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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The long hot summer of 1995 was most welcome and added greatly to the town's bicentenary year celebrations. A huge marquee which was planned months earlier for the big town picnic in Garries Park at the end of June last year just looked like part of the decor as the weather was so beautiful that no-one used it! Everyone enjoyed the benefits of the sunshine except the Gala treasurer. Ironically, one of the main areas of financing of the Gala week is derived from the indoor activities - and the good weather played havoc with the attendances. So some of the reserve funds have been dipped into. This, however, has not deterred the organising committee from coming forward with a full programme for 1996 which is laid out in detail in the pages of this publication.

Former chairman, Hamish Holmes JP, has still not regained full good health but he attends all meetings and gives advice in his new office of Honorary President. A good working committee with a number of new faces have planned the 1996 programme along with new Co-Chairman James (Noky) Watson and myself and along with some standby volunteer helpers everyone is ready for the "off" on Sunday 28th July. At the time of going to press some minor details of the programme are incomplete but these will be advertised on the posters in town. New for 1996 in town is the splendid footbridge over the Fleet which conveniently joins the grounds of the Mill on the Fleet with the young children's play area called Burgher Park. Fleet Star Football Club are rightly proud of their attractive new pavilion in Garries Park and Gatehouse Golf Club are more willing than ever to welcome visitors to their challenging 9 hole "course with a view".

There is a Robert Burns theme running through many activities in the town in 1996 as Scotland commemorates the bicentenary of his death in Dumfries in 1796. The Burns events are all detailed in a separate programme available from Tourist Information Centres. Gatehouse of Fleet's contribution to the Burns year is a new tableau and audio visual facility in Mill on the Fleet visitor centre.

Noky and I wish everyone a happy summer in Gatehouse of Fleet no matter whether you live here or are just visiting. Our thanks also to the local traders who support the Gala Association so well and make this publication possible and finally a big thankyou to the dedicated committee members who have given so much time all winter attending meetings.

Joint Chairmen; John Davidson and James (Noky) Watson.

FRONT COVER: Top: The new 'bicentenary' foot bridge linking Mill on the Fleet visitor centre with Burgher Park. Below: Miss 'Gatehouse' and her entourage.

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warm welcome to all visitors to the area and I hope that you will enjoy all that there
is to see and do during the Gatehouse of Fleet Gala week. A huge amount of time and
energy has been expended by the Gala Committee to ensure the continuing existence
and improvement of the Gala week, and I hope that you, the visitor, will make every
effort to participate in this annual tradition of rural life. I am sure that local residents
will make you feel most welcome at all times, and I know you will find the inhabitants
of Gatehouse to be a warm and friendly lot.

The Chamber of Trade is represented by many diverse businesses in Gatehouse of Fleet
and its surrounding area and exists to protect, promote and enhance trade in the
locality. From shops to caravan sites, architects to hotels, members of the Chamber
operate across a wide spectrum of economic activities, and there can be little doubt that
most shops and businesses would be unlikely to survive were it not for visitors and
holidaymakers.

We, therefore, wish the Gala every success, and hope that all participants, in whatever
capacity, have a thoroughly enjoyable time. Whilst we cannot guarantee a summer like
last year (although we can hope), we can guarantee that a good time will be had by all,
and even in this day of modern technology, television, etc., there can perhaps be little
more rewarding than attendance and participation in a local town Gala.

Mike Ridgway

Chairman, Gatehouse of Fleet Chamber of Trade.

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**BABY SHOW
ENTRY TICKET**

SATURDAY 5th August

2.30 p.m. in

GARRIES PARK

(If wet, in the Community Centre)

GATEHOUSE GALA

**PET SHOW
ENTRY TICKET**

MONDAY 31st July

6.30 p.m. at the

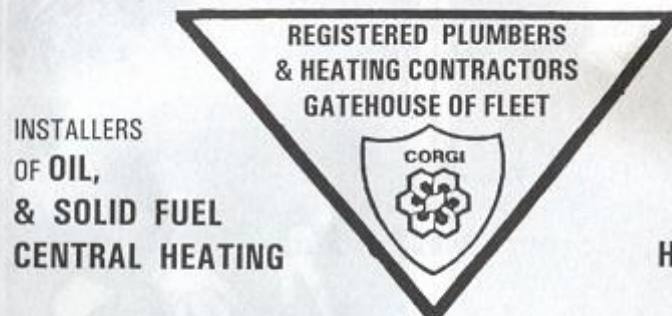
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GALA QUEEN and CONSORT 1996



