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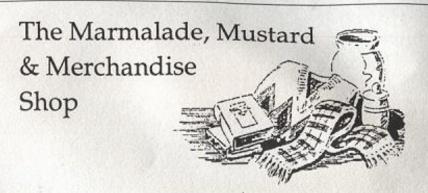






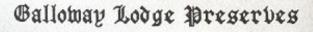


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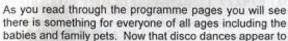


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MESSAGE from GALA CHAIRMAN, JOHN DAVIDSON

When Mr. Allan Baldwick, Convener of Dumfries and Galloway Council takes the stage in Ann Street on Sunday 27th July to declare the 1997 Gala open, a full 8 day programme of events will swing into action. The activities which have been the subject of careful planning over the winter months are as varied as ever and I am certain they will live up to this year's theme which is "It's a Knockout".



be old hat and 'line dancing' is the 'in thing' - the programme has been adjusted to accommodate this new popular activity. Once again the traders in town have been very supportive of the Gala and I hope you will patronise the advertisers in this brochure. One of the Gala's greatest supporters over the years, Mrs. Jessie Fergusson has kindly agreed to step into the limelight and crown this years Gala Queen - 12 year old Andrea McKnight. This takes place at the opening ceremony.

Jessie's drapers shop will once again be the source of all Gala competition entry forms and this year the new competition for decorated home make kites should prove to be popular. All entrants are given written and illustrated kite making instructions devised by Gala treasurer Jimmy Dent.

Another welcome guest at this year's Gala is 'Dougal' from Creetown. Dougal is a Western Isles pony who will be on hand with his keeper, Gillian McKnight and their new four wheeled carriage. Together they are entrusted with the job of conveying the Gala Queen and her entourage on the big parade through the town to Garries Park on Gala Day. Dougal is resplendant in harness and shall be proudly showing off his blonde mane and tail. I urge you to enter as many of the competitions as you can and get into the Gala spirit. I am proud of my hard working committee of volunteers and there is nothing that would please them more than seeing all of the events well attended. I conclude by paying tribute to our main sponsors, Galloway Country Style and Costcutter. Without them, treasurer Jimmy would have a very difficult job in balancing the books!

FRONT COVER: Top left: "Dougal" with his keeper Gillian McKnight. Top right: The 'Big Twitcher' wooden sculpture in the grounds of the Mill on the Fleet Visitor Centre. Bottom: Gala Queen, Andrea McKnight with her attendant, consort and page boy. (See pages 7 and 9)

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- 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 23rd - 27th September '97. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Relief.
 - On Saturday 27th September a special coach will leave Gatehouse of Fleet for shopping or such like in Edinburgh and then the coach goes to the Theatre in time for the show. THIS IS A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED.
- THE GREAT NATIONAL COFFEE MORNING Friday 3rd October. More information on the posters around town or from the telephone numbers above.
- The annual Buffet Dance, Saturday 13th December in the Murray Arms Hotel from 8 p.m. Music for dancing will be the Glenalymer Scottish Dance Band and the MC for the evening will be William Williamson. Tickets are £9.50 including excellent buffet.
- Prize Bingo in the Murray Arms Hotel on January 16th, 1998. Commences at 8 p.m. prompt. 50p including tea and biscuits.

A WARM AND FRIENDLY LOT

As Chairman of the Gatehouse of Fleet Chamber of Trade, I would like to extend a very 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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GATEHOUSE GALA

BABY SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SATURDAY 2nd August

2.30 p.m. in

GARRIES PARK

(If wet, in the Community Centre)

GATEHOUSE GALA

PET SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SUNDAY 3rd August

3 p.m. at the

COMMUNITY CENTRE

(If wet, inside the centre)

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Gala Queen Andrea McKnight

Consort Dave McKie

Andrea, aged 11 lives at nearby Rainton Farm, and lists as her hobbies swimming and horse riding. She is a keen fan of "Boyzone."

