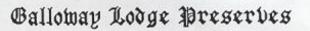


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MESSAGE FROM GALA CHAIRMAN JOHN DAVIDSON

My annual message of welcome to all to come and take part in the annual gala at Gatehouse of Fleet seems to come round quicker as the years go on.

Alas, the start of the planning for this special 50th Gala was tinged with great sadness with the loss of our well respected Honorary President and friend Hamish Holmes last September. His devotion and guidance over many years ensured that the Gala would carry on and he had the wonderful knack of persuading people around him to roll up their sleeves and get mucked in. He is sadly missed. However, on a happier note, the Gala's long time servant, Jimmy Dent has accepted the role of Honorary President.



The production of this programme is the product of many committee meetings over the winter months and it would not have been possible without the dedication and willingness of the volunteers who come forward each year and give so much of their valuable family time to keep the community spirit alive. This being the 50th time a Gala has been held in Gatehouse it seemed appropriate to invite along as many former Gala Queens as possible and I hope you will come along to the Crowning Ceremony which I hope the former Queens

There are a few programme changes as usual and the main one affects the final Sunday (8th August) when for the second year running the raft race has been grounded by lack of tidal waters. However, the introduction of a Youth Bands competition means that the venue has been changed from Anwoth Garden to Garries Park where the Pet Show will also be held. An extension of the Anwoth Hotel bar will operate in the beer tent! Golfers please note that this years tournament will have beautifully engraved whisky glasses as special prizes - kindly donated by Gatehouse Golf Club for the Golden Gala.

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. The Gala committee itself never fails to amaze me with their personal dedication, year after year and in most cases this involves their spouses and families just as much. Some committee members have even attended safety training courses in England on the operating of fireworks displays (no names mentioned but some returned with top honours awarded by the examiners).

This is the last Gala this century, and this millennium, and the committee are seeking inspired thoughts and ideas on how to present the "Gala 2000". Meantime, enjoy yourselves at the 'Golden Gala', young and old.

The support of the advertisers has made this publication possible and I trust you will give them your business in recognition.

> !!! See the Gala Website on the internet!!! www.kirkmoor.com/gatehousegala/

FRONT COVER: GATEHOUSE OF FLEET looking north east with Fleet Street in the foreground leading up to High Street. Photographed from Vinnie Hill by Geoff Keating.

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Living in a small rural town the people of Gatehouse are very aware of the seasons. The haze of bluebells in Carstramon Wood and the arrival of swallows and swifts herald the late spring and the feeling that summer is not so far away. For the people of the gala committee it also means more meetings finalising plans and the hundreds of details needed to make the summer gala happen, thank you one and all.



Lots of our visitors, like the swallows, return year after year and I'm sure they will be looking forward to the gala and to their particular favourite event. New visitors will experience a week of surprises — the torchlight procession is a must, the great atmosphere at this event will stay in your memory all year. Try the gird and cleeks race (the turn is the tricky bit) and what about......., but come along and see for yourselves — the programme gives all the details.

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The second volume will follow a year later, covering specialised histories such as farming about Gatehouse, our sports and social clubs, roads, etc. and the indexes for both volumes.

The author welcomes any advice or information - phone 814297.

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GALA QUEEN ELECT 1999, DANNIELLA McCREATH with her entourage
— all pupils at Gatehouse School. Left to right: Page Boy, David Kiltie;
Attendant, Verity Fazakerley and Consort, James Flannigan.

GATEHOUSE GALA

BABY SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SATURDAY 7th August

2.30 p.m. in

GARRIES PARK

(If wet, in the Community Centre)

GATEHOUSE GALA

PET SHOW ENTRY TICKET

SUNDAY 8th August

3 p.m. in

GARRIES PARK

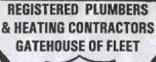
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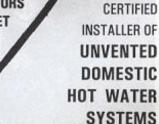
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Unlike good children, the SENSATIONAL MARY BARCLAY BAND should definitely be both SEEN and HEARD — and the place for this is Gala afternoon (7th August) and the same evening in Bank o' Fleet Hotel for dancing.

JOHN COWAN'S NEW ORLEANS WANDERERS

A welcome return visit to play on the final Sunday of Gala (8 August). Guy Pollock - Clarinet; Stuart Cowan -Banjo; Mike Harrison -Sousaphone and John Cowan himself on Trumpet.



Picture by courtesy of Stuart Collins.

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10.30am - 4.30pm	PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION of previous Gala events at Mill on the Fleet.
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.
2.00 5.00	AFTERNOON TEAC A - 1 - A 4-16- CLOS

2.00pm - 5.00pm AFTERNOON TEAS — As above Adults £1.25,

Children under 14 years 75p.

2.00pm GALA WEEK OPENING CEREMONY — Featuring alternating performances by the Stewartry Pipe Band and

Scottish Country Dancers.

The OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY (with past

Gala Queens in attendance).

Opening address by ANDREW CAMPBELL, Convener,

Dumfries and Galloway Council.

CROWNING OF GALA QUEEN, Danniella McCreath by 1954 Gala Queen - Sybil Prentice assisted by 1998 Gala Queen Katie McCulloch. Piper will lead Gala Queen Elect Danniella to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's Attendant Verity Fazakerley, Queen's Consort is James Flannigan and Page Boy is David Kiltie.

Commentators: George McCulloch and Jim McDowall.

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 Rev.

Peter Taylor (Scottish Episcopal Church) and Father

Neill o'Donnell (Church of the Resurrection).

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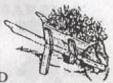
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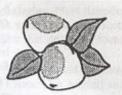
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10.30am

6.00pm

10.00am - 6.00pm CREAM o' GALLOWAY OPEN DAY and R.N.L.I.

BARBECUE 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.

10.00am - 12noon CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill

on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy

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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 — Sponsored by ACE CYCLES

of Castle Douglas - Competition Convener: David McNicol. See details on posters. Race will start and finish at Garries Park.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET GALA ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1999/2000:

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David Dougan, Joan Frame, Lyn Hampshire, Craig Steele, David McNicol, Jane Shillan, Nigel Day, Gayle Pickthall and Gordon

Rowan.

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Thompson, Ray Crane, Allison Veitch, Kathleen Hamblin, Nellie

Pickthall, Ian Cain and Guy Bourne-May.

Commentators: George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.

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, 3rd August, 1999. 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 28th July. This event does not hold an S.A.F. permit.

Entry Form	M	F	
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12 years - 16 years			£1.00
17-34 years (Ladies only)			£2.00
17-39 years (Men only)			£2.00
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THESDAY 3rd AUGUST

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10.30am - 4.30pm	PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION of previous Gala events at Mill on the Fleet.
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: Len Elliot. Collection to help defray expenses.
2.00pm - 4.00pm	CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy Frost. Participating tickets at £2 each from the Mill.
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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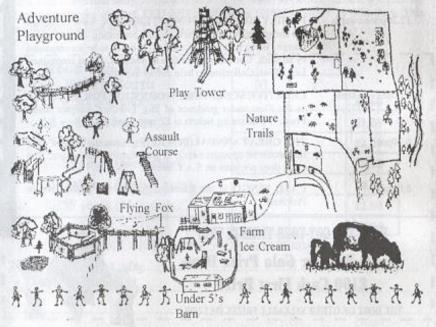
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2.00pm - 4.00pm CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy Frost.

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2.30pm GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF FLEET FOREST - Commencing at Murray Forest Centre near Cally Hotel main entrance from A75.

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6.00pm DISPLAY of MODEL AIRCRAFT by courtesy of Newton Stewart Radio Model Club in Garries Park. See some exciting dive bombing and the big sweetie scatter for children. Note earlier start of this event

than previous years.

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 Sales point opens in marquee in the park for the sale of torches for torchlight parade later in evening. (Last minute sales at starting point if

7.30pm Display by Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band and Highland Dancers. Commentator: George McCulloch. (The Pipe Band and Dancing Display will take place in the Community Centre if weather is

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

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SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

10.30am	Exhibition — Old Gala
	Photographs

11.00am	Craft Fair
11.00am	Coffee Morning

2.00pm	Afternoon Teas
2.00pm	Gala Week Opening Cer

2.00pm	Gala Week Opening Ceremony
	Pipe Band & Scottish Country

Dancers

CROWNING of GALA QUEEN Football — Junior Five-a-Side

6.30pm Songs of Praise

MONDAY 2nd AUGUST

10.00am	Cream o'	Galloway	Open	Day	&	RNLI BBQ
10.00am	Creative	Sculptur	e Wor	rksh	ons	

& 2pm 10.30am

Exhibition of Old Gala Photographs Walking Tour — Around town

10.30am Walking Tour — Aroun 6.00pm Sheep Dog Trials 6.30pm Mountain Bike Race

TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST

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10.30am	Exhibition of Old Gala Photographs
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12.30pm Family Picnic & Fun in park 6.30pm The Great Annual Fun Run

8.00pm Cash Bingo

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2.30pm	Guided Walking Tour of Fleet Forest
6.30pm	Green Bowling Tournament
6.00pm	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 5th AUGUST

10.00am &	2pm Creative Sculpture Workshops
10.30am	Exhibition of Old Gala Photographs
10.30am	Walking Tour - Around town
4.00pm	Golf Tournament
6.00pm	Gird 'n' Cleek Races
7.00pm	Special Challenge Football night
7.30pm	David Currie in Concert (Guitar)
8.00pm	Line Dancing

FRIDAY 6th AUGUST

10.00am &	2pm Creative Sculpture Workshops
10.30am	Exhibition of Old Gala Photographs
10.30am	Walking Tour - Around town
6.30pm	Football - Senior Five-a-Side
7.00pm	Holiday Princess Junior Disco
10.30pm	Gala Dance - Prize Karaoke & Disco

SATURDAY 7th AUGUST

10.30am	Exhibition of Old Gala Photographs
1.15pm	Grand Parade
	GALA DAY ACTIVITIES
	Pipe Bands & Highland Dancing
	Fun Fair & Side Shows
2.30pm	Children's Sports & Games
2.30pm	Baby Show Competition
2.30pm	The Sensational Mary Barclay Band
4.00pm	Competition Results
4.15pm	Grand Prize Draw
7.15pm	Ceilidh at Community Centre
9.00pm	Gala Day Celebration Dance

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

	DOLLARIA GUALLA GUAL
1.30am	Jazz Band, Barbecue & Bar
2.00pm	Youth Bands Competition
3.00pm	Ecumenical Open Air Service — Cardoness
3.00pm	Pet Show at Garries Park
6.00pm	Gymkhana at Blackloch field
9.00pm	Rafters Farewell Folk Night

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THURSDAY 5	5th AUGUST
10.00am - 12noon	CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy Frost.
10.30am	Participating tickets at £2 each from the Mill. 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.
10.30am - 4.30pm	PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION of previous Gala events at Mill on the Fleet.
2.00pm - 4.00pm	CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy Frost. Participating tickets at £2 each from the Mill.
4.00pm	GOLF TOURNAMENT at Gatehouse Golf Club, run over nine holes. If no official handicap is known, the Gatehouse Club system will apply. Prizes, including two beautifully engraved whisky glasses, will be presented in the park on Gala Day. Entry fee Seniors £1 and Juniors 50p.
6.00pm (prompt)	GIRD 'n' CLEEK 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 to 8 years. GROUP 2 Children 8 to 12 years. GROUP 3 Children 12 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. Ladies and Gents of all ages over 50 (Grannies and 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. Winners receive "The Fleet Star Challenge Trophy" donated by the family of the late Donald Fergusson.
7.30pm	Return of DAVID CURRIE (guitar) in CONCERT in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in aid of funds for the Gatehouse YMCA Drop-in Centre. Tickets £2.50 (concession £1.50) from The Giftie Gie Us.
8.00pm	LINE DANCING at Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Admission £1. Come along and learn the routines and get geared up for Friday's Country and

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I am delighted to welcome you to the 1999 Gala Programme which, as you can see, is packed with a variety of events as usual. 1999 sees the fiftieth Gala Week for Gatehouse of Fleet which is a notable achievement. Gala's don't just happen and the Chamber's thanks are due to all who have helped to organise events over the years.

Gala Week is very important to Gatehouse of Fleet, acting as a focal point for residents and visitors alike. Those who live locally enjoy the summer buzz when visitors are attracted to the town and surrounding area, and this reaches a peak during Gala Week when everybody enthusiastically throws themselves into making the week so successful. Visitors can choose from a wide range of happenings, be it the Torchlight Procession and the Crowning of the Gala Queen, or watching the Sheep Dog Trials or Air Display. Holidaymakers come year after year. always making sure that they coincide with Gala Week, which must be a great endorsement of its success.

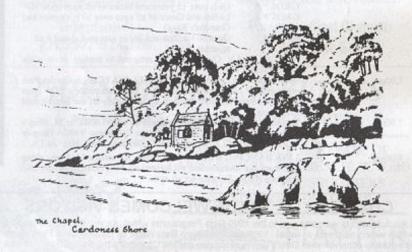
Finally, from a trade point of view, members of the Chamber will always try to provide you, the resident or visitor, with the service which you require, and hope very much that you will enjoy this year's Gala Week, the last one of the twentieth century.

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Also, at Chapel Bay, Cardoness, the ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE, on the Shore will be at 3 p.m., on Sunday 8th 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 6th A	
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2.00pm - 4.00pm	CREATIVE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP FOR ALL at Mill on the Fleet under guidance of 'Big Twitcher' sculptor Andy Frost. Participating tickets at £2 each from the Mill.
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 1999 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, 7th August-GALA DAY, in style. No admission charge to Disco — Soft drinks sales stall.
10.30pm - 12.00pm	'THE GALA HOLIDAY DANCE' - Prize Karaoke and disco dance evening in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Admission £2. Tickets available at Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Cash bar at dance (Over 18's

CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION

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Girls and boys aged five to 13 years are invited to obtain picture from Mrs Fergusson (High Street Drapers Shop) and return it coloured in to Mrs Fergusson by 4pm on Friday, 6th August. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday, 7th August. Entry 30p each.

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

Organised by Mill on the Fleet. Entry forms available at The Mill — 30p each. Note: Completed entries must be returned by 4pm on Friday 6th August to Mill on the Fleet. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be announced and presented during Gala Day in Garries Park on Saturday, 7th August.

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SATURDAY 7th AUGUST

SATURDAY 7	7th AUGUST
10.30am - 4.30pm	PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION of previous Gala events at Mill on the Fleet.
12.30pm	The GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY in road next to Gatehouse School and foot entries in the car park at Community Centre. The Hamish Holmes Memorial trophy for the best overall entry. SPONSORED BY GATEHOUSE 'SPAR' (C. J. Lang Ltd.) FLOATS: Class 1: MAINLY ADULTS FLOATS: Class 2: MAINLY CHILDREN
	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
1.15pm	The GRAND PARADE moves off en route to Garries Park, led by GALA QUEEN Danniella McCreath, accompanied by her entourage and followed by the newly chosen HOLIDAY PRINCESS. STEWARTRY PIPE BAND, KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT
2.00	PIPE BAND, the DECORATED VEHICLES and FANCY DRESS FOOT ENTRIES. Parade and Fancy Dress Convenors: Marjorie Harper and Ray Crane. AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME in GARRIES
2.00pm	AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME in GARRIES PARK including: PIPE BAND DISPLAYS, HIGHLAND DANCING, STALLS and
	SIDE SHOWS, LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT, ARCHERY, GRAND PRIZE DRAW, CANDY FLOSS, ROUNDABOUTS, COMPETITIONS, CHILDREN' SPORTS, PONY RIDES, CHILDREN'S TUG O' WAR, BABY SHOW, FIELD EVENTS INCLUDE A "FAMILY RELAY" and other COMPETITIVE
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Approximate Timings	
2.00pm 2.30pm	PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS CHILDREN'S SPORTS organised by Rob Thompson. Commentator: Jim McDowall.
2.30pm	AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee (Organised and served by Church Congregational Committee). Licensed bar tent — Head Barman — "Noky".
2.30pm	Stage cabaret by 'THE SENSATIONAL MARY BARCLAY BAND'
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. Event kindly sponsored by The Rocking Horse.' Kirkeudbright (Susan Finlay & Anne Watts).
3.00pm	Spectacular VT10 AIR DISPLAY — with daring pilot JIM McTAGGART.
4.00pm	RESULTS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.
4.15pm	GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place. Convener: Jane Shillan. GALA DAY COMMENTATORS: George McCulloch, Jim McDowall and Billy Hatch.
7.15pm - 10pm	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-
9.00pm	Serviceman / Woman Charities. GALA DAY CELEBRATION DANCE in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Music
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SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST

10.30am - 4.30pm PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION of previous Gala events at Mill

on the Fleet.

2,00pm Commencement of BIG BAND SOUNDS with John Cowan's

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appearances during afternoon).

2pm BARBECUE & BAR in Garries Park

Commencement of YOUTH BANDS COMPETITION in Garries 2.30pm Park (This event will continue at various times throughout the

afternoon).

3.00pm ECUMENICAL OPEN AIR SERVICE on the shore at Chapel

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will hold this for one year. Judges: DUNCAN and SANDRA

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6.00pm PONY GYMKHANA at Blackloch Field (on Dromore Road opposite Fire Station). Spectators admitted free. See posters for full

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9.00pm RAFTERS FAREWELL in Bank o' Fleet Hotel. Live Folk group

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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 1998 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).

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Dan Withall, Project Officer.



Dan Withall — new Project Officer at The Mill on the Fleet'

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- 05-12 DALRY The Clachan Fair.
- 06 GATEHOUSE Kirkclaugh Garden Open Day.
- 12 NEWTON STEWART Penninghamme School Car Boot Sale.
- 13 MOSSDALE Hensol Garden Open.
- 8 TWYNHOLM Walkers Rally.
- 19 CASTLE DOUGLAS Strathspey & Reel Society Concert at Lochside Theatre. Midsummer Night's Dram and Musical Barbecue at Cardoness Castle - Cellar Bar. CASTLE DOUGLAS — Raymond's Disco in Town Hall.
 - CASTLE DOUGLAS Coffee Morning & Sale, Threave Gardens.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Marie Curie Midsummer Jazz at Threave.

 DALBEATTIE Southwick Garden Open.
- 26 NEWTON STEWART Penninghamme Church Coffee Morning.
- 27 GATEHOUSE Cally Gardens Open.

JULY

- 08 DUNDRENNAN Concert.
- 10-18 WIGTOWN Civic Week.
- 15 KIPPFORD Car Park Sale.
- 17 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Family Fun Day, and Crowning of the Princess.
- 18 CASTLE DOUGLAS Argrennan Garden Open Day. KIRKCUDBRIGHT — Walker's Rally.
- 22 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square, 7pm.
- 24 GATEHOUSE Gatehouse Singers Summer Concert.
- 27 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Car Rally 6.30 pm.
- 29 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square, 7 pm.
- CASTLE DOUGLAS Civic Day.

AUGUST

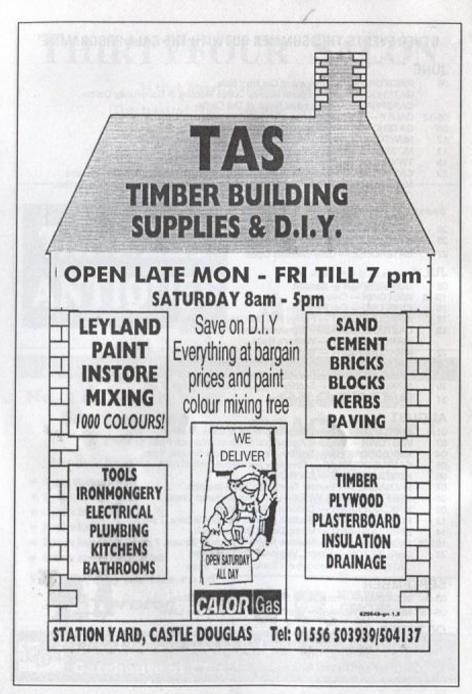
- 1 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Sheep Dog Trials at Canee Farm.
- 03 WIGTOWN Wigtown Agricultural Show at Bladnoch Park.
- 04 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square, 7 pm.
- 05 CASTLE DOUGLAS Stewartry Agricultural Show.
- 06 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Car Rally.
- PALNACKIE Flounder Tramping Championships.
- 08-15 CREETOWN GALA WEEK Full Programme of Events.
- 09 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Children's Sports Night.
- 12 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Night in Harbour Square, 7 pm.
- 14 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Viking Day at Dhoon Beach.
- 19826 KIRKCUDBRIGHT Scottish Nights in Harbour Square, 7 pm.
- 28 GARLIESTON Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show, GATEHOUSE — Horticultural Society Annual Show.

SEPTEMBER

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