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MESSAGE FROM GALA CHAIRMAN JOHN DAVIDSON "Roll Out The Barrel"



I am pleased to be able to give you an up-beat report on the future of the Gala and the 2003 programme of events in particular. The committee remains strong in membership and in fact at the May meeting the problem was squeezing them all into the meeting room at Murray Arms! They have, as usual, been meeting every month since the last Gala and three new members have joined the ranks in recent times. Helen Flannighan is most welcome as she has always been a good background supporter and her late Dad, Bobby Telfer was a former chairman. Brian and Sylvia Napper are keen committee members and have already taken on responsibility as joint conveners and custodians of the Gala equipment – marquees, cooking equipment, etc.

After a lot of heart searching, the ever popular "Bangers and Beer" night has had to undergo a major change. In line with maintaining the "family" Gala theme throughout, the marquee bar in the park has been the source of concern in recent years with a minority of revellers abusing alcohol and causing disturbances. Consequently an experimental year with no bar – but a soft drinks marquee 'cafe' in its place is being tried out.

Alas the Sheepdog Trials are postponed again owing to ongoing Foot and Mouth regulations which restrict the movement of sheep after the event from one farm to another.

However, another popular event, back again is the Great River Fleet Raft Race as is the Bogie and Pram Race and a new event on the Saturday before crowning day is a rally in Gatehouse of Fleet by Classic cars from various Car Clubs in the region.

(See details on other pages).

In my association with the Gala I have picked up snippets of interest on earlier activities in the town. Could the rolling of the flaming tar barrel in Ann Street at Hogmanay, be construed as the forerunner of the magnificent torchlight procession? It would certainly have made Ann Street the first tarred street in town. (Just a thought!)

Again the annual sponsors have responded magnificently - Spar's owners, C. J. Lang of Dundee, Cream o' Galloway at Rainton, Fleet Fish, Costcutters and Crosbies Garage. A private individual who wishes to remain anonymous has come forward to meet the costs for the main field event on Gala Day - especially for children - "The Low Flying Chicken Squadron". Thanks also to the many others listed on page 27 of this publication. The advertisers who make this souvenir programme possible have responded well and I am grateful to them.

I take this opportunity each year to publicly thank my volunteer committee members for attending meetings on a monthly basis throughout the year, and to their spouses / partners and family members who always turn out to help with Gala week when the time comes round. Likewise the "friends of the Gala" who take on specific duties each year are a tower of strength. Locals and visitors are equally welcome at all Gala activities – make your rafts and processional floats and buy your torches in good time. I do hope everyone has an enjoyable Gala and good weather is, of course, on order. I do hope everyone has a really enjoyable time.

Website: www.gatehouse-gala.co.uk E.mail: enquiries@gatehouse-gala.co.uk

FRONT COVER: Pictures: TOP LEFT: Galloway hill walkers in fancy dress. TOP RIGHT: The Great Torchlight Parade. BOTTOM LEFT: Piper Dr. David Hannay. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mill on the Fleet Visitor Centre.

Photograph by Andy Chappel.

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WELCOME TO VISITORS by Provost Franca Bruno



I would like to welcome the visitors once again and say hello to the residents, who also read what will become a well worn publication before the week is out! Gatehouse of Fleet is now officially the 4th most safest place to live in Scotland and it would be wonderful if we could keep it that way. Or better still, let's try and be third next year or perhaps even second. I don't think we could ever be first because that would mean beating Orkney, and I imagine that would be nigh on impossible - or would it!

To all the visitors - I hope you enjoy your stay in our beautiful wee town as much as we enjoy living here. Please remember to take your litter home with you or to the nearest bin, and for those of you who own a dog, always carry a plastic bag with you, because you just never know! Dog fouling is becoming such a problem here. We are receiving more and more complaints from people, and as you probably realise, it is a difficult and sometimes, emotive issue to tackle because it very much relies on people's own sense of duty and responsibility. And as we don't, as yet, have a plastic bag dispenser sited in the town, your co-operation would be very much appreciated. We were commended in the Scottish Community of the Year Award 2002 in the Environment Section and we would like to keep it that way.

Manythanks.

So, without further ado, let the Gala festivities commence and may much merriment take place. Oh, and by the way, for those of you that have been before, you will notice that the clock now chimes at the Clock Tower. I don't know how we have managed without it before - I really don't!

