongoing attractions of Gatehouse of Fleet all summer through. The annual outdoor attractions speak for themselves but the advent of more indoor facilities enables visitors to be entertained on the occasional day when the weather is delivering 'liquid sunshine'. The little list is now impressive ranging from the Mill on The Fleet Visitor Centre, the Museum of Victorian Galloway Life, The Art Gallery, the 15th. Century Cardoness Castle, through to the Aquarium.

Visitors outwith the Gala week should check with the local Tourist Information Centre about what is happening during their visit or ring them in advance on (0557) 814212.

My Co-Charman John Davidson and I are privileged once again to be able to present a carefully planned and varied programme of events and are grateful to all the advertisers in this publication who have given us the means of communicating the list of activities planned for all to enjoy. Finally a diary date for you to tell others - the 1995 Gala is to be from Sunday 30th. July to Sunday 6th. August and it will be a programme for all the family and specially geared up to play its part in Gatehouse of Fleet's Bi-Centenary Year.

Joint Chairmen H. Holmes and J. Davidson

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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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#### SANDGREEN - an appreciation

Contributed by CHRISTINE E. DUNLOP

Coming west from England on the A75 you can speed straight on, turn right to Gatehouse of Fleet or take a turn down the Sandgreen road and pass peacefully through the beautiful countryside for a couple of miles until you meet the sea -the sight of all the caravans amongst the golden gorse - it's then I really feel at home.

#### OLD JOCK'S SHACK

Over the past thirtyfive years my family have had a caravan at Sandgreen. Coming first with my parents in a tourer, we stayed near the wall. There was no Warden's House then. The "shop" was milk and bread only sold by Old Jock from the little shack near to the old mail box on the main drive through.

#### THE FIRST DINGHY

Then my husband joined us - by now the Warden had changed and the shop was down by the shore, selling newspapers and beach clothes too! We saw the first dinghy in the bay. It had a red sail and caused much excitement! One by one our three daughters arrived and our tourer was too small. So we moved to a static caravan near to the Triangle. The site was expanding and there were many more dinghies and even some speed boats and skiers.

My girls loved the beach, the shells, rockpools and paddling in the sunshine plus digging in the sand.

#### BEN JOHN SUNSETS

The years passed by and we all went swimming, crabbing off the rocks, walking on the points and up the Cally Road with the dog, or over to the Murray and Ardwall Isles at very low tides - then watching the sun setting over Ben John.

The Family left home, one by one, but still migrate back to the caravan; and this week (in May 1994) as the sun shone and the wind blew hard off the shore it was perfect for my son-in-law to go windsurfing at high speed up and down the estuary. We all enjoy this paradise for birdwatching, painting and photography plus the little trips down to Gatchouse of Fleet for shopping and hospitality.

#### JUST PERFECT

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> Christine E. Dunlop Stance 49, Sandgreen.

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Page (2nd.below) PHILIP CROTHERS
Attendant (Bottom left) MICHELLE CRANE
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The "GATEHOUSE" Gallery - colourful new picture sales display New for 1994 - another indoor facility for those seeking out a special painting, watercolour or print. Wide selection and price range. All exhibits are carefully selected and tastefully framed at the Framing Centre in Gatehouse of Fleet, and it too is well worth a visit. The GALLERY in Ann Street near the Town Clock is housed in the famous 'gait house', the first house built in Gatehouse of Fleet. Open every day from 10am to 6pm. No admission charge.

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11am - 5pm CRAFT FAIR in the Community Centre. In aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Admission Adults 50p. Children under 14 years free.

11am - 1pm The local committee of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund will serve :-COFFEE and biscuits in the Community Centre. Adults 60p., children under 14 years 30p.

1.30pm RECITAL in Ann Street by Creetown Prize Silver Band under the baton of Mr. J.S. MacNab.

2pm - 5pm AFTERNOON TEAS - In the Community Centre. Great value at £1.20 for adults and 75p. for children under 14 years. Do come and give your support at these events and help a very worthwhile cause.

GALA WEEK OPENING CEREMONY - featuring alternating performances by Stewartry Pipe Band and Creetown Prize Silver Band. Official Piper W.J.C. Cowie (of Galloway).