The leading young citizens of Gatehouse of Fleet at this year's Gala are Queen elect Hollie McNicol who will become a pupil at Kirkcudbright Academy after the holidays and Mark McLean who has been selected as the Queen's Consort. Hollie, who is very studious at school is an accomplished reciter of Robert Burns Poetry. She simply loves looking after young children but has no plans as yet to follow her mother's nursing career. Her Consort, Mark, already an academy pupil with an aptitude for maths and English is a keen footballer and golfer.



ANWOTH SEA ANGLING CLUB

OPEN SHORE COMPETITION

Gala Sunday 28th July, 1996

Times

Registration:	08.00 hrs	-	08.30 hrs
Fishing:	08.30 hrs	-	17.00 hrs
Weigh-in:	17.00 hrs	-	18.00 hrs

Entry Fees

Payment per angler	-	£5.00
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A GATEHOUSE GALA WEEK EVENT

SUNDAY 28th JULY

8.30am - 5.00pm **OPEN SHORE FISHING COMPETITION** organised by Anwoth Sea Angling Club. (See detailed advertisement on preceding page).

11.00am - 5.00pm **CRAFT FAIR** in the Community Centre. In aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Admission Adults 50p, Children under 14 years accompanied by an adult 10p.

11.00am - 1.00pm **COFFEE MORNING** — 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.

2.00pm - 5.00pm **AFTERNOON TEAS** — As above Adults £1.25, Children under 14 years 75p.

1.30pm **SILVER BAND RECITAL** in Ann Street featuring the Creetown Prize Silver Band under the baton of Mr. J. S. MacNab.

2.00pm **GALA WEEK OPENING CEREMONY** — Featuring alternating performances by Stewartry Pipe Band and Creetown Prize Silver Band. Official solo piper: May Lockhart.
The **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY** will be performed by Mr Frank Gourlay, Chairman of the Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board. **CROWNING of GALA QUEEN** Hollie McNicol by Mrs Annie McKenzie. Piper will lead Gala Queen Hollie to the dias in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The queen's Attendant is Adele McKnight and Consort is Mark McLean. Page Boy is Jack Barrie. Commentator: George McCulloch.

3.00pm **AUTO TEST** in Fleetvale Car Park (next to Tourist Information Centre). Commentator: Jim McDowall. Presentation of prizes thereafter at Community Centre. Car parking is restricted owing to this function and the organisers regret any inconvenience this may cause.

3.30pm **JUNIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL** in Garries Park organised by Fleet Star Football Club.

5.00pm **OPEN FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS** — Anwoth Hotel Riverside Garden.

6.30pm **SONGS OF PRAISE** in Girthon Parish Church. Father Bradley and the Rev. Austin Erskine leading the praise with Creetown Prize Silver Band. It is hoped that a Minister from the Scottish Episcopal Church will also be in attendance, but information was not to hand at time of going to press.

CHOCOLATE AND BISCUIT COMPETITION.

Entry forms at 25p each containing twenty five clues which hide the names of well known chocolates or biscuits are available at Mrs Fergusson's shop (Drapers in the High Street).

A prize of £5 for the first all correct, or nearest correct entry, to be drawn on Gala Day. All entries **MUST** be in at Mrs Fergusson's by 4 p.m. on Friday, 2nd August.