EXTRA EVENTS BEFORE GALA WEEK COMMENCES

COUNTRY MARKET in Mill on Fleet grounds

Saturday, 19th July - 10am - 4.30pm

A really inviting event with fresh produce and a wide range of other goods in a variety of colourful stalls. Applications for space for stalls to Alix Wolffe on 01557 814300.

GALA FUN HORSE & PONY SHOW

Sunday, 20th July - from 11am (No admission charge)
(Blackloch field opposite fire station on Drommore Road)

CLASSES: Equitation & Turnout - Showing - Dressage - Fun

EVENTS: Clear Round Jumping & Gymkhana.

Schedule info. per Beverly Vaux, Rusko, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2BS.

E-mail: gilbey@rusko.demon.co.uk Fax: 01557 814679

Entries: Closing date 13th July. Entries on field are double price.

Car Parking: On the showfield - weather permitting.

Organisers: The Gatehouse of Fleet Gala Horse & Pony Show Committee.

RALLY CARS ON DISPLAY in Garries Park

Saturday, 26th July - from 1pm - 3 or 4pm

Arriving cars meet up at Gatehouse of Fleet Community Centre.

PIPER will lead parade of cars, vintage, classic and others (all ages, shapes and sizes) - up High Street to Garries Park where they can be viewed close up. (Display provided by courtesy of Dumfries & Galloway Classic Wheels Club and other Car Clubs in the area). (No admission charge).

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WHAT'S ON AT THE MILL THIS SUMMER

This programme has been arranged by "The Friends of the Mill"
To check programme items please telephone the Mill on 01557 814099

In addition to the events below the Public Arts Committee may organise other events. Watch for posters or ask at Mill or Tourist Information Centre.

JUNE		
Wednesday	04-29	Exhibition in Faed Gallery by Wildlife Painters: Brian Arneill, Ian Willis and Robin Adee
Thursday	26	7p.m. - Talk by Janice Spencer - "Keats in Galloway"
JULY		
Wednesday	02-29	Exhibition in Faed Gallery by Hazel Campbell, Ken Grierson, Valerie Sadler and Archie Sutter Watt
Friday	04-31	Photographic Exhibition in Bookshop Gallery - Norman Taylor
Thursday	10	7p.m. - Talk by member of Forestry Commission "Life in our Forests"
Saturday	19	10a.m. - 4.30p.m. - COUNTRY MARKET in Mill Grounds
Thursday	24	2p.m. - Scenic walk from the Mill with Peter Addison
Sunday	27-29	Ceramic Mask making workshops with Hannah McAndrew. (See pages 11-13 & 15 for details).
AUGUST		
Friday	01-28	Photographic Exhibition in Bookshop Gallery - Alan Wright
Friday	01-29	September. Exhibition in Faed Gallery - Paintings & prints by Jean Roger
Thursday	07	7p.m. - Talk by Keith Kirk of Regional Ranger Service "The Life of a Country Ranger"
Thursday	14	2p.m. - Walk with Geoff Keating "Loch Whiney and the West Lade System"
Thursday	21	7p.m. - Talk by David Hawker, Botanical Recorder "A Day in the Life of a Local Ecologist"
Thursday	28	2p.m. - Walk with Helen Keating "The East Lade System of Gatehouse of Fleet"
Friday	29-25 September	Photographic Exhibition in Bookshop Gallery. By Lesley Murray
SEPTEMBER		
Monday	01-29	Exhibition in Faed Gallery by Jill Corkey from Co. Antrim as part of Gaelforce Arts Festival
Thursday	11	7p.m. - Talk by Barry Holiday (and his falcons) "Falconry"
Friday	26-26 October	Photographic Exhibition in Bookshop Gallery - Ian Biggar
OCTOBER		
Friday	03-26	Retrospective Exhibition in Faed Gallery. Paintings by Alick Riddell Sturrock, 1885 - 1953.
Thursday	16	7p.m. - Talk by Dr. David Steel "Discovering A. R. Sturrock RSA"
DECEMBER		
Friday	05	CHRISTMAS MARKET

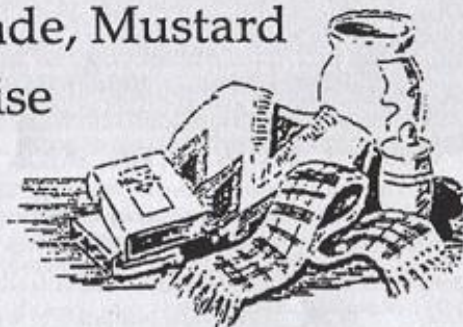
CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION

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, 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.

