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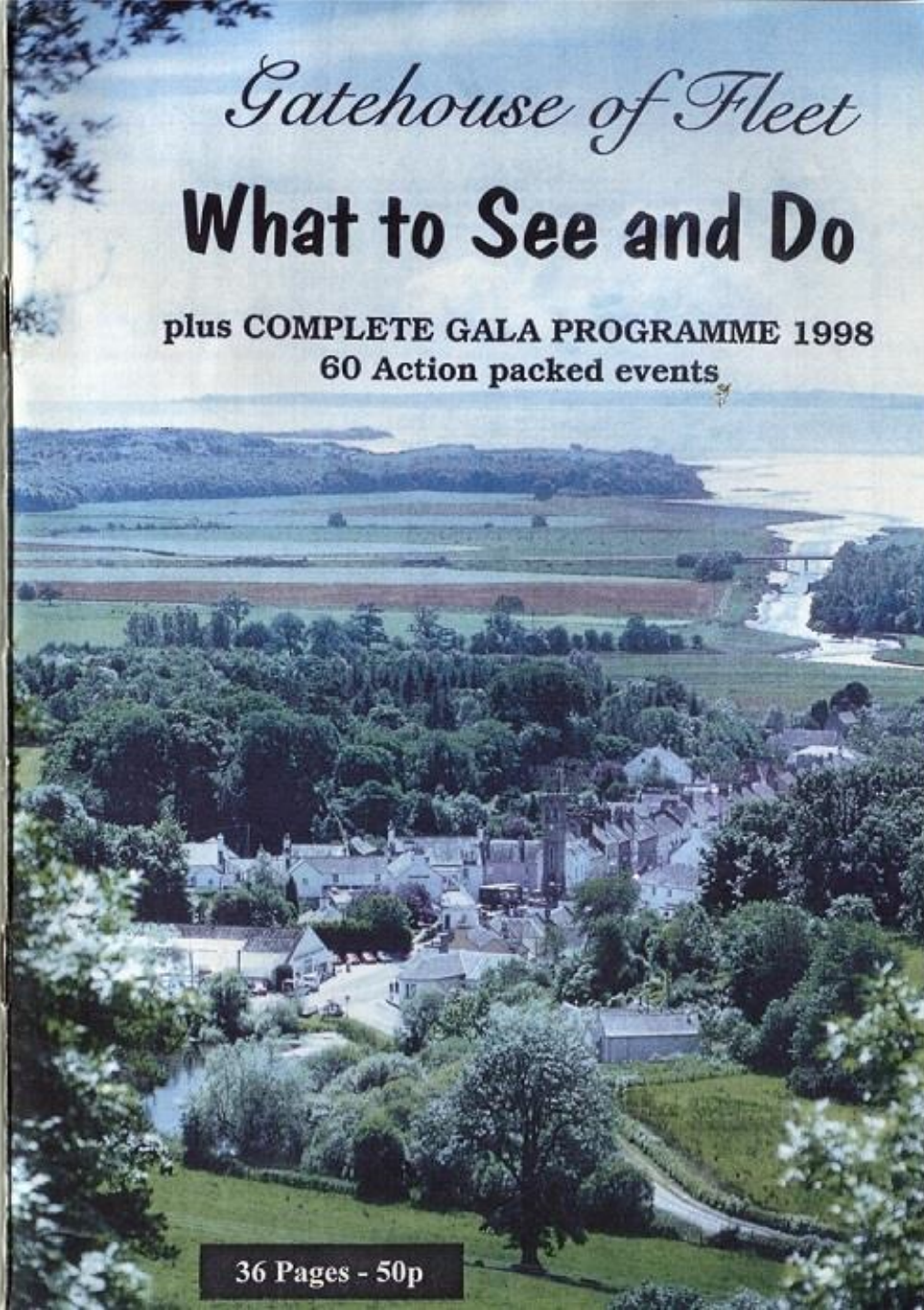
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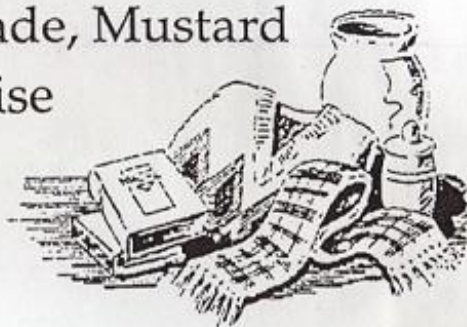
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MESSAGE from GALA CHAIRMAN, JOHN DAVIDSON



It does not seem a whole year since I last wrote my message of welcome to all who come to take part in the Gatehouse of Fleet Gala - and especially those who come year after year from all parts of the country. The local people very much enjoy the company of the visitors who come and put their whole hearts into participation in many of the organised events.