SUNDAY

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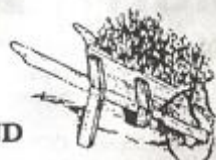
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MONDAY 29th JULY

- 10.30am **GUIDED WALKING TOUR** of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on The Fleet Visitor Centre. Easy stroll. Guide: Jimmy Dent.
Duration time: approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.
- 2.30pm **GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST** — Courtesy of Forest Enterprise. Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue entrance gates. Free car parking. Watch the weather and dress suitably. Guide: Roy White.
Duration time: approx. 1 hour.
- 6.00pm **THE ANNUAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS** in Blackloch Field (adjacent to Dromore Road, opposite 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 potentially disobedient flock of sheep. Organised by Alec McNichol. Commentary by George McCulloch. Admission 50p. Programme of Competitors available on arrival at field.
- 6.00pm **MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE** — Organised by ACE CYCLES of Castle Douglas - see details on posters. Race will start and finish at Garries Park.
- 6.30pm **PET SHOW** — With Cup for 'Best in the Show'. All pet owners 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 for each section with prizes. The winner of the Cup Trophy for the 'Best in the Show' will hold this for one year. Judge: Mr. Neil McCormick.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET GALA ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1996/7:

- Honorary Chairman: Hamish Holmes J.P.
Joint Chairmen: John Davidson and James (Noky) Watson.
Secretary: Lyn Hampshire
Treasurer: Jimmy Dent
Press & P.R.: George McCulloch
Committee: David Dougan, Marjorie Harper, Susan Neill,
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Kate Geddes, Roger Hampshire, Christine Proudlock,
Jack Sunderland, Jim Kerr, Joan Frame, Guy Bourne-May
Jane McGivern.
Official Assistants: Alex McNichol, Denise Coltart, Lillian Raine, Craig Steele,
Ian Cain, Martin McCulloch, Ian Bradley.

MONDAY

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 (2 miles for 11 years and under) is on Tuesday, 30th July, 1996. Starts 6.30 p.m. Starting and finishing 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 an 8" x 19" s.a.e. to G. Macnamara, 8 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2JD or telephone (01557) 814594 by 24th July. This event does not hold an S.A.F. permit.

"Roon the Watter" Entry Form

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TUESDAY 30th JULY

10.30am

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Duration time: approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.

12.30pm onwards

FAMILY PICNIC and FUN AFTERNOON. Some organised fun and games in Garries Park. No admission charge. Bring your own picnic. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

6.30pm

THE GREAT ANNUAL FUN RUN — 'Roon the Watter' (see full details on opposite page). A great family event. Note: This event does not have an S.A.F. permit.



8.00pm

PRIZE BINGO in the Community Centre. Caller: Nellie Pickthall.

8.00pm

A SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE in the Gatehouse School Hall. Music by the Glenalymer Scottish Dance Band. Tickets £3.50 (including light refreshments) can be reserved by telephoning 01557 814278.

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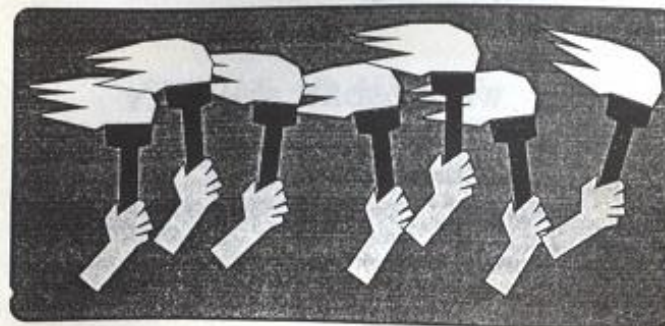
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WEDNESDAY 31st JULY

- 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.
- 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 Trophy which will be presented by THE GALA QUEEN.
- 7.00pm **DISPLAY of MODEL AIRCRAFT and MODEL CARS** by courtesy of Newton Stewart Radio Model Club in Garries Park.
- 8.00pm Followed by a display by Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band and Highland Dancers at 8.00pm approx. Collection for funds. Commentator: George McCulloch. (The Pipe Band and Dancing Display will take place in the Community Centre if weather is wet).
- 9.00pm - 1.00am **BANGERS and BEER DISCO** in Marquee in Garries Park. Hot snacks on sale. Entry FREE. Cash Bar.
- 9.30pm **THE GREAT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION** starting from the Community Centre Car Park where torches will be on sale at £1.50 each. (Torches also on sale at Barry's Newsagents). Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band will lead the parade followed by the Queen's Procession to Garries Park. **SPECIAL NOTE:** There is NO entry to Garries Park via the main town car park. For safety reasons all torch bearers must stay in the procession. There will be an official "bucket cash collection" to help defray fireworks costs.
- FIREWORKS DISPLAY and BONFIRE** in GARRIES PARK plus **DANCING. MUSIC** by Raymond's outdoor disco. Fireworks safety by Gerard Macnamara.



