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MESSAGE FROM GALA CHAIRMAN TOM BURNIE

"The Chance to Drive a Well Oiled Machine"



It is a challenging role to follow Jock Davidson's act as Gala chairman as he did for almost a decade but it is a real privilege to have the opportunity of keeping the wheels of a "well oiled" machine turning smoothly. Jock has presided over many successful Galas and retires gracefully leaving a large harmonious committee of workers and a treasurer with funds in the bank for a "rainy day". Just to keep the standards at the high peak Jock has attained is a big enough task - but with the influx of a few more new committee members the opportunity to ring the changes and strive for greater things presents itself. However, many of Gatehouse of Fleet's older residents have fond childhood Gala memories and therefore the events which have stood the test of time and still continue each year will become the memories of today's children in years to come. Perhaps the big new Tug o' War Challenge will become a talking point with the winning teams being known as "The Cream o' Galloway". The new committee members playing active roles are Margaret Carruthers, Kevin & Kate Pearce, Andy Chappell, Derek McCrae, Janet Myers and Charles & June Wardrobe.

Thankfully the faithful sponsors have again come forward with their generosity: Spar, Costcutter, Cream o' Galloway, Cardoness Holiday Park, St. Mary's Garage, Fleet Fish, Murray Arms and an anonymous important sponsor who also helped last year. (See full list of sponsors on page 27). This year's programme of events will be as exciting as last year commencing and finishing with horses! The Horse and Pony show is a week before the Gala starts and the Riding of The Marches with around 40 horses rounds off 9 days of non stop activity. Alas - no raft race this year owing to tide times but the search for the Golden Nuggets leading to the Golden Fleece takes its place! The Wednesday Torchlight family evening will follow the "no alcohol" policy which proved so successful last year.

I conclude by following Jock's example of thanking the hard working volunteer committee which meets all year round and the "Friends" of the Gala who take on specific duties each year are a tower of strength. The advertisers who make this publication possible are very important to us - so please support them in business and use their services.

My message to locals and visitors alike is: - get your processional glad rags looked out, plan your parade floats and get your teams of 6 lined up for the Tug o' War - then come along to as many events as you can and have a great time! When it's all over put the 2005 Gala dates in your diary: Saturday 30th July to Sunday 7th August. (Gala Day is on Saturday 6th August).

Footnote: Town Crier, John Chambers has been coaxed back out of retirement for the Gala - thank you John.

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

FRONT COVER: Pictures: TOP LEFT: The "Fleet Fish Fatties" as they were in 2003. TOP RIGHT: Town Crier John Chambers with a trainee in hand? BOTTOM LEFT: Chief Crook maker Bobby Carson displays his skills in the Mill on the Fleet and Hattericks Circus Workshop crew clowning about in Garries Park

Photographs by Andy Chappell.

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WELCOME TO VISITORS by Provost Franca Bruno



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tom Burnie on his appointment as the new Chairman of the Gala Committee. I have known Tom for several years and know that he will do a good job and continue to carry on the success of his predecessor Jock Davidson who we all wish well in his deserved retirement. I would also like to welcome back John Chambers, our Town Crier, who has been gently persuaded out of retirement. I am pleased to say, but unfortunately for the purpose of Gala Week only! However we thank him for this gesture. It always helps the spectacle of the Torchlight Procession to have our Town Crier at the helm, if only perhaps, because he is head and shoulders above the rest of us! On the same note, I would like to take this opportunity to invite anybody who might be interested in becoming our new Town Crier to contact the Gala Secretary, George McCulloch. This is an important post and one which we badly need to fill. It would be a shame to lose it.

And finally, but most importantly, I would like to welcome you all once again to this wonderful spectacle of Gala Week which promises to be better than ever. As a good friend of mine once said, 'we certainly know how to punch above our weight!' I hope the sun shines on us, I wish you all a marvellous time and you go away with nothing but fond memories.