Dave, aged 8 is a town boy and is keen on all sports but his favourites are football and hockey.

Mrs D. J. Fergusson who will perform the crowning ceremony has been a background worker for the Gala for many years from her High Street drapers shop. Although she started school at Twynholm, Jessie says she adopted Gatehouse of Fleet as her home a long time ago.



Mrs Fergusson

ANWOTH SEA ANGLING CLUB

OPEN SHORE COMPETITION

Gala Sunday 27th July, 1997

Times

08.00 hrs 08.30 hrs Registration: 17.00 hrs 08.30 hrs Fishing:

Weigh-in:

17.00 hrs 18.00 hrs

Entry Fees

£5.00 Payment per angler

Boundaries

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Prizes

£100 for Heaviest Fish Minimum

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Registration Point

Anwoth Garden Anwoth Hotel 1 Fleet Street Gatehouse of Fleet Tel: 01557 814217 Details & Pre-Booking

Mr Ivan Bell Anwoth Hotel Gatehouse of Fleet DG7 2JT Tel: 01557 814217

All cheques payable to 'Anwoth Hotel'

A GATEHOUSE GALA WEEK EVENT

SUNDAY 27th JULY

3.00pm

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.

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

SILVER BAND RECITAL in Ann Street featuring the Creetown 1.30pm 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: Fraser Allison.

> THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY will be performed by Alan Baldwick, Convener, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

CROWNING OF GALA QUEEN, Miss Andrea McKnight by Mrs. D. J. Fergusson. Piper will lead Gala Queen Andrea to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's Attendant is Amy McCreath. Queen's Consort is Dave McKie and Page Boy is Gary Gilston. Commentator: George McCulloch.

AUTO TEST in Fleetvale Car Park (next to Tourist Information Centre). Commentator: Jim McDowall. Presentation of prizes thereafter at Coummunity Centre. Car parking is restricted owing to this function and the organisers regret any inconvenience this may cause. Alternative parking is available nearby (see signboards on the day).

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

OPEN FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS - Weigh-in and 5.00pm prize giving in Anwoth Hotel Riverside Garden.

SONGS OF PRAISE in Girthon Parish Church. Rev. Austin Erskine 6.30pm

leading the praise accompanied by Father Bradley (Church of the Resurcction) and the Rev. Peter Taylor (Scottish Episcopal Church).

Creetown Prize Silver Band in attendance.

HIDDEN OBJECT SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION

Entry forms at 30p each from Mrs. Fergusson's Drapers Shop

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 answer the form. Please return completed form to Mrs. Fergusson by 4 p.m. on Friday 1st. August. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Gala Day, Saturday 2nd. August in Garries Park. Do return your form, even if is not complete - you may still be a winner!

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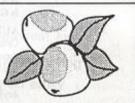
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MONDAY 28th JULY

10.30am - 2.00pm GALA OPEN DAY at Rainton, the Cream o' Galloway Farm (on the road to Sandgreen from the A75). Free admission to Guided Nature Trail Quiz. The Flying Fox, The Adventure Playground and Smuggler's Treasure Hunt. An hours tour of the farm may also be

available.

10.30am GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on The Fleet Visitor Centre. Easy stroll. Guide: Jimmy Dent.

Duration: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

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 Bob Malcolm. Commentary by George McCulloch. Admission 50p. Programme scoring information and

list of Competitors available on arrival at field.