WEDNESDAY

SIXTY SUPER GALA EVENTS

SUNDAY 28th JULY

All day	Shore Fishing Competition
11.00am	Craft Fair
11.00am	Coffee Morning
1.30pm	Silver Band Recital
2.00pm	Afternoon Teas
2.00pm	Opening Ceremony
	Pipe Band
	CROWNING of GALA QUEEN
3.00pm	Auto Test Competition
3.30pm	Football - Junior Five-a-Side
5.00pm	Fishing Results & Celebration
6.30pm	Songs of Praise & Silver Band

MONDAY, 29th JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around town
2.30pm	Walking Tour — Fleet Forest
6.00pm	Sheep Dog Trials
6.00pm	Mountain Bike Race
6.30pm	Pet Show

TUESDAY, 30th JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around town
12.30pm	Family Picnic & Fun time
6.30pm	The Great Annual Fun Run
8.00pm	Dance — Scottish Country
8.00pm	Bingo

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around town
6.30pm	Green Bowling Tournament
7.00pm	Model Aircraft Display
8.00pm	Pipe Band & Highland Dancers
9.00pm	Bangers & Beer Open Air Disco
9.30pm	Torchlight Procession
	Fireworks and Bonfire

THURSDAY 1st AUGUST

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around town
4.00pm	Golf Tournament
6.15pm	Pram, Barrow & Kart Race
6.45pm	Official Opening of Pavilion
7.00pm	Football Special
8.00pm	Grand Scottish Variety Concert

FRIDAY, 2nd AUGUST

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around town
2.30pm	Walking Tour — Fleet Forest
6.30pm	Football — Senior Five-a-Side
7.00pm	Holiday Princess Junior Disco
10.30pm	Holiday Disco Dance

SATURDAY, 3rd AUGUST

1.15pm	Grand Parade
	GALA DAY ACTIVITIES:
	Pipe Bands & Highland Dancing
	Fun Fair & Side Shows
	Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery
	Tug O'War & Pillowfighting
2.30pm	Childrens' Sports & Games
2.30pm	Baby Show Competition
3.15pm	Tug o' War then Pillowfighting
3.50pm	Duck Diving winner selection
4.00pm	Competition Results
4.15pm	Grand Prize Draw
7.15pm	Cellidh at Community Centre
9.00pm	Gala Dance — Bank o' Fleet Hotel

SUNDAY, 4th AUGUST

1.30pm	Jazz Concert — Anwoth Hotel Gardens
1.30pm	Barbecue in Anwoth Hotel Garden
3.00pm	The Great River Fleet Raft Race
9.00pm	Rafters' Dance in Bank o' Fleet Hotel

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Duration time: approx. 1 hour.

4.00pm

GOLF TOURNAMENT at Gatehouse Golf Club, run over nine holes. If no official handicap is known, the Gatehouse Club system will apply. Spectators are invited to the Clubhouse at around 9 p.m. for the prize giving, when light refreshments will be served. Gala Queen in attendance.

6.15pm (Prompt)

PRAM, BARROW or KART RACE in **FANCY DRESS**. (Using the new easy route which proved popular in recent years).

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 yrs. and under.

GROUP 2 - 15 yrs. and over.

Cups will be awarded to the three winners in each group - these to be held for one year.

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(B) **FASTEST VEHICLE.**

6.45pm

OFFICIAL OPENING of new **PAVILION** in Garries Park. **GALA QUEEN** in attendance.

7.00pm

FOOTBALL in Garries Park organised by Fleet Star Football Club.