Again, the programme is as big and varied as ever with changes here and there to meet with changing times. Alas, this year, the annual River Fleet Raft Race is grounded for lack of tidal waters and the water splash pillowfight has been unplugged as it seems to have frightened off all possible participants!

However, archery is back again on Gala Day and the Gird 'n' Cleek competition replaces the Pram, Barrow and Kart race which seems to have run its course. I am glad that the Fleet Star Football Club have chosen Gala Week to celebrate their 50th anniversary and I recommend the purchase of their celebration publication — "Fleet Star — The First 50 Years."

Although the Gala Committee's immediate task is to present the 1998 Gala, they are searching for novel ideas as to how the 1999 Gala can be re-vamped to mark the last one of the 20th century. Please let me know of any bright ideas!

I am again very grateful to my committee for all their hard work over the year and our hard working treasurer Jimmy Dent who has now retired from the position, he has left us more financially secure than when he first took office. He is still very active on the committee and with the Guided Walking Tours of the Town each morning and also the Great Torchlight Procession he will still be a busy chap. Jack Sunderland has accepted the position of treasurer — so please make his debut easier by supporting as many of the events as you can.

The list of sponsors and those giving special assistance to the Gala is as long as ever (see page 27). My grateful thanks goes to them all by helping us to keep the Gala going year after year. No doubt Mr Mungo Bryson from Parton will inspire us all for a brilliant Gala Week when he declares the 8 day programme open on Sunday, 26th July at the ceremony of the Crowning of the 1998 Gala Queen, Katie McCulloch. I look forward to seeing you all around, young and old, and do hope you will have an enjoyable time.

FRONT COVER: GATEHOUSE OF FLEET looking south west down the Fleet estuary into Fleet Bay and the Irish Sea. Cardoness Castle is to the right of the by-pass bridge.
Picture by courtesy of Geoff Keating.

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by Provost Mark Laird



At any time of the year, Gatehouse is a nice, friendly town to visit and to live in. Compared to big resorts, the town may appear quiet, but that of course, is why people are attracted to visit and live here. A sleepy wee place you may think, but you would be wrong.

There is plenty to do if you want to get involved. The people who organise the Gala are typical of Gatehouse. People who give their time free, and muck in to make things happen. We who live in the community and visitors to the area, owe this week's entertainment to the 'Gala Committee,' and I would thank everyone involved for their contribution to making Gatehouse Gala Week such a fun time.

You can thank the Committee too, by turning out to the events as participants and spectators. This programme tells you where and when everything is on. So come along, get involved and have fun.

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

The Macmillan Cancer Relief committee in Gatehouse of Fleet are holding events during the summer and winter and all locals and visitors are welcome to join in on these occasions so that the work of helping people living with cancer can continue on apace. Further information about the events can be had by telephoning 01557 814532 or 01557 814284.

1. CRAFTS FAIR - Sunday 26th. July in the Gatehouse of Fleet Community Centre plus Coffee Morning and Afternoon teas. (See additional details in Gala Programme on page 11).
2. THE GREAT NATIONAL COFFEE MORNING — Friday 2nd October. More information on the posters around town or from the telephone numbers above.
3. ANNUAL BUFFET DANCE on Saturday 16th January 1999 in the Murray Arms Hotel from 8 p.m. with music for dancing by Ewan McGowan and cabaret by William Williamson. Tickets are £9.50 including buffet.
4. PRIZE BINGO may also be held at a date to be arranged — check with telephone numbers above.