EXTRA EVENTS BEFORE GALA WEEK COMMENCES

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NOTE: The Special Pub Quiz on 3rd August - Details on Tuesday Programme Page



Gala Queen elect is Miss Nicola Dale and her Attendant is Megan Duffy
Page Boy (left) is Damon Yo and Queen's Consort is Martin McKie

	Martin McKie
	Megan Duffy
	Damon Yo
<p>Miss Gatehouse is crowned GALA QUEEN in Ann Street at the Gala Opening Ceremony on Sunday 1st August commencing 1.30pm with THE ANGUS & STEVE DUO</p>	

THE MILL on the FLEET

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(see advertisement on page 28)

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

JUNE

- 3rd to 30th "Time and Tide" — an exhibition of coastal subjects from the Gracefield Arts Centre Collection (Faed Gallery).
3rd to 30th Photographs by Helen Houston (Bookshop Gallery).
3rd Talk by Sheila Watt of the Curatorial staff, Shambellie House "Historic Costume" 7pm (Faed Gallery).
24th Talk by Janet Hannay "The Gardens of Devon and Cornwall" 7pm (Faed Gallery).

JULY

- 1st to 26th Exhibition of Paintings by Jim Sturgeon (Faed Gallery).
1st to 26th Landscape Photographs by Andy Chappell (Bookshop Gallery).
13th Talk by Willie Wright "Seven Summers on St. Kilda" 7pm (Faed Gallery).
17th Country Market in the Mill Grounds - 10am to 3pm.
20th Talk by David Collin "History of the Port of Kirkcudbright" 7pm (Faed Gallery).
30th to Aug 31st Exhibition of Paintings by Anwoth Art Group (Faed Gallery).
30th to Aug 31st Wildlife Photographs by Keith Kirk (Bookshop Gallery).

AUGUST

- 3rd Walk led by Lucy Hadley NSA Community Ranger from the Mill 2 - 5pm.
3rd Talk by Lucy Hadley "Fleet Valley, News and Views" 7pm (Faed Gallery).
10th Walk led by Geoff Keating "Loch Whinnyon and the West lade system" 2pm.
17th Walk led by Helen Keating "The East lade system in Gatehouse" 2pm.
17th Talk by Stuart Spray "Bats at the Mill" 8pm (Faed Gallery).
24th Talk by David Hawker "A Botanist at the Cape" 7pm (Faed Gallery).

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd to 28th "A Perfect View" — an exhibition celebrating the Stewartry's National Scenic Areas (Faed Gallery).
2nd to 28th Exhibition of Photographs by David Henderson, Galloway News Photographer (Bookshop Gallery).
2nd Talk by Anna Campbell "The Glenkens" 7pm (Faed Gallery).
6th Folk Concert "Mill Songs" 7.30pm (Faed Gallery) - to be confirmed.
16th Talk by David Devereux, Curator Stewartry Museum "Social History in Galloway" 7pm (Faed Gallery).

OCTOBER

- 1st to 31st Exhibition — "Five Red Herrings - Dorothy L Sayers and Gatehouse of Fleet" (Faed Gallery).
7th Talk by Christopher Dean, Chairman of the Dorothy L Sayers Society "Dorothy L Sayers in the Stewartry" 7pm (Faed Gallery).

CHARGES

Entrance to the displays on the first floor (including audio wand explaining the displays).
Adults £1.50 / Concessions £1.00 / Children 50p / Family Ticket £4 (2 adults and 3 or more children).

TALKS AT THE MILL

Adults £2.50 / Friends of the Mill £1.50 / Children Free (Special facilities for people with hearing difficulties).

GUIDED WALKS

All the guided walks are free of charge.