Special match featuring:

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8.00pm

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Also, at Chapel Bay, Cardoness, Father Bradley will lead the worship at the **ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE, on the Shore at 3 p.m., on Sunday 11th August.** The Creetown Silver Band will be in attendance and there will be an appeal for the Carnsalloch Cheshire Home and the Erskine Hospital.

ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 2nd 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.
- 2.30pm **GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST** — Courtesy of Forest Enterprise. Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue entrance gates. Free car parking. 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.
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm **'THE HOLIDAY PRINCESS SELECTION JUNIOR DISCO'** in Community Centre, Noky's Disco. The 1996 **HOLIDAY PRINCESS** will be selected from the young ladies between 11 and 12 years old who are on holiday in the district. The newly chosen holiday princess will be invited to join in the Procession from the Community Centre Car Park on Saturday 3rd August — **GALA DAY**, in style. No admission charge to Disco — Soft drinks sales stall.
- 10.30pm - 12.00pm **'THE HOLIDAY DISCO DANCE'** — Admission £2.50. Tickets available at Tourist Information Centre, Gatehouse of Fleet. (Tel: 01557 814212).
Cash bar at dance. Rights of admission reserved.

CHILDREN'S 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 4 p.m. on Friday 2nd August. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 3rd August. Entry 25p each.

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SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST

12.30pm

The GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY in road next to Gatehouse School, and foot entries in the car park at Community Centre.

FLOATS: Class 1: MAINLY ADULTS
FLOATS: Class 2: MAINLY CHILDREN

Note: Special Cup presented by the Burns Club for best float entry depicting a Burns theme for Robert Burns Bicentenary Year 1996.

There is appearance money for all entries.

FOOT: Class A: CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS
FOOT: Class B: ADULT'S FANCY DRESS

1.15pm

The GRAND PARADE moves off en route to Garries Park, led by BICENTENARY YEAR GALA QUEEN - HOLLIEMcNICOL and her entourage followed by the newly chosen HOLIDAY PRINCESS. STEWARTRY PIPE BAND, KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT PIPE BAND, The DECORATED VEHICLES and FANCY DRESS FOOT ENTRIES. The continual programme all afternoon in GARRIES PARK will include PIPE BAND DISPLAYS, HIGHLAND DANCING, STALLS and SIDE SHOWS, LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT, GRAND PRIZE DRAW, CANDY FLOSS, ROUNDABOUTS, COMPETITIONS, CHILDREN'S SPORTS, BABY SHOW. BAR and AFTERNOON TEAS, PILLOWFIGHTING and TUG o' WAR.

Approximate Timings:-

2.00pm

PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS.

2.30pm

CHILDREN'S SPORTS followed by CYCLE RACES organised by Rob Thompson. Commentator: Jim McDowall.

2.30pm

AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee (Organised and served by the ladies of Gatehouse Women's 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.

3.15pm

TUG o' WAR COMPETITION: Commentator: Jim McDowall.

4.00pm

COMPETITION RESULTS: (a) Hidden Objects in Shop Windows
(b) Children's Painting (c) Colouring Competition
(d) Laser Competition (e) Baby Show

4.15pm

PILLOWFIGHTING COMPETITION: Commentator: Billy Hatch.

4.15pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place.

GALA DAY COMMENTATORS: George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch

6.30pm

STEWARTRY PIPE BAND play in Ann Street and proceed to CEILIDH at Community Centre for 7.30pm.

7.15pm - 10.00pm

CEILIDH: Royal British Legion Gatehouse and District Branch. CEILIDH in Community Centre featuring Stewartry Pipe Band, Northumbrian Pipes, Burns Recital, various other artists, children's games, fun for all the family. There will be bar sales. Tea, sandwiches and soft drinks will be free. Admission: £1 for adults, 25p for accompanied children. Royal British Legion Raffle Tickets which will be on sale in the park and at the door on the night. Raffle will be drawn during function. All proceeds will go to Ex-Servicemen / Woman Charities.

9.00pm

GALA DAY CELEBRATION DANCE in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Music by "SMALL WORLD". Admission £2 per person.