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BABY SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SATURDAY 1st August

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GATEHOUSE GALA

PET SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SUNDAY 2nd August

3 p.m. at the

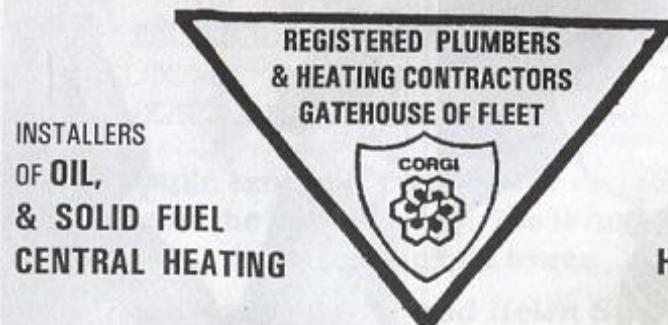
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Kristy, aged 7 from Memory Lane is keen on sports generally and enjoys biking and pony riding.

Shaun, aged 11 from Riverbank Wynd is always playing football and likes war games. He is a keen St. Johnstone supporter.



Queen's Consort Shaun Harvey



Katie's Year

Gala Queen Katie McCulloch in the company of her retinue — Consort Shaun Harvey and Personal Attendant, Kristy Hannah. At the rear her two page boys are Paul McWhir and Bruce Harvey.

Picture by courtesy of Mike Ridgway.

A recent picture of John Cowan's New Orleans Wanderers. On their visit to Gatehouse of Fleet on Sunday, 2nd August, they are so pleased to be rejoined by former player Guy Pollock on the clarinet. The other regular players will be Stuart Cowan - Banjo; Mike Harrison - Sousaphone and John Cowan himself playing trumpet.



Picture by courtesy of Stuart Collins.



'FIREFROST' are making a return visit to Gatehouse after their memorable performances at this year's Music Festival. They are playing for The Anwoth and Girthon Church Congregational Committee's fund raising concert on Saturday, 25th July in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. (Tickets: £2.50). On Sunday, 26th, they are guest participants in the annual Songs of Praise — Girthon Church, 6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 26th JULY

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.

2.00pm **GALA WEEK OPENING CEREMONY** - featuring performances by the **Stewartry Pipe Band**.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY will be performed by **Mungo Bryson**, from Parton, the principal of the Scottish Alternative Games at Parton.

CROWNING OF GALA QUEEN, Miss **Katie McCulloch** by 1997 Gala Queen - **Andrea McKnight**. Piper will lead Gala Queen Katie to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's Attendant is **Kirsty Hannah**. Queen's Consort is **Sean Harvey** and Page Boys are **Bruce Harvey** and **Paul McWhir**. 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. Alternative parking is available nearby (see signboards on the day).

3.00pm **SCOUTS SPONSORED CYCLE** The local Scout Group are raising funds on a static exercise cycle adjacent to the Auto Test. They hope to clock in the same number of miles from John o' Groats to Lands End (Approx 1,000).

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

6.30pm **SONGS OF PRAISE** in Girthon Parish Church. the **Rev. Austin Erskine** leading the praise accompanied by the **Rev. Peter Taylor** (Scottish Episcopal Church). The band **'FIREFROST'** will form part of the programme.

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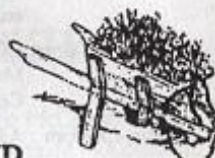
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MONDAY 27th JULY

10.00am - 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. The new under 5's covered play area now in operation. An hour's 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**. Admission 50p. Programme with 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.

7.30pm **A 'SUMMER SERENADE'** in Gatehouse School Hall presented by **The GATEHOUSE SINGERS** and conducted by Shirley Massey. Accompanist is **Jeremy Gott**. Other guest artistes. Tickets: Adults £3.00, Children £1.50, from choir members or Kaleidoscope in High Street.

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Vice Chairman:	James (Noky) Watson
Secretary & P.R.O.:	George McCulloch
Treasurer:	Jack Sunderland
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Official Assistants:	Lillian Raine, Bob Malcolm, Tom Maxwell, Lorraine Murdoch, Robert Thompson, Gayle Pickthall, Michael Seaton, Ray Crane, Allison Veitch, Kathleen Hamblin, Nellie Pickthall, Gillian McKnight and Ian Cain.
Commentators:	George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.

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, 28th July, 1998. 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.c. to G. Macnamara, 8 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2JD or telephone (01557) 814594 by 22nd July. This event does not hold an S.A.F. permit.

"Roon the Watter" Entry Form

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TUESDAY 28th JULY

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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**.