6.30pm MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE - Kindly sponsored by ACE CYCLES of Castle Douglas. Competition Convener: David McNicol. See

details on posters. Race will start and finish at Garries Park,

A 'SUMMER SERENADE' in Gatchouse School Hall presented by 7.30pm

The GATEHOUSE SINGERS and conducted by John Chambers. Accompianist is Jeremy Gott with Creetown Brass Quartet as guest artistes. Programme will include music by Gilbert & Sullivan also Rodgers & Hammerstein etc. Tickets: Adults £3.00, Children £1.50, from choir members or Kaleidoscope in High Street.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET GALA ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1997/8:

Honorary Chairman: Hamish Holmes J.P. Chairman: John W. Davidson Vice Chairman: James (Noky) Watson

Lyn Hampshire Secretary: James M. Dent Treasurer: Press and P.R.: George McCulloch

Gerard Macnamara, Roger Hampshire, Christine Proudlock, Committee: Agnes Smillie, Marjorie Harper, Jack Sunderland, Susan Neill,

Kate Keddes, David Dougan, Joan Frame, Guy Bourne-May,

Craig Steele, David McNicol and Peter Massey.

Lillian Raine, Ian Bradley, Bob Malcolm, Janette Dodds, Pamela Official Assistants: Dale, Tom Maxwell, Lorraine Murdoch, Robert Thompson,

Gayle Pickthall and Ian Cain.

Commentators: George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.

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, 29th July, 1997. Starts 6.30 p.m. Starting and finishing at A 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 23rd July. This event does not hold an S.A.F. permit.

"Roon the Watter" **Entry Form**

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17-39 years (Men only)

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TUESDAY 29th JULY

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

Jimmy Dent. Duration: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

12.30pm onwards FAMILY PICNIC and FUN AFTERNOON. Some organised fun and games in Garries Park (weather permitting). No admission charge. Bring your own picnic. All children to be accompanied by

an adult. Convener: Christine Proudlock. Guest Entertainer: The Rev. Peter Taylor.

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

8.00pm LINE DANCING at Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Admission £1.

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Hamish Holmes JP Hon. President

Jimmy M. Dent Treasurer



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WEDNESDAY 30th JULY

10.30am

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Mill on The Fleet Visitors Centre, No charge. Easy stroll. Guide:
Jimmy Dent. Duration time: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

10.30am WOODLYN - Abbeyfield House - PRODUCE STALL at entrance to Town Hall Gardens.

7.00pm DISPLAY of MODEL AIRCRAFT and MODEL CARS by courtesy of Newton Stewart Radio Model Club in Garries Park followed by DECORATED KITE COMPETITION. Kite making instructions and competition entry form with competition rules (50p each) available from Fergusson's Drapers, High Street. After judging, the kites will take to the air for some non competitive fun flying. Commentator: George McCulloch.

7.00pm Sales point in the Marquee in the park opens for sale of torches for torchlight parade later in evening (last minute sales at starting point

if still available)

8.00pm Display by Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band and Highland
Dancers at 8.00pm approx. Collection for funds. (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 Trophy which will be presented by THE GALA QUEEN.

9.00pm - 1.00am

BANGERS and BEER DISCO sponsored by Costcutter, Gatehouse of Fleet, in Marquee in Garries Park. RAYMOND'S OUTDOOR MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW. Hot snacks on sale. Entry FREE. Late cash bar (for over 18's only).

9.30pm (Assembly time) 9.45pm (Move off time)

THE GREAT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION starting from the Community Centre Car Park where torches will be on sale. (Torches also on sale at Costcutter and Spar). 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.

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SIXTY SUPER GALA EVENTS

SUNDAY 27th JULY

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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
to 3000 south to	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, 28th JULY

10.30am	Gala Day at Rainton Open Farm
10.30am	Walking Tour — Around Town
6.00pm	Sheep Dog Trials
6.30pm	Mountain Bike Race
7.30pm	Summer Serenade Concert

TUESDAY 29th JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour - Around Town
12.30pm	Family Picnic & Fun in Park
6.30pm	The Great Annual Fun Run
8.00pm	Cash Bingo
8.00pm	Line Dancing — learning session