Crowning of Gala Queen Veronica Kelly by special guest to be announced. Piper Billy will lead Gala Queen Veronica to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's attendants are 1st. Michelle Crane and 2nd. Hannah Raine with page boys Crown Bearer Callum Wilson and Speech Maker Philip Crothers. Display by Kay Alexander's Highland Dancers. Following the ceremony the Pipe Band and newly crowned queen will proceed to visit the Craft Fair and

3.00pm AUTO TEST in Fleetvale Car Park (next to the Tourist Information Centre) sponsored by Galloway Country Style. Note: Car Park closed from 1.30 onwards. Commentator Jim McDowall

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SONGS OF PRAISE in Girthon Parish Church with Canon Broun, Father Farrington, and the Rev. Erskine leading the praise with Kirkcudbright Hand Bell Ringers (Stewartry Team.) The Hand Bell Ringers will give a special performance for thirty minutes before Songs of Praise starts at 6.30pm, so you are invited to come early.

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#### MONDAY 1st. 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.

MISS GATEHOUSE and her attendants will visit Woodlyn and the 2.45pm. Senior Citizens Party.

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.

THE PUPPET SHOW in the Community Centre by Mrs Van 3.30pm. Delden Paterson of Kirkcudbright. Children are invited to bring Mum or Dad or an adult to this event (unaccompanied children are not allowed). Admission 50p. per person.

6.00pm. 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. Commentary by George McCulloch. Admission 50p. Printed programme available in advance from Gala Shop.

PET SHOW with Cup Trophy for 'Best in Show'. All pet owners 6.30pm. holding an official Gala Souvenir Programme are eligible to enter their pets and should arrive in good time to have their pets settled ready for judging at the Community Centre Car Park . There will be many

different classes. The winner of the Cup Trophy for the "Best in Show" will hold this for one year.

GATEHOUSE SINGERS GALA CONCERT - School Hall -7.30pm. Well known songs from the Gatehouse Singers.

#### Alec McNichol at home with three faithfuls all collies - left to right: SHIEL, MIRK and LADDIE



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MONDAY

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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. The six-mile run is on Tuesday 2nd. August, starting and finishing at Gatehouse Community Centre. Start 6.30pm.

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. NOTE: This event does not hold a S.A.F. permit.

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 27th. July but late entries will be accepted on the day, up to 6pm.

#### "Roon the Watter" **Entry Form**

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CHILDRENS' PARTY in the Community Centre. All children invited, 2.30pm

> local and visitors alike, but must be 9 years old or under. Organisers: Dawn McIntvre and Samantha Thompson.



THE GREAT ANNUAL FUN RUN - 'Roon the Watter'. 6.30pm

> Full details on opposite page. A great family event. NOTE: This event does not have a S.A.F. permit.



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

> 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 25p. 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 5th. August. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Gala Day, Saturday 6th. August in Garries Park.

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

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#### SUNDAY 31st JULY **Shore Fishing Competition** All day Craft Fair 11.00am Coffee Morning Silver Band Recital 11.00am 1.30pm 2.00pm Afternoon Teas Opening Ceremony Pipe Band & Highland Dancing CROWNING of GALA QUEEN 2.00pm 3-30pm Football - Junior Five-a-Side

6.00pm

	MONDAY 1st. AUGUST.
10.30am	Walking Tour - Around town
2.30pm	Walking Tour - Fleet Forest
3.30pm	Puppet Show
6.00pm	Sheep Dog Trials
6.30pm	Pet Show
7.30pm	Concert - Gatehouse Singers

	TUESDAY 2nd
10.30am	Walking Tour - Around Town
2.30pm	Children's Party
6.30pm	Fun Run
8.00pm	Dance - Scottish Country
8.00pm	Bingo