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3.00pm Assembly time at Port McAdam for the start of **THE GREAT RIVER
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 NOTE: A prompt start is essential as the river is tidal. Entries must
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ENTRY FEE £1 per RAFT. (No punts) **JAZZ BAND** will visit
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NOTE: All rafts to be removed from the river immediately after the
 race to a safe position away from children and then removed completely.

9.00pm **RAFTERS DANCE** in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Music by: **PETER
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CELEBRITY CRICKET

Top T.V. celebrities from some of Britain's most popular soaps will be displaying their skills at cricket when they challenge a team from Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary. This takes place in Garries Park, at Gatehouse of Fleet on the afternoon of Saturday 27th July. The spectacular challenge match is organised by the local Lions Club and at the time of going to press the names of the celebrities are not available for release. However, informed speculation is that they will include Steve Beckett (P.C. Jarvis from "The Bill"), Hugh Higginson (P.C. Garfield from "The Bill") and Mark Monaghan from "London's Burning".

BOAT & LEISURE JUMBLE SALE

Anything from a sail needle to an anchor — or even a complete boat may be on offer at the special sale of leisure gear on Sandgreen beach on Saturday 27th July from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This fund raising event for the R.N.L.I. will be a bit of fun and you are invited to bring along anything you wish to sell and give a percentage of the proceeds to the R.N.L.I. There will be a marquee with refreshments and good car parking. Kirkcudbright Life-Boat will be in attendance for inspection. Information about booking a sales pitch from Geoff Swan on 01557 814663.

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Likely floral sightings are wild iris, primroses,
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You will encounter a myriad of insects
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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: (01556) 503626.

NEWEST INDOOR MUSEUM 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.

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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13. CASTLE DOUGLAS - British Sheep Shearing record attempt.
13. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Burns Folk Music afternoon. - Masonic Arms
14. CASTLE DOUGLAS - Argrennan House Garden open
14. NEW GALLOWAY - Sheep dog trials
14. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Burns Panel Dedication in street lamp
14. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - St. Cuthbert's Church - Burns Prose
15. GATEHOUSE - Auction of Pledges for Church funds
16. GATEHOUSE - Mill on the Fleet - evening wildlife talk - 'Wigtown Bay'
18. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Crowning of Holiday Princess in Harbour Square.
19. RINGFORD - Ceilidh
20. CROSSMICHAEL - Gala Day.
21. CASTLE DOUGLAS - Concert on Market Hill.
23. GATEHOUSE - Loch Whirney walk.
24. DALRY - Flower and Vegetable show.
27. PALNACKIE - Annual Flounder Tramping Championships
27. GATEHOUSE - Annual Celebrity Charity Cricket Match.
27. GATEHOUSE - Boat & leisure jumble sale - Sandgreen beach.
28. PARTON - Burns Celebration Barbecue on shores of Loch Ken

AUGUST

1. CASTLE DOUGLAS - Stewartry Agricultural Show, Market Fields
3. CREETOWN - Creetown Gala Week begins
3. DALBEATTIE - Coffee morning in aid of disabled.
3. PORT WILLIAM - Carnival week commences.
4. PARTON - Old Scottish Games & World Gird 'n' Cleek Championships
4. CASTLE DOUGLAS - Threave gardens open.
6. TWYNHOLM - Bingo in village hall.
7. WIGTOWN - Wigtown Agricultural Show (Bladnoch Park)
10. CREETOWN - Annual Gala Day - Parade & entertainments.
11. CARDONESS - Ecumenical beach service at Chapel Bay.
11. BORGUE - Annual Fair and Barbecue.
11. GATEHOUSE - Cally Gardens open.
13. GATEHOUSE - Mill on the Fleet - East lade walk.
13. MILL on FLEET - Entertaining evening talk by David Shankland MBE
14. GATEHOUSE - Book fayre in Church hall.
17. BORGUE - Annual flower show
20. MILL on FLEET - Evening wildlife talk - all welcome
24. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Annual Festivities Day
25. GATEHOUSE - Afternoon live traditional music - Bank o Fleet Hotel
26. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Annual Tattoo - Pipe Bands in Harbour Square.
27. MILL on FLEET - Historical walk.
31. GATEHOUSE - Annual Horticultural Society show - School Hall.
31. GARLIESTON - Annual Flower Show.