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 1st 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, 2nd August.

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SUNDAY 27th JULY

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| 10.00am - 5.00pm | CRAFT FAIR in the Community Centre. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Admission Adults 50p, Children under 14 years accompanied by an adult 10p. |
| 10.00am - 12 noon | COFFEE MORNING — The local Committee of Macmillan Cancer Relief will serve Coffee and Biscuits in the Community Centre. Adults £1.00, Children under 14 years 50p. |
| 10.30am - 12.30pm | CERAMIC MASK-MAKING WORKSHOP by Hannah McAndrew at Mill on Fleet. Children over 7 years and parents welcome. £4 per session (Max. 12 in each workshop). |
| 11.00am onwards | HORSE (Tommy) & CARRIAGE — rides around town tailored to suit customer requirements. Driver: John Jack . Prices per person varies according to numbers. Starting and finishing point in car park near Tourist Information Centre — Tel. 01557 814212. |
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| 1.30pm - 4.00pm | AFTERNOON TEAS — at Crafts Fair. Adults £1.25, Children under 14 years 75p. |
| 2.00pm | GALA WEEK OPENING CEREMONY — in Ann Street — featuring performances by LOCHRYAN PIPE BAND and Display by Gatehouse of Fleet Branch of Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Welcome address by Provost Franca Bruno. The OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY will be performed by Deputy Chief Constable, Bob Ovens. CROWNING of GALA QUEEN , Verity Wilson by Carey Harper (Gala Queen 2002). Piper will lead Gala Queen Elect Verity to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's Attendant is Hannah Ryan . Queen's Consort is Bobby Brinley and Page Boy is Tom Ryan .
Commentators: George McCulloch and Jim McDowall . |
| 3.30pm | BOGIE & PRAM RACES in the confines of Ann Street (Starting immediately after the mobile platform leaves). Classes organised according to entries. Participants should wear fancy dress. Organiser: Craig Steele . Cash prizes. |
| 5.30pm | WALKING TREASURE HUNT — Start and finish at Community Centre. Enter on arrival and obtain Clues sheet from organiser Pat Jacques . |
| 6.30pm | SONGS OF PRAISE , Ecumenical Service, in Girthon Parish Church (along Castramont Road from Clock Tower). Service led by Rev. Valerie Ott. |
| 7.00pm | MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE - Competition Convener: David McNicol . See details on posters. Race will start and finish at Garries Park. |

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10.30am - 12.30pm

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10.30am - 1.30pm

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1.45pm

TENNIS TOURNAMENT for JUNIORS — At Tennis Courts next to
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Tournament starts 2pm. Format depends on entry. Organiser: **Douglas
McDavid** can be contacted in advance at (Work 01557 814341 or Home:
01557 814505).

6.00pm

THE ANNUAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS (Cancelled owing to continuing
effects of Foot and Mouth disease — animal movement restrictions).

6.15pm

TENNIS TOURNAMENT for SENIORS — At Tennis Courts next to
Golf Course. Entry and draw for partners at 6.15pm. £2 per person.
Tournament starts 6.30pm. Prizes according to entry. Organiser: **Douglas
McDavid** can be contacted in advance on (Work 01557 814341 or Home:
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7.00pm

CAR TREASURE HUNT — Start and finish at Community Centre. Enter
on arrival and obtain Clues sheet from organiser **Pat Jacques**.

JOHN COWAN'S NEW ORLEANS WANDERERS

A welcome return visit to play
on the final Sunday of Gala (3rd
August). Guy Pollock — Clarinet;
Stuart Cowan — Banjo; Mike
Harrison — Sousaphone and
John Cowan himself on
Trumpet.



Picture by courtesy of Stuart Collins.

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, 29th July, 2003. 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 £1.50 for the junior groups and £2.50 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. Cheques and postal orders available to "Gatehouse of Fleet Gala."

"Roon the Watter"

Entry Form

11 years and under
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12.30pm onwards

FAMILY PICNIC and FUN AFTERNOON. Entertainment featuring **PUNCH & JUDY** and the antics of **BILLY THE FUN BALLOON MAN**. If wet the event will be held in the marquee. No admission charge. Bring your own picnic. All children to be accompanied by an adult. Convener: **Christine Proudlock**. Collection to help defray expenses.

1.30am - 3.30pm

CERAMIC MASK-MAKING WORKSHOP by Hannah McAndrew at Mill on Fleet. Children over 7 years and parents welcome. £4 per session (Max. 12 in each workshop).

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

ANNUAL GALA CASH BINGO in the Community Centre. Caller: **Nellie Pickthall**.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

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- * Family caravan holiday at Inverary.
- * Week's family holiday in cottage at Clauchan, Gatehouse.
- * Side of smoked salmon (Marrbury Smokehouse).
- * Bottles Whisky, Gin, Wine and other valuable prizes.

TICKET 20p or £1 a book (on sale at various shops in town)

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Draw convener: Gordon Rowan, 17 Birtwhistle Street, Gatehouse of Fleet

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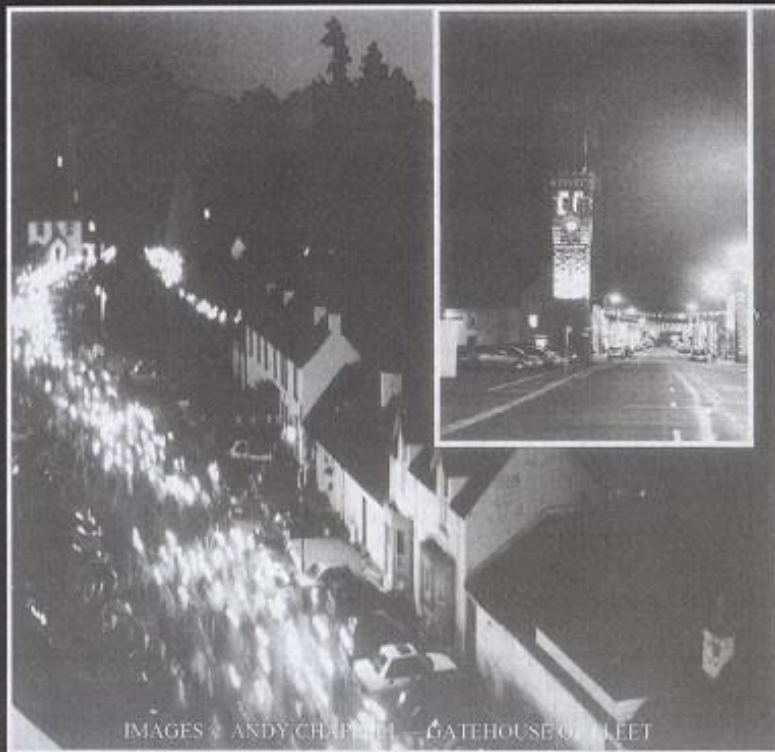
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TUESDAY



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WEDNESDAY 30th JULY

10.30am - 1.30pm

GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Gatehouse of Fleet, starting at The Mill on The Fleet Visitor Centre, Easy stroll. Guide: **Dr. David Steel**. Duration time: approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.

11.00am onwards

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2.30pm

GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF THE CALLY OAKWOODS commencing at Murray Forest Centre near Cally Hotel main entrance from main road. Conducted by a Forest Ranger and provided free by courtesy of Forest Enterprise. Good footwear advised.

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 VERITY WILSON**.

7.00pm

TORCH 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 still available). Other sales points during the week are at The Potting Shed, Costcutter and Spar.

7.30pm

PIPERS & DANCERS — Display by **Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band** and **Highland Dancers** in Garries Park. (Will be held in Marquee if weather is wet). Commentator: **George McCulloch**.

9.00pm

DANCING, HOT DOGS, FAMILY CAFE TENT (Soft Drinks only) operated by **Costcutter**. **RAYMOND'S OUTDOOR MUSICAL EXPERIENCE**. Variety of snacks, on sale in Cafe Tent. Entry to event is free, but there will be cash donation points to help cover expenses. **NO BAR — NO ALCOHOL SALES.**

9.30pm

THE GREAT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION (Assembly time). 9.45pm (Move off time), starting from the Community Centre Car Park where torches will be on sale. **Kirkcudbright & District Pipe Band** will lead the parade to Garries Park via High Street and Ann Street followed by the Queen's Procession and **Lochryan Pipe Band** from Stranraer.



SPECIAL NOTE: There is **NO** entry to Garries Park via the main town car park. For safety reasons all torch bearers must stay in the procession. There will be an official "bucket cash collection" to help defray fireworks costs.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY and **BONFIRE** in **GARRIES PARK** plus **SCOTTISH COUNTRY & BARN DANCE MUSIC** for all the family. Safety team on duty and pyrotechnics experts are: Gerard Macnamara, John Davidson, Nigel Day, Craig Steele, Tom Myers and Tom Burnie.

APPEAL TO DOGGIE WALKERS

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SUNDAY 27th JULY

- 10.00am Craft Fair
- 10.00am Coffee Morning
- 10.30am Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 1.30pm Afternoon Teas
- 1.30pm Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 1.30pm Gala Opening Ceremony - Jazz Band
- 2.00pm Pipe Band & Scottish Country Dancers
- CROWNING of GALA QUEEN
- 3.30pm Bogie & Pram Races in Ann Street
- 5.30pm Walking Treasure Hunt
- 6.30pm Songs of Praise
- 7.00pm Mountain Bike Race

MONDAY 28th JULY

- 10.00am Cream o' Galloway Open Day & BBQ
- 10.30am Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 10.30am Walking Tour - Around town
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 1.30pm Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 1.45pm Tennis Tournament for juniors
- 6.15pm Tennis Tournament for seniors
- 7.00pm Car Treasure Hunt

TUESDAY 29th JULY

- 10.30am Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 10.30am Walking Tour - Around town
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 12.30pm Family Picnic & Fun in park
- 1.30pm Ceramic Mask-Making Workshop
- 6.30pm The Great Annual Fun Run
- 8.00pm Cash Bingo - Community Centre

WEDNESDAY 30th JULY

- 10.30am Walking Tour - Around town
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 2.30pm Guided Walking Tour of Fleet Forest
- 6.30pm Green Bowling Tournament
- 7.30pm Pipe Band & Highland Dancing
- 9.00pm Family Dancing Hot Dogs & Cafe tent
- 9.30pm Torchlight Procession, Pipe Band
- Fireworks & Bonfire (NO BAR)

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THURSDAY 31st JULY

- 10.30am Walking Tour - Around town
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 7.00pm Special Challenge Football match
- 7.30pm Robert Burns Evening - Mill on Fleet

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST

- 10.30am Walking Tour - Around town
- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 2.00pm Arts & Crafts Show - Nursing Home
- 2.30pm Football - Junior Five-a-Side
- 6.00pm Football - Senior Five-a-Side
- 9.00pm Folk Night - Bank of Fleet Hotel

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 12.30pm Grand Parade assembly - Community Centre
- 1.15pm Grand Parade moves off
- GALA DAY ACTIVITIES
- Pipe Bands, Woodwind Band, Clowning, The Low Fly Chicken Squadron, Fun Fair, Side Shows, Bar & Teas
- 2.30pm Children's Sports & Games
- 2.30pm Baby Show Competition
- 2.30pm Cabaret: Angus & Steve Duo
- 3.30pm Tug-o'-War for all ages
- 4.00pm Competition Results & Prize Draw
- 9.00pm Cabaret: Dave Leonard as Elvis - Bank of Fleet Hotel

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

- 11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
- 1.00pm Grand Finale - Jazz Band, Barbecue & Bar
- 1.00pm Pet Show. Judge Mr Neil McCormick
- 2.30pm Gird 'n' Cleek competition & Circus workshop, also Peter Kirk's Cabaret & Bouncy Castle
- 2.30pm The MacMurray Fleet Fish Raft Race
- 3.30pm Gird 'n' Cleek Competition
- 6.15pm Riding of the Marches. Start Ann Street

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5.30pm

JUNIOR CHALLENGE FOOTBALL MATCH — in Garries Park, organised by Fleet Star Football Club.

7.00pm

SPECIAL CHALLENGE FOOTBALL MATCH — in Garries Park organised by Fleet Star Football Club. The big match **FLEET STAR v VISITING TEAM**. Winners receive "The Fergusson Trophy" donated by the family of the late Donald Fergusson.

7.30pm



ROBERT BURNS EVENING WITH SUPPER in the Bank of Fleet Hotel. Meal includes 'Haggis, Tatties & Neeps'. The principal guest speaker is **Logan Wilson**, World President Elect of the Burns Worldwide Federation. Other good speakers & entertainers. See posters for ticket information and other details. Advance information from George McCulloch on 01557 814030. E-mail: george.mcculloch@virgin.net or Mobile/Text on 077323 44468. An "all family" function.



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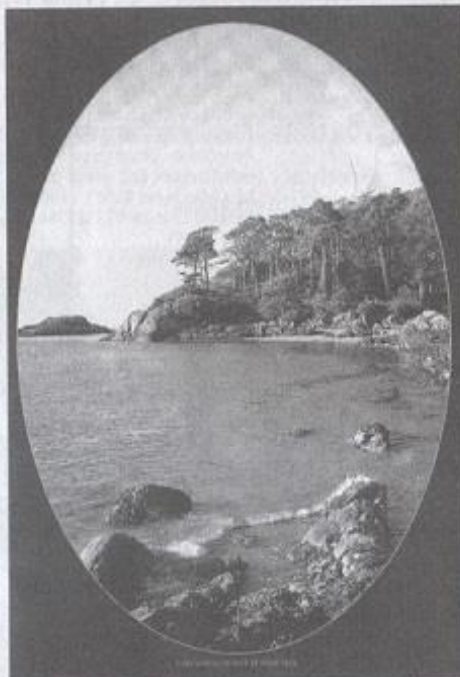
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ALL WELCOME

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2.00pm for 3.00pm

JUNIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL in Garries Park. No entry fee.

6.00pm - 6.30pm

SENIOR FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL in Garries Park. Entry fee £5 per team. Both events Organised by **Fleet Star Football Club**. Prizes will be presented by **Gala Queen Verity Wilson**.

9.00pm

FOLK NIGHT at Bank of Fleet Hotel. No admission charge.



Picture by courtesy of committee member Tom Myers

JOCK CALLS IT A DAY

In his eight years as Gala Chairman, Jock Davidson has dedicated all his spare time, and a good bit more to building up the Gala to the success it is today. His wife Dorothy has given him never ending support in his efforts. In an emotional frame of mind he announced at the June

meeting that he would not be seeking re-election as chairman in October. A stunned meeting eventually expressed praise for his eight year stint and a spontaneous applause broke out. He is pictured here trying to impress his grandson, Sam, with the shiny new chain of office which arrived on his 80th birthday. Whilst 'grandmother' Dorothy tries to keep a firm hold of Sam, the Gala's Honorary President, Jimmy Dent, casts an eye of wisdom over the whole situation. Jock admits that whilst he will no longer be chairman, his work and advice for the Gala will carry on. He feels satisfied in the knowledge that he is handing over a well oiled machine for maintenance in safe hands.

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12.30pm

The GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY in road next to Gatehouse School and foot entries in the car park at Community Centre. To enter the parade just turn up at the starting point in good time and you will be registered. Prizes include The Hamish Holmes Memorial Trophy for the best overall entry.

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FOOT: CLASS B: ADULT'S FANCY DRESS

1.15pm

The **GRAND PARADE** moves off en route to **Garries Park**, led by **GALA QUEEN** - Verity Wilson accompanied by her entourage and followed by the **KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT 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 PARK** includes:-

2.00pm

THE LOW FLYING CHICKEN SQUADRON for children, **PIPE BAND DISPLAYS**, **STEWARTRY WOODWIND BAND**, **STALLS** and **SIDE SHOWS**, **LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT**, **ARCHERY**, **GRAND PRIZE DRAW**, **CANDY FLOSS**, **ROUNDABOUTS**, **COMPETITIONS**, **CHILDREN'S SPORTS**, **PONY RIDES**, **TUG o' WAR** (all ages), **BABY SHOW**, **FIELD EVENTS** INCLUDE A **STILT WALKER** and **CLOWN**. **BUCKING BRONCO**, **QUAD BIKES**, **BAR** and **AFTERNOON TEAS**.

Approximate Timings:-

2.00pm

PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS.

2.30pm

CHILDREN'S SPORTS organised by **Rob Thompson**. Commentator: **Jim McDowall**.

2.30pm

AFTERNOON TEAS served in the Marquee by local ladies from Rural Institute. **LICENSED BAR TENT** — Run by **Costcutters (Ray & Shona Crane)**.

2.30pm

THE LOW FLY CHICKEN SQUADRON operated by **Hatrick & Friends**. Children enter to obtain their "Wings" of proficiency to fly. Commentator **Jim McDowall**.

2.30pm

The ANGUS & STEVE LIVE 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. Organisers: **Jo Bradshaw and Howell Parry**. Event kindly sponsored by 'The Masonic Arms' (Chris & Sue Walker). Conveners: **Jo Bradshaw & Howell Parry**. **RESULTS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.**

4.00pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place. Convener: **Gordon Rowan**. **GALA DAY COMMENTATORS:** **George McCulloch and Jim McDowall**.

4.15pm

9.00pm - 1am

GALA DAY CABARET in Bank of Fleet Hotel. Featuring **DAVE LEONARD** singing as **Elvis** on his 2003 European Tour. Tickets £5.00 (available in advance at Bank o' Fleet Hotel).



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1.00pm

BIG FINALE in Anwoth Hotel Garden beside the river: Courtesy of **Ivan Bell** - Mine Host at Anwoth Hotel with marquee bar and hot food stall. Bouncy Castle. Master of ceremonies: **David McNicol** & his loud hailer.

1.00pm

BIG BAND SOUNDS - JAZZ with **John Cowan's Dixieland Jazz Band**.

1.00pm

PET SHOW - in hotel garden. 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 1pm. There will be many different classes for each section with prizes. Show Conveners: **Tom and Janet Myers**. Guest Judge: **Neil McCormick** (vet surgeon, retired).

2.15pm (Approx)

CIRCUS WORKSHOP with **HATRICK & FRIENDS** in garden. (Suitable for adults and children - free of charge) New for 2003 Tight Rope training.

2.30pm

THE FLAT OUT FLEET FISH RAFT RACE - Theme: HARRY POTTER. From Port Macadam to Fleet Bridge (hopefully!) Prizes for all entries. Trophies to be won. Full details on entry form available from Mary at Fleet Fish on 07767 407814 or from Tourist Information Centre - Tel: 01557 814212.

3.30pm - 5.00pm

PETER KIRK CABARET - will alternate with **DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND**.

3.30pm (Approx)

GIRD 'n' CLEEK RACES. On surfaced road between Garden and Anwoth Hotel. Convenir: **Duncan McLeod**. (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.

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 finishes.

6.15pm

RIDING OF THE MARCHES. Main group will ride the 6 mile route known as "Roon the Watter" and the younger age group will be taken on a less demanding ride into the Cally Woods. Organised by **Jill Rennie, Jean Clarkson** and helpers. All riders should arrive in time to meet up in Ann Street ready for 6.30pm start. (Parking places and unloading point for horseboxes at Fleet Farm premises along Castramont Road which is opposite Clock Tower.) Stirrup Cup will kindly be provided by **Chris & Sue Walker**, Mine Hosts at The Masonic Arms. Riders should meet up at Anwoth Hotel to re-group on way home and another stirrup cup will be provided by Mine Host, **Ivan Bell**. Jill Rennie can be contacted in advance on 01557 814089. See details on horse and pony show on page 5.

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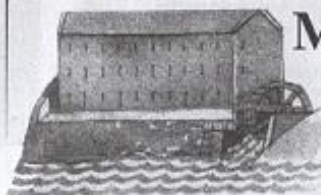
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IMAGES of the 2002 GALA

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The Gala committee at the January 2003 meeting:

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

Visitors are made most welcome, and the club attracts golfers from all parts of the United Kingdom as well as overseas. Most people having played the course once, cannot wait to arrange a return visit, such is the enjoyment and pleasure a game of golf at Gatehouse can give you. The Green Fees for the 2003 season are £12 per day (including weekends) for adults and £6 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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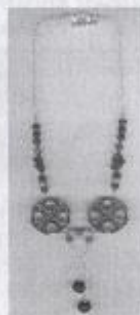
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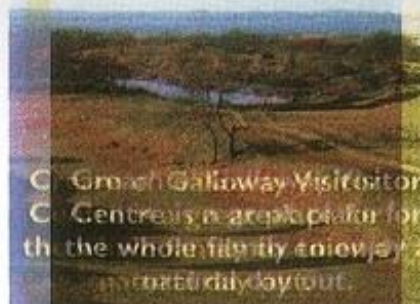


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