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WEDNESDAY 29th 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 approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.
- 2.30pm **GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF FLEET FOREST** - Commencing at Murray Forest Centre near Cally Hotel main entrance from A75. Conducted by a Forest Ranger and provided free by compliments of Forest Enterprise. Duration 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. See some exciting dive bombing and the big sweetie scatter for children. Commentator: **George McCulloch**.
- 7.00pm Sales point opens in Marquee in the park 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. (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 SPONSORED BY COSTCUTTER. **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 to Garries Park via High Street and Ann Street followed by the Queen's Procession and **The Stewartry Pipe Band**.



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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WEDNESDAY

SIXTY SUPER GALA EVENTS

SUNDAY 26th JULY

- 11.00am Craft Fair
- 11.00am Coffee Morning
- 2.00pm Afternoon Teas
- 2.00pm Opening Ceremony
- Pipe Band
- CROWNING of GALA QUEEN
- 3.00pm Auto Test Competition
- 3.00pm Scouts Sponsored Exercise Cycle
- 3.30pm Football — Junior Five-a-Side
- 6.30pm Songs of Praise & Firefrost Band

MONDAY 27th JULY

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

TUESDAY 28th 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 29th JULY

- 10.30am Walking Tour — Around Town
- 2.30pm Guided Walking Tour of Fleet Forest
- 6.30pm Green Bowling Tournament
- 7.00pm Model Aircraft & Car Boot Sale
- 8.00pm Pipe Band & Highland Dancing
- 9.00pm Bangers & Beer Open Air Disco
- 9.30pm Torchlight Procession. Pipe Band
- Fireworks & Bonfire

THURSDAY 30th JULY

- 10.30am Walking Tour — Around Town
- 4.00pm Golf Tournament
- 6.00pm Gird 'n' Cleek Races
- 7.00pm Special Challenge Football Night

FRIDAY 31st JULY

- 10.30am Abbeyfield Produce Stall
- 10.30am Walking Tour — Around Town
- 6.30pm Football — Senior Five-a-Side
- 7.00pm Holiday Princess Junior Disco
- 10.30pm Gala Dance — 60's & 70's Theme

SATURDAY 1st 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 — Archery
- 2.30pm Children's Sports & Games
- 2.30pm Baby Show Competition
- 2.30pm Cabaret by band "Strange Weather"
- 3.15pm It's a Knockout
- 4.00pm Competition Results
- 4.15pm Grand Prize Draw
- 7.30pm Ceilidh at Community Centre
- 9.00pm Gala Dance — Strange Weather Band

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

- 1.30pm Jazz Concert — Anwoth Hotel Gdns.
- 1.30pm Barbecue & Bar in Anwoth Hotel Gdns.
- 3.00pm Ecumenical Open Air Service - Cardoness
- 3.00pm Pet Show at Community Centre
- 6.00pm Gymkhana at Blackloch Field
- 9.00pm Ratters Dance — Music by Peter Kirk

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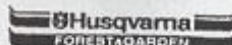
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THURSDAY 30th JULY

- 10.30am **GUIDED WALKING TOUR** of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on The Fleet Visitors Centre. No charge. Easy stroll. Guide: **Jimmy Dent**. Duration: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.
- 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 will be presented in the park on Gala Day.
- 6.00pm (prompt) **GIRD 'n' RACES** in Garries Park prior to football. (Gird 'n' Cleeks provided). Open to all ages - no entry fee and prizes will be awarded.
GROUP 1 - Children 5 years to 18 years.
GROUP 2 - Children 8 years to 12 years.
GROUP 3 - Children 12 years to 15 years.
GROUP 4 - Boys over 15 years and men of all ages up to 50.
GROUP 5 - Girls over 15 years and ladies of all ages up to 50.
GROUP 6 - Ladies and Gents of all ages over 50. (Grannies & Grandpa's Race).
FINALE: Open to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in groups 4, 5 and 6 all together. Note: All Gird 'n' Cleeks must be returned to starting point when competition is over.
- 7.00pm **SPECIAL CHALLENGE FOOTBALL MATCH** - in Garries Park organised by Fleet Star Football Club in their 50th Anniversary Celebration Year. **FLEET STAR v DONNIE FERGUSON SELECT (Ex Fleet Star lads)**. Winners receive "The Fleet Star Challenge Trophy" which has been kindly donated by the family of the late Donald Fergusson in commemoration of the Club's 50th Anniversary. (Note the publication "**Fleet Star - The First 50 Years**" is now on sale locally and was written by the late Donald Fergusson and his son Donnie).