EXHIBITIONS

Entry to all exhibitions in the Faed Gallery and the Bookshop Gallery is free.
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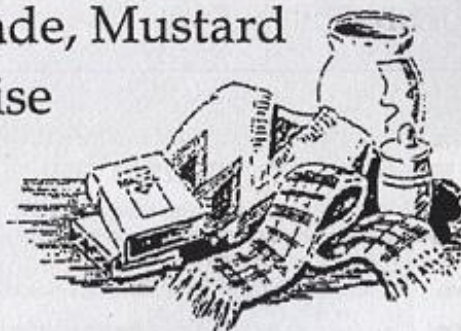
CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION

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, 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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SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

10.00am - 5.00pm **CRAFT FAIR** in the Community Centre. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. 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.

11.00am onwards **HORSE (Tommy) & CARRIAGE** - rides around town tailored to suit customer requirements. Driver **John Jack**. Price per person varies according to numbers. Starting and finishing point in car park near Tourist Information Centre - Tel: 01557 814212.

1.30pm - 4.00pm **AFTERNOON TEAS** - at Craft Fair. Adults £1.25, Children under 14 years 75p.

1.30pm - 2.00pm **LIVE MUSIC** in Ann Street - **Angus & Steve Duo**.

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 to the music of **Dhoon Scottish Sound**. The local Branch of the Dancing Society celebrate their Golden Anniversary Year.

Welcome address by Gatehouse of Fleet Provost **Franca Bruno**.

The **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY** will be performed by Councillor **Andrew Campbell CBE**, Convener of Dumfries & Galloway Council.

CROWNING of GALA QUEEN, Nicola Dale by Verity Wilson (Gala Queen 2003). Piper **Neil Gilston** will lead the Gala Queen Elect to the dais in Ann Street for the brief crowning ceremony. The Queen's Attendant is **Megan Duffy**, Queen's Consort is **Martin McKie** and Page Boy is **Damon Yo**. Commentators: **George McCulloch** and **Jim McDowall**.

3.30pm (approx) **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.

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 6th August. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Gala Day, Saturday 7th August in Garries Park. Do return your form, even if it is not complete — you may still be a winner!

FUTURE GALA DATES and how to remember them.

Gala Day itself is always on the first Saturday in August and Gala "week" commences on the preceding Saturday and concludes on the Sunday after Gala Day.

2005 Gala Day is on Saturday 6th August and the Gala "week" is from Saturday 30th July to Sunday 7th August.



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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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1.45pm

TENNIS TOURNAMENT for JUNIORS - At Tennis Courts next to Golf Course. Boys and Girls 12 to 16 years. Entry £1 per person. Tournament starts 2pm. Format depends on entry. Organiser: Douglas McDavid on behalf of Gatehouse Tennis Club can be contacted in advance at (work 01557 814341 or Home: 01557 814505).

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 on behalf of Gatehouse Tennis Club can be contacted in advance on (Work 01557 814341 or Home: 01557 814505).

7.00pm

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

FOOTNOTE

THE ANNUAL SHEEP DOG TRIALS are cancelled owing to continuing effects of Foot and Mouth disease - animal movement restrictions.



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The new route which starts from Ann Street at 7pm on Sunday 8th August winds its way through the town and off into the Cally Woods.

Advance information from Derek McCrae on 01557 814278.

GATEHOUSE GALA FUN RUN



The "Roon the Watter" run will be held again as part of the towns Gala Week. The 6 mile run (2 mile run for 11 years and under) is on Tuesday 3rd August 2004 starting at 6pm. Starting and finishing at the Community Centre.

There are Challenge Shields for 1st Male and 1st Female overall, medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Male in each group and 1st Female in each age group, a trophy for 1st local (permanent resident in Anwoth and Girthon parishes) in each age group, and a commemorative medal for all finishers. Entry fee is £1.50 for the junior groups and £3 for the senior groups. This should be sent with completed entry forms and an 8" x 10" s.a.e. to G. Macnamara, 8 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2JD or telephone (01557) 814594 by 28th July.

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11.00am onwards

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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: **Janet Myers**. Collection to help defray expenses.

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.

6.30pm

THE SCOUTS BARBECUE at Community Centre.