	WEDNESDAY 3rd.
10.30am	Walking Tour - Around Town
2.30pm	Walking Tour - Fleet Forest
6.15pm	Display - Model Aircraft & Cars
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6.30pm	Green Bowling Tournament
9.00pm	Bangers & Beer Open Air Disco
10.00pm	Torchlight Procession
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	10.30am	Walking Tour - Around Town
	4.30pm	Golf Tournament
	6.00pm	Pram, Barrow & Kart Race
	7.00pm	Walkers' Rally
	7.30pm	Pipe Band Display
	9.00pm	Folk Concert
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	SATURDAY 6th.
1.15pm	Grand Parade
	GALA DAY ACTIVITIES:
	Pipe Bands & Highland Dancing
	Fun Fair & Side Shows
	Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery
	Tug O'War & Pillow Fighting
2.00pm	Childrens' Sports & Games
2.30pm	Baby Show Competition
3.00pm	Tartan Lads Cabaret Show
4.00pm	Competition Results
4.15pm	Grand Prize Draw
8.00pm	Cabaret & Dancing
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	SUNDAY 7th.
12 noon	Raft Race
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2.00pm	Auto Test
2.00pm	Duck Race
4.30pm	Car Treasure Hunt
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Guide: Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx I 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 £1.50 each. 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.

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SATURDAY 6th. August

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GOLF TOURNAMENT at Gatehouse Golf Club, run over nine holes.
If no official handicap is known, the Gatehouse Club system will apply.
PRAM, BARROW or KART RACE in FANCY DRESS.
(Note the new easy route this year!)
Entrants should assemble at 6pm for judging and must be in possession of an Official Gala programme. All competing pairs assemble at
Community Centre Car Park.
ROUTE: Round the outer road of Riverbank and Fleetside anti-clockwise and finish back at the Community Centre.
GROUP 1 — 14 years and under
GROUP 2 — 15 years and over
Cups will be awarded to the three winners in each group - these to
be held for one year. (Miniature trophies also awarded for keeps.)
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(B) BEST PAIR IN FANCY DRESS
(C) FASTEST VEHICLE
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WALKERS' RALLY commencing and finishing at Community Centre
Entry fee £1.25 including light refreshments. Prizes for locals and visitors.
Display by STEWARTRY PIPE BAND stopping for performances at various points on High Street between Anwoth Hotel and Town Clock
areas

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9pm FUNCTION IN MILL ON THE FLEET: Details to be announced - ask at Gala Shop, 2 High Street or see posters.

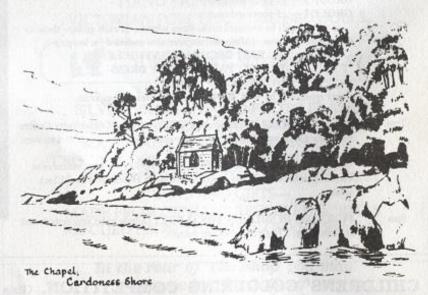
CHILDRENS' COLOURING COMPETITION. Girls and boys aged five to thirteen years are invited to abtain picture from Mrs. Fergusson (High Street Drapers Shop) and return it coloured-in to Mrs. Fergusson by 4pm. on Friday 5th. August. Prizes for 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 6th. August. Entry 25p. each.

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ALL WELCOME.

#### FRIDAY 5th, AUGUST

midnight

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.

10.30am PRODUCE STALL in Victoria Street for Abbeyfield Stewartry

Society, Woodlyn House.

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 I hour.

6.30pm SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL in Garries Park. Entry fee £5 per team. Sponsored by Fleet Star Football Club.



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

No admission charge. Soft drinks sales stall.

10.30pm- 'THE HOLIDAY PRINCESS SELECTION DANCE'

The 1994 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 6th. August-GALA DAY.

Admission to the dance £2.50. Tickets available at Gala Information Shop - 2 High Street. Licensed Bar at dance.



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#### SATURDAY 6th. AUGUST GALA DAY

The GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY in Road next to Gatehouse School 12.30pm

> FLOATS: Class 1: HOTEL & BUSINESS ENTRIES

Class 2: ALL OTHER ENTRIES

FOOT Class A. CHILDRENS' FANCY DRESS ENTRANTS Class B. ADULTS' FANCY DRESS

(Classes A and B can be single, pairs or groups)

Class C CHILDRENS' Decorated Bicycles and Prams Class D ADULTS Decorated Bicycles and Prams

Judging will be by the Tartan Lads assisted by the Holiday Princess

1.15pm The GRAND PARADE moves off en-route to Garries Park, led by GALA QUEEN '94 VERONICA KELLY followed by the new HOLIDAY PRINCESS and celebrity guests THE TARTAN LADS, KIRKCUD- BRIGHT & DISTRICT PIPE BAND & STEWARTRY PIPE BAND, NEWTON STEWART MAJORETTES, STAR-LITE MAJORETTES, the DECORATED VEHICLES and FANCY DRESS PEDESTRIANS.