A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS

Traders in Gatehouse of Fleet are small family businesses in the main, but nevertheless have an active Chamber of Trade which monitors fair play and good business practices. As Chairman of the Gatehouse of Fleet Chamber I am keen on promoting the wellbeing of the businesses and to this end the visitors who come each year are very welcome indeed. Those of us who stand behind retail counters make close contact with the visitors and we all know how much the Gala activities are appreciated. As our Chamber members cover a wide range of business interests from shops to caravan parks, architects to hotels, members operate across a wide spectrum of activities and there can be little doubt that most shops and business would be unlikely to survive were it not for visitors and holidaymakers. We, in the Chamber, wish the Gala every success and hope that all participants, in whatever capacity, have a thoroughly enjoyable time and this year's Gala will be a welcome follow on activity to the blanket world cup football coverage. There can be little more rewarding by way of a family experience than attendance and participation in a local Galloway town Gala.

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Also, at Chapel Bay, Cardoness, The Rev. Peter Taylor will lead the worship at the **ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE, on the Shore at 3 p.m., on Sunday 2nd August.** The Creetown Silver Band will be in attendance and there will be an appeal for the Leonard Cheshire Foundation and Erskine Hospital.

ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY 31st JULY

- 10.30 am **WOODLYN** - Abbeyfield House - **PRODUCE STALL** at entrance to Town Hall Gardens.
- 10.30am **GUIDED WALKING TOUR** of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on The Fleet Visitors Centre. No charge. Easy stroll. Guide: **Jimmy Dent**. Duration: approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes.
- 6.30pm **SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL** in Garries Park. Entry fee £5 per team. Organised by **Fleet Star Football Club**.
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm **'THE HOLIDAY PRINCESS SELECTION JUNIOR DISCO'** - in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Noky's Disco. (Parents please note that there is a separate entrance to function room without having to go through the bar area).
- The 1998 **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 1st August — **GALA DAY**, in style. No admission charge to Disco — Soft drinks sales stall.
- 10.30pm - 12.00pm **'THE GALA HOLIDAY DANCE'** — Theme: 60's and 70's **DISCO** evening in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Patrons invited to come in 60's and 70's style dress. Good prize offered to the best dressed person for the period. Admission £2. Tickets available at Tourist Information Centre, Gatehouse of Fleet. (Tel. 01557 814212) also at the door. Cash bar at dance (Over 18's only). 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 31st July. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 1st August. Entry 30p each.

CHILDRENS' PAINTING COMPETITION

Organised by artist, Brian Arneill. Entry forms available at Mrs Fergusson, Drapers Shop - 30p each. Note: Completed entries must be returned by 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 29th, July. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday 1st August.

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- 1.15pm The **GRAND PARADE** moves off en route to Garries Park, led by **GALA QUEEN - KATIE** in Horsedrawn Carriage pulled by 'DOUGAL' accompanied by her entourage and followed by the newly chosen **HOLIDAY PRINCESS.**
STEWARTRY PIPE BAND, KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT PIPE BAND, THE DECORATED VEHICLES and FANCY DRESS FOOT ENTRIES.
- 2.00pm Parade and Fancy Dress Convenors: **Marjorie Harper and Ray Crane.**
Afternoon entertainment programme in Garries Park including **PIPE BAND DISPLAYS, HIGHLAND DANCING, STALLS and SIDE SHOWS, LASER CLAY PIGEONSHOOT, ARCHERY, GRAND PRIZE DRAW, CANDY FLOSS, ROUNDABOUTS, COMPETITIONS, CHILDREN'S SPORTS, PONY RIDES, CHILDREN'S TUG o' WAR, BABY SHOW, 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT'** etc. etc. **BAR and AFTERNOON TEAS.**
- Approximate Timings:-
- 2.00pm **PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS.**
- 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 Church Congregational Committee).
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- 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. Organiser: **Kathleen Hamblin.**
- 3.00pm Commencement of **'IT'S A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION'** Teams of 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.**
- 4.00pm **COMPETITION RESULTS:**
(a) Hidden Objects in Shop Windows. (e) Colouring Competition.
(b) Children's Painting. (f) Baby Show.
(c) Laser Competition. (g) Other Competitions on the day
(d) Golf Tournament.
- 4.15pm **GRAND PRIZE DRAW** takes place. Convenor: **Jane Shillin.**
- GALA DAY COMMENTATORS:** **George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.**
- 7.15pm - 10.00pm **CEILIDH:** Royal British Legion Gatehouse and District Branch. **CEILIDH** 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.
- 9.00pm **GALA DAY CELEBRATION DANCE** in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Music by the **Strange Weather Band.** Admission £3.00 per person.