SEPTEMBER

6. CREETOWN - Silver Band concert
- 6/7 WIGTOWN - Annual Flower Show
- 13/14 NEWTON STEWART - Anniversary Flower show
29. GATEHOUSE - Harvest Festival Service followed Harvest lunch.
29. GATEHOUSE - Afternoon live traditional music - Bank o Fleet Hotel

OCTOBER

5. GATEHOUSE - Musical Beerfest & Barbecue - Cardoness Castle
27. GATEHOUSE - Afternoon live traditional music - Bank o Fleet Hotel

CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND

The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund committee in Gatehouse of Fleet are holding the following events during the next few months.

Do book the dates and join us on these occasions so that we can help people living with cancer.

Details of all events can be obtained by telephoning the local Secretary on (01557) 814278.

1. Showcase from Edinburgh. Well known for their great donations to our local committee and also for the excellent Concert in October to be held again in the Church Hill Theatre, Morningside, Edinburgh from 8th to 12th October, 1996.
All proceeds will go to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. On Saturday 12th October a special coach will leave Gatehouse of Fleet for Edinburgh. The afternoon is free for shopping or such-like in Edinburgh and the coach then goes to the Theatre in time for the show. **THIS IS A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED.**
2. Annual Buffet Dance, Saturday 7th December in the Murray Arms Hotel from 8 p.m. Music for dancing will be the Glenalymer Scottish Dance Band and the M.C. for the evening will be William Williamson. Tickets will be £9.50 including excellent buffet.
3. January 17th, 1997 — Prize Bingo in the Murray Arms Hotel. Commences 8 p.m. prompt. 50p including Tea and Biscuits.

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From the clubhouse, and playing the first hole, impressions are of a very hilly course, but visitors should not be put off, as the next seven holes are more on a level, before playing the dramatic short 9th hole back to the clubhouse. The views alone are worth the visit, as in one direction beautiful hills and glens can be seen, whilst in the other the view over Gatehouse itself to Wigtown Bay and the Isle of Man is rather special.

Visitors are made most welcome, and the club attracts golfers from all parts of the United Kingdom as well as overseas. Most people having played the course once, cannot wait to arrange a return visit, such is the enjoyment and pleasure a game of golf at Gatehouse can give you. The Green Fees for the 1996 season are £10 per day (including weekends) for adults and £5 for juniors. There is no limit on how many holes you play in the day, so with the long summer days, plenty of golf can be played. The course is reserved most Sunday mornings until approximately 12 noon for Club competitions for members, but apart from that time, visitors are very welcome. (Full details of any special tee reservations i.e. party bookings etc., can be seen on the notice board at the club car park).

Any queries re booking the course for large groups, applications for annual membership or any other query, please contact Keith Cooper, the Administrator, either at the Clubhouse (Telephone 01557-814766) or his home (Telephone 01644-450260).

We hope you enjoy your visit to Gatehouse, and also that you find time to have a game of golf.





The Mill on the Fleet

Commemorating Robert Burns
Bicentenary Year



A visitor Centre based on a restored 18th century cotton mill, the Mill on the Fleet has proved very popular in the five years it has been open. 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. New for 1996 is the tableau depicting the famous visit to Gatehouse of Fleet by Robert Burns in the company of his friend John Syme when they stayed at the Murray Arms Hotel. This resulted in the writing of "Scots Wha Hae."

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 on the edge of the River Fleet.

The Mill is open from Easter to October and there is a special programme of walks and talks on many days and summer evenings. Special short term exhibitions and events visit the Mill from time to time. Please send for an advanced programme. Arrangements are gladly made for booked parties and educational visits.

Children and family groups are most welcome at the Mill and there is a special changing room for "mother and baby." The building and access paths are wheelchair friendly and there is a lift to all floors. There is an admission charge for the exhibition, but entry to the shop, terrace and tea-room is free. The advent of the new footbridge at the Mill enables parents with tiny children to use the facilities in the adjoining Burgher Park free of charge.

Telephone enquiries to: 01557 814099.