> The continual programme all afternoon in GARRIES PARK will include PIPE 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.

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2.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee (Organised and served by the

ladics 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.

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

(b) Childrens' Painting (d) Colouring Competition

(e) Baby Show 4.15pm GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place.

Gala Day Commentators: George McCulloch and Jim McDowall

9pm-60's DANCE and CABARET SHOW in Bank o'Fleet Hotel featuring midnight Jesse Garron. Tickets £3 each. Music for dancing to be announced.

# The Mill on the Fleet

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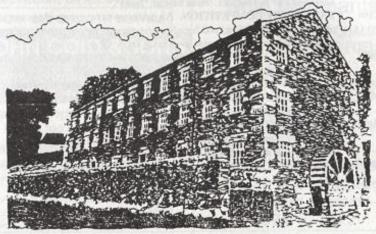
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A visitor Centre based on a restored

18th century cotton mill, the Mill on the Fleet
opened to visitors in August 1991. There are two rebuilt waterwheels 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, including the 'Wee Toon', a model of Gatehouse as it was c. 1800, 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.

The Mill is open from the end of March to the beginning of November, daily, and at any time for a booked party. There is an admission charge for the exhibition, but entry to the shop and tea-room is free.



#### SUNDAY 7th. AUGUST

12 noon

## 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 12.30pm. All rafts to be decorated.

ENTRY FEE: £1 per RAFT (no punts)

Prizes awarded for:- FASTEST LADIES RAFT
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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

2.00pm SPONSORED RIVER FLEET DUCK RACE

2.00pm RAFTERS' CELEBRATION BARBECUE on grass at rear of information centre - everyone welcome. No admission charge, TUG O' WAR for men, ladies and children.

2.00pm AUTO TEST in Fleetvale Car Park (next to the Fourist Information Centre) sponsored by Galloway Country Style. Note: Car Park

closed from 1.30 onwards. Commentator Jim McDowall.

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 BOOBY prize!

THE RAFTERS' DANCE in Bank O' Fleet Hotel.

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## .....the great survivors

by James Finlay, local farmer



he dry stone walls, or dykes as they are perversely called in Scotland, are a work of art.

Well built and maintained they can survive two hundred years and give the landscape a special character as well as supplying shelter and enclosure for stock from a natural and local material. A stretch of dyke between Girthon Kirk and Rainton farm on the Sandgreen road is worthy of examination. These dykes were built by a famous dyking family called Farmer, who were employed on an hourly basis rather than the yardage payment. This allowed them time to produce the best examples of their craft. It requires 3/4 of a ton of stone per yard and this was usually quarried from a nearby outcrop of rock.

The bold throughbands protruding every yard are especially difficult to find, as they have to be nearly two feet long to tie the doubling together. The coping stones along the top are specially chosen and laid with great skill to give a secure and strong top. Anyone wishing to study a cross section of dyke can examine the demonstration dyke opposite Fleuchlarg on the Murrayton road. Note the 'hearting' with each stone 'doing its duty by its neighbour - the key to long life.