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- 1.30pm **BARBECUE & BAR** in **ANWOTH HOTEL GARDEN** beside river.
- 3.00pm **ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE** on the shore at Chapel Bay, Cardoness (3 miles from Gatehouse of Fleet on A75). See full details on Page 22.
- 3.00pm **PET SHOW** Sponsored by 'The Doghouse,' at Ringford. 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**.
- 6.00pm **PONY GYMKHANA** at Blackloch Field (on Dromore Road opposite Fire Station). Spectators admitted free. See posters for full details or phone 01557 814215.
- 9.00pm **RAFTERS DANCE** in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Live music. Admission £1.50 per person. Music by **PETER KIRK**.

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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).

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Editor's Note: Further information
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4 x 4 LEGGED FRIENDS

Four new four legged friends at this year's Gala will be offering pony rides for children. They will be in Garries Park on Gala Day afternoon and their names are:- Popcorn, Sam, Pandrop and Nerris. At all other times they provide pony rides at Rainton Open Farm — the home of Cream o' Galloway Ice Cream on the Sandgreen road off the A75 near Gatehouse of Fleet.



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- 28. GATEHOUSE - Garden trail and afternoon tea.
- 28. DALBEATTIE - Southwick Gardens open.

JULY

- 04 NEWTON STEWART - American Independence Day Line Dancing.
- 04 DALBEATTIE - Town Hall Coffee Morning.
- 04 RHONEHOUSE - Village Hall Kelton Poultry Show.
- 05 GELSTON - Galloway Trust for Head Injured — garden opening.
- 12 NEW GALLOWAY - Charity Sheep Dog Trials.
- 12 CASTLE DOUGLAS - Argrennan House Gardens Open.
- 16-18 DALBEATTIE - Art Group annual exhibition.
- 18 DUNDRENNAN - Fun Day.
- 18 CASTLE DOUGLAS - Dance for Stewartry Pipe Band funds.
- 19 CARSPHAIRN - Soup and sweet lunch.
- 21 onwards CASTLE DOUGLAS - Craft Guild exhibition
- 25 GATEHOUSE - Firefrost concert.

AUGUST

- 01 PALNACKIE - Flounder tramping.
- 01 KIRKCUDBRIGHT - Church Fayre - Town Hall
- 01 for week: CREETOWN - Gala Week
- 02 CASTLE DOUGLAS - Threave Gardens Open.
- 02 PARTON - Scottish Alternative Games.
- 03 GATEHOUSE - Alexander Brothers Concert.
- 05 BLADNOCH - Wigtown Agricultural Show.
- 06 CASTLE DOUGLAS - Stewartry Agricultural Show.
- 08 Kelton Hill Tug o' War Championships.
- 08-16 KIPPFORD - Village Hall Painters Exhibition.
- 08 CREETOWN - Gala Day parade etc.
- 09 GATEHOUSE - Cally Gardens Open.
- 13 TWYNHOLM - Hall Committee Bingo.
- 16 DALRY - Arndarroch Cottage garden open.
- 18-31 KIPPFORD - Galloway Art Club Exhibition.
- 22 CASTLE DOUGLAS - Dance for Stewartry Pipe Band Funds.
- 29 GATEHOUSE - Annual Horticultural Show.

SEPTEMBER

- 01 DALBEATTIE - Civic Floral Club meeting.
- 05 NEW GALLOWAY - Town Hall, Quintessence.
- 26 KIRKPATRICK DURHAM - Fiddlers Concert.

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- 03 GATEHOUSE - Musical Beerfest at Cardoness Castle.



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