8.00pm

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

10.00pm

THE SPECIAL GALA PUB QUIZ at The Masonic Arms - Entry £2 per person with possibility of winning £100 jackpot with the balance going to a local charity.

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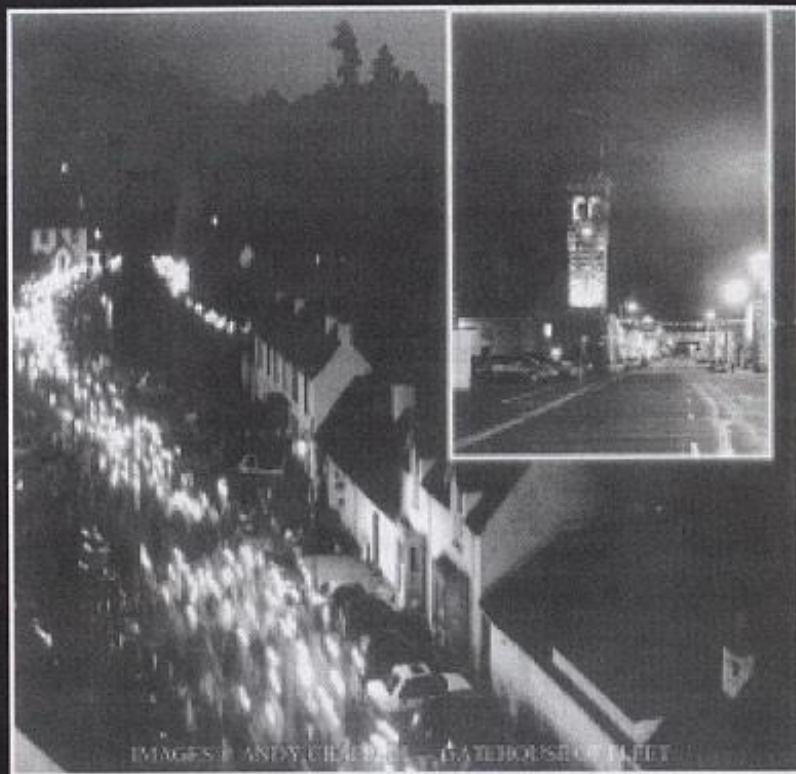
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WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST

10.30am - 1.30pm

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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 Ken Whittaker 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 NICOLA DALE**.

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.

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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. **OUTDOOR MUSIC FOR FAMILY DANCING.** 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 9.30PM (Assembly time). 9.45pm (Move off time), starting from the Community Centre Car Park where torches will be on sale if still available. **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 **OUTDOOR MUSIC** for family dancing.

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

The environs of Gatehouse of Fleet are there to be enjoyed by all including doggies and their walkers — but please prevent dog fouling of paths and public places. Carry a plastic bag with you and deposit the unmentionables accordingly.

60 SUPER GALA EVENTS

SATURDAY 31st JULY

1.00pm Vintage Car Rally Parade & Show

SUNDAY 1st AUGUST

10.00am Craft Fair
10.00am Coffee Morning
11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
1.30pm Afternoon Teas
1.30pm Setting the Scene - Angus & Steve Duo
2.00pm Pipe Band & Scottish Country Dancers
CROWNING of GALA QUEEN
3.30pm Bogle & Pram Races in Ann Street
5.30pm Walking Treasure Hunt
6.30pm Songs of Praise
7.00pm Mountain Bike Race

*Too many tickets
needed*

also morning service

MONDAY 2nd AUGUST

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

TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST

10.30am Walking Tour — Around town
11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
12.30pm Family Picnic & Fun in park
6.30pm The Great Annual Fun Run & Scouts BBQ
8.00pm Cash Bingo — Community Centre
10.00pm Gala Pub Quiz - Masonic Arms

WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST

10.30am Walking Tour — Around town
11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
2.30pm Guided Walking Tour of Cally Oakwoods
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)

THURSDAY 5th AUGUST

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 