There is a Scottish saying -"If you use what you have you will never want" The raw material for the dry stone walls is gathered from the surrounding land, often lifted after cultivation of arable fields and the wide variety of 'whin' stones are incorporated to best adavntage for stability. The medium stones are built into the doubling above the foundations with small stones as hearting. The best biggish round stones can give a good finish as 'coping' stones along the top.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Visitors are welcome to witness the experts at work at the Boulder Dyke Competition at Lagghead on Saturday 30th. July. Details can be obtained in advance from the Stewartry Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association per Mrs. Wilkinson at Cally Estate Office, Gatehouse of Fleet. Tel: 0557 814361

GATEHOUS 1795 - 1995 FLEET Gatehouse of Fleet is the place to be in 1995 when a host of community celebrations are planned to celebrate the town's Bi-Centenary. The town's Charter was granted to James Murray of Broughton and Cally in 1795. Advance details from Bicentenary Committee Secretary, Helen Keating, Mosslade, Ann Street, Gatehouse of Fleet DG7 2HU. Tel. (0557) 814376

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MUSEUM OF GALLOWAY LIFE

#### "AS WE WERE"

On view at Rutherford Hall (The former Free Church of Scotland) GATEHOUSE OF FLEET



## Fleet Oakwoods Forest Trails

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The Forestry Commission acquired the land in 1933 and since then has continued the tradition of planting broadleaved species on these fertile soils. Nearly all the trees you will see are between 50 and 60 years of age and are only half-way to being mature trees. This particular section of the forest provides a vivid contrast to the large conifer plantations of the Southern Uplands, where the peaty soils tend to favour the growth of spruces and pines.

To assist you with the tree species identification as you walk round, occasional trees and shrubs have been 'name-tagged'.

With careful observation and a modicum of luck, you will be fortunate enough to see a wide variety of flora and fauna.



Likely floral sitings are wild iris, primroses, wood anemones, wood sorrel, bramble, celandine, stitchwort, snowdrop, bluebells and campion.

You will encounter a myriad of insects including many butterfly and moth species.

Animal species within the forest area include roe deer, red squirrels, hedgehogs, voles, rabbits, hares and foxes,

Bird species are also prolific and special mention must be made of buzzard, pheasant, woodpecker, tree creeper, warblers, finches and tit species.

Editor's Note: Further information available from Forest Enterprise, 21 King Street, CASTLE DOUGLAS DG7 1AA Tel: (0556) 503626.

#### NEWEST INDOOR TOURIST ATTRACTION

While in Gatehouse of Fleet be sure to visit the new Museum of Galloway Life, "As We Were." Located at Rutherford Hall, which was built as the town's Free Church of Scotland after the Disruption of 1843, the museum has won high praise since it opened in March this year.

The object of "As We Were" is to inform the present generations of a past the majority of us may be in danger of forgetting, or of not knowing.

The museum depicts everyday life 100 years ago by a series of tableau displays peopled by lifelike models in period dress, surrounded by the furniture and equipment they would have used.

Says proprietor Roger Hampshire: "One of our main reasons for establishing the museum is to educate in an entertaining way. This we feel we do very well indeed, and the response from visitors of all ages has been very encouraging."

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## A Local Initiative for a Great Cause worthy of your support.

The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund committee in Gatehouse of Fleet are legendary for their fund-raising efforts which make 'fund raising fun' and give good value. Some forthcoming events for your diary are:-

6-10 September: 'Showcase' from Edinburgh present 'Showcase on Broadway' in the Church Hill Theatre, Edinburgh. Tickets £7 in aid of CRMF. Special coach from Gatehouse to the Sat. 10th Sept. show with afternoon shopping time in Edinburgh. Modest coach fare is axtra.

Fri. 30 Sept—10am Great Coffee Morning - Girthon Church Hall.

Fri. 9 December—Murray Arms Hotel-Glen Alymer Scottish Dance Band. 8pm. Ticket £9 with excellent buffet.

NOTE: Details of all the above events from local committee secretary - Audrey Wright on (0557) 814278.



## TOP DOG!

Despite the name 'Tammy' this top dog is a girl - and she made her owner very happy when she carried off this trophy at the Pet Show in last year's Gala. Judging by Isabella Lake's proud smile and 'Tammy's' "nose in the air" pose it may as well have been a Champion at Crufts win!

It is hoped that by publishing this happy study of good friends we shall encourage pet owners who have not entered the contest before to come along.

After all, if Isabella's little girl with a boy's name can woo the judges perhaps your little friend can bring a proud smile to your face this Gala?

#### WALK THIS WAY

The starting point for the three principal trails through the Fleet Forest is the Murray Forest Centre near the main entrance to Cally Palace Hotel. Each route is colour coded - the white markers lead you along the INTERPRETIVE TRAIL which is one and a quarter miles. Blue is the colour for the MOTTE WALK, three quarter miles, and CORONATION WALK, which is two and a quarter miles long, has yellow markers.

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## Historic sites and Ancient Monuments in & around Gatehouse of Fleet



Compiled by: NIGEL G.F. HESKETH JP. Together with ordnance survey map references (sheet 83 Landranger series).

This is not intended to be a complete list, but it is the compiler's hope that your appetite for discovery may be whetted.

ANWOTH OLD CHURCH 583562. Site of church from 12C Samuel Rutherford's church. Table stone to covenanter John Bell in yard. Also Maxwell mausoleum.

ANWOTH OLD SCHOOL 582562. Opposite Old Church. BARHOLM CASTLE 521529. 16C Tower House on old main road.

BARHOLM SAW MILL 517533. Working water driven saw mill. Mill dam above

BIG WATER OF FLEET VIADUCT 558643. Line opened 1860, 20 arches, Piers reinforced with brick to carry the weight of American Army and equipment en route to D Day landings.

BISHOP'S PALACE (ENRICK) 614544. Site of residence of Bishop of Galloway.

BREWERY 599563. Opposite Angel Hotel.

BREWERY 602564. Ann Street, now garage for Roseville.

BOBBIN MILL 599563.

CAIRNHARROW 537569. Stone Circle.

CAIRNHOLY 517539. Chambered Cairn above Kirkdale Bridge off A75.

CALLY CASTLE 598554. Ruin of tower on old line of Fleet.

CALLY ESTATE OFFICE 601563, 18C school and hall.

CALLY MOTTE 607556. Mound and ditch of 12C castle in wood by Bush Bridge.

CAMPHILL ENRIG 619543, Hill fort above A75.

CARDONESS CASTLE 591553, 15C Tower above Fleet.

CARSLUITH CASTLE 495542, 15C Tower on A75, (Possibly Scott's 'Ellangowani)

CLOCKTOWER 601564. Built 1871 by public subscription.

COX'S LODGE 602563. Probably an early toll house at top of Ann Street.

CUSHAT WOOD 603562. Academy built by James Murray 1797/99.

DRILL HALL 600567, Girthon School until 1927.

GLENQUICKEN 509582. Stone circle south of Corse of Slakes Road.

GIRTHON OLD CHURCH 605533, Church site from 13C. Stone to covenanter Robert Lennox.

perhaps by Robert Paterson (Scott's 'Old Mortality').

HARPER'S HILL FORT 601573. Remains of rampart and ditch just inside tree line of Harper's field above Fleet Farm House.

KIRKDALE ICE HOUSE 516528. Recently re-erected beside A75 at Kirkdale Bridge.

MILL HOUSE 603564. Cotton factory, later saw mill

MILL MARK 567553, Abandoned farm steading by Skyre Burn.

MILN OF BARLAE 602573. Corn mill on main lade. Birthplace of John Faed.

PORT MACADAM 595557. Drystane harbour recently re-opened for pleasure craft. Remains of hull of first craft to enter Port of Liverpool under its own steam, semi-submerged in rushes slightly upstream.

ROMAN FORT 596574. On east bank of Fleet approx. half mile from Gatehouse. Late 1st.C fort discovered

from air 1949, Probably to guard ford on route from main camp Glenlochar to the west. Earth rampart and ditches are just discernable from ground.

RUSCO TOWER 585605, 15C tower of Gordons and Carsons, Recently renovated, Traditionally whence Scott's Young Lochinvar rode out of the West,

RUTHERFORD HALL 598562, 19C Free Church.

RUTHERFORD MONUMENT 587558. Granite obelisk erected c. 1842.

SKYREBURN MILL 567553. Corn mill on the Skyre Burn.

STANDING STONE 598574. In field beyond Girthon Cemetary.

TRUSTY'S HILL FORT 588561, Ramparts (some vitrification) and Pictish symbols (the De'ir's Specs.)

TANNERIES 599563, Above main car park. Tan pits in field by car park.

TEMPLE 606543, Gothic folly in Temple Wood.



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