WEDNESDAY 30th JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around Town
10.30am	Abbeyfield Produce Stall
6.30pm	Green Bowling Tournament
7.00pm	Model Aircraft & Car Boot Sale
8.00pm	Pipe Band & Kite Competition
9.00pm	Bangers & Beer Open Air Disco
9.30pm	Torchlight Procession.
Anna Santa	Pipe Band, Fireworks & Bonfire

THURSDAY 31st JULY

10.30am	Walking Tour — Around Town
4.00pm	Golf Tournament
6.15pm	Pram, Barrow and Kart Race
7.00pm	Family Fun Football Night

FRIDAY 1st 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
k	10.30pm	Gala Dance - Country & Western

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

1.15pm	Grand Parade
	GALA DAY ACTIVITIES
	Pipe Bands & Highland Dancing
	Fun Fair & Side Shows; Clay Pigeon
	Shoot; It's a Knockout
	Tug-o-War & Pillowfighting
2.30pm	Children's 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
7.30pm	Ceilidh at Community Centre
9.00pm	Gala Dance - Mary Barclay Folk Band
3.00pm	Gala Dance - mary Darciay Folk Band

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

	11.45am	The Great River Fleet Raft Race
	1.30pm	Jazz Concert - Anwoth Hotel Garden
	1.30pm	Barbecue in Anwoth Hotel Garden
	3.00pm	Pet Show at Community Centre
Ĺ	9.00pm	Rafters Dance with Kippy & Co.

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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 9.00pm for the prize giving when light refreshments will be served. Prizes presented in the park on Gala Day.

6.15pm (prompt)

PRAM, BARROW or KART RACE in FANCY DRESS. Using a new easy downhill route starting from Ann Street and proceeding to the Community Centre car park. Entrants should assemble in Ann Street at 6.00pm for judging and must be in possession of an Official Gala Programme.

ROUTE: Down High Street, over bridge and turn right into Dromore Road and 1st left into Garden Street and 1st right into Community Centre Car Park. Judging point is at Community Centre car park entrance.

GROUP 1 - 14yrs and under.

GROUP 2 - 15 yrs and over.

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(B) FASTEST VEHICLE.

7.00pm

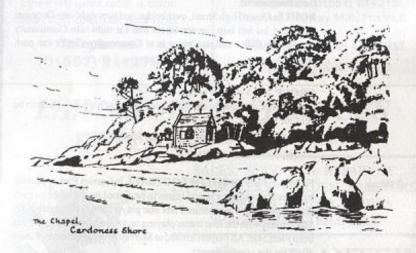
FAMILY FUN NIGHT OF FOOTBALL in Garries Park organised by Fleet Star with four mixed teams to be picked on the night — each team consisting of four senior Fleet Star players and seven youth Fleet Star Players with the four teams playing on a round robin basis. Prizes from Fleet Star. All players invited to Murray Arms afterwards. Junior disco for the young players.



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Also, at Chapel Bay, Cardoness, The Rev. Hugh Steele will lead the worship at the ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE, on the Shore at 3 p.m., on Sunday 3rd 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 1st AUGUST

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

Jimmy Dent. Duration: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

GUIDED TOUR of FLEET FOREST - courtesy of Forest Enterprise. 2.30pm Meet for start at Murray Forest Centre adjacent to Cally Avenue entrance gates. Free car parking. Watch the weather and dress suitably. Guide: Forest Enterprise Ranger. Duration: Approx. 1

hour.

SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL in Garries Park. Entry fee £5 6.30pm

per team. Organised by Fleet Star Football Club.

7.00pm - 9.00pm 'THE HOLIDAY PRINCESS SELECTION JUNIOR DISCO'

> in Bank o' Fleet Hotel with Noky's Disco. Parents please note that there is a separate entrance to function room without going through bar area. The 1997 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 2nd August - GALA DAY, in style. No admission charge to Disco -

Soft drinks sales stall.

10.30pm -'THE GALA HOLIDAY DANCE' -- COUNTRY & WESTERN

evening in Bank o' Fleet Hotel with LINE DANCING too. Organiser: Lorraine Murdoch. Admission £2. Tickets available at Tourist Information Centre, Gatehouse of Fleet, (Tel. 01557 814212) and at the door. Cash bar at dance (Over 18's only). Right of admission

reserved.

12.00pm

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 1st August. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 2nd August. Entry 30p each.

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The GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY in road next to Gatehouse School and 12.30pm foot entries in the car park at Community Centre.

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

Cup presented by the Burns Club for best float entry depicting 'GALLOWAY HERITAGE'.

There is appearance money for all float entries.

FOOT: Class A: CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

FOOT: Class B: ADULT'S FANCY DRESS.

The GRAND PARADE moves off en route to Garries Park, led by GALA 1.15pm QUEEN - ANDREA in Horsedrawn Carriage pulled by 'DOUGAL' accompanied by her entourage and followed by the newly chosen HOLIDAY

PRINCESS.

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ENTRIES.

Parade and Fancy Dress Convenors: Marjorie Harper and Ray Crane. 2.00pm Afternoon entertainment programme in Garries Park including PIPE BAND DISPLAYS, HIGHLAND DANCING, STALLS and SIDE SHOWS, LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT, GRAND PRIZE DRAW, CANDY

FLOSS, ROUNDABOUTS, COMPETITIONS, CHILDRENS' SPORTS, BABY SHOW, 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT' etc. etc.

BAR and AFTERNOON TEAS, PILLOWFIGHT and TUG o' WAR.

Approximate Timings:-

PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS. 2.00pm

2.30pm CHILDRENS' SPORTS followed by CYCLE RACES organised by Rob

Thompson. Commentator: Jim McDowall.

2.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee (organised and served by Mill

on the Fleet).

Licensed bar in Marquee - Head Barman - "Noky".

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

their official Gala Programme as an entry fee.

Stage Cabaret with the SENSATIONAL MARY BARCLAY BAND. 2.30pm

Commencement of TI'S A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION' Teams of 3.00pm four invited to enter. Two men and two women in each team (all over 18 years of age). Advance entries appreciated - entry forms available at Fergusson's

Draper in High Street. Competition convener: Agnes Smillie.

ANNUAL GALA PILLOW FIGHT (with greasy pole and water splash). Followed by:

Commentators: Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.

COMPETITION RESULTS: 4.00pm

(a) Hidden Objects in Shop Windows. (d) Laser Competition.

(b) Children's Painting. (e) Baby Show. (c) Colouring Competition. (f) Golf Tournament.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place. Convenor: Joan Frame. 4.15pm

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

CEILIDH: Royal British Legion Gatehouse and District Branch. CEILIDH 7.30pm - 10.00pm in Community Centre featuring Northumbrian Pipes, various other artistes. children's games and 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-Serviceman/Woman Charities.

GALA DAY CELEBRATION DANCE in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Music by 9.00pm the Sensational Mary Barclay Folk Band. Admission £2.50 per person.





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SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

11.45a.m.

Assembly time at Port McAdam for the start of THE GREAT RIVER FLEET RAFT RACE

Kindly sponsored by The Anwoth Hotel. Convener: Craig Steele.

NOTE: A prompt start is essential as the river is tidal. Entries must be crewed and ready to start by 12.15pm. All rafts to be decorated.

ENTRY FEE £1 per RAFT (No punts).

Prizes awarded: SHIELD for best decorated. Plus 2nd & 3rd Prizes. Prize for first raft home

Prize for first all female crew raft home.

Rule: No flashy punts allowed - Traditional home-made rafts only. The course is from PORT McADAM under FLEET BRIDGE. Buoyancy aids must be worn - car inner tubes or water wings if life

jackets are not available. Judges decision is final.

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

1.30pm

BIG BAND SOUNDS with John Cowan's NEW ORLEANS WANDERERS in Anworth Hotel Garden beside the river.

1.30pm

BARBECUE & BAR in ANWOTH HOTEL GARDEN beside

river.

3pm

PET SHOW Sponsored by 'The Doghouse,' Ringford - 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. Judges: Duncan and Sandra Chalmers.

Show Convenor: David McNicol.

9.00pm

RAFTERS DANCE in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Live music. Admission. £1 per person. Music by Kipply and Co.

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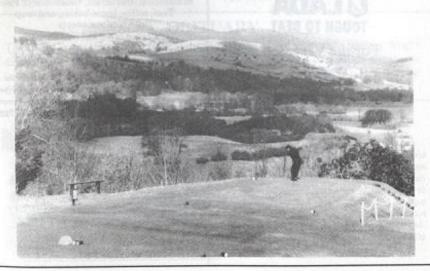
Imaginatively laid out in 1921, the course is a good test of a players golfing skills all the year round. Whilst the good golfers enjoy the challenge the course presents, it is also the type of course that can be played and enjoyed by any standard of golfer,

including beginners and juniors.

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 1997 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.



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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: (01556) 503626.

OBITUARY

The Gala Committee were very saddened at the end of last year when Audrey Wright died after a brief illness. Audrey was a sincere and dedicated committee member, a hard worker and famed for her efficiency and attention to detail. She is sadly missed by everyone.



An invitation from

DOUGAL

After Dougal — the Western Isles Highland Pony has performed his official duty on Gala Day he and his keeper, Gillian McKnight invite members of the public to rides round the park all afternoon. Dougal has a lovely nature and is a dark chestnut in colour with blonde mane and tail. Charges for rides are £1 for adults and 50p for children.

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JULY

- NEW GALLOWAY Gala Fun Day.
- 13-20 WIGTOWN Civic Week.
- NEW GALLOWAY Sheep Dog Trials. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Car Treasure Hunt.
- 15. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Scottish Night - Pipe Band - Crowning of Princess. 17.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Cornets Club Riding of the Marches.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT The Battle of Kirkcudbright re-enactment.
- 19. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - The Battle of Kirkcudbright rages on. 20.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Model Aeroplane flying display at Castledykes. 23.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Grand Race Night King Street.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square Pipe Band. 24.
- 25. KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Car Treasure Hunt.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Children's Day Fireworks and Music. 25.
- PALNACKIE Flounder Tramping Competition.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Douglas Day Celebrations Pipe Bands etc.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Royal Tank Regiment & Drums 27.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Senior Citizens Concert.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square Pipe Band. 31.

AUGUST

- 2-10 PORT WILLIAM Carnival Week
- PARTON Scottish Alternative Games World Gird 'n' Cleek Comp.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Sheep Dog Trials.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Threave Gardens open.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Target Golf.
- WIGTOWN Annual Agricultural Show at Bladnoch Big entertainments
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Annual Stewartry Agricultural Show.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Children's Pet Show.
- CREETOWN Gala Week full programme of activities
- BORGUE Fair and Barbecue
- GATEHOUSE OF FLEET Cally Gardens open. 10.
- GATEHOUSE OF FLEET Walk and Talk at Mill on the Fleet. 12.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square Pipe Band 14.
- BORGUE Annual Flower Show. 16.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Evening Dance in Royal Hotel. 16.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square Pipe Band.
- 22-23 WHITHORN Flower Show in New Town Hall.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Grand Parade Day. 23.
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Grand Tattoo & Children's Fancy Dress. 25.
- GATEHOUSE OF FLEET Lions Club Fun Day. 30.
- GATEHOUSE OF FLEET Annual Flower Show School Hall
- GARLIESTON Vegetable and Flower Show.

SEPTEMBER

- WIGTOWN Horticultural Society Annual Show
- KIRKCUDBRIGHT Annual Flower Show.
- TWYNHOLM Motocross at Glenterry Farm.
- PALNACKIE Scottish Shallot Festival. 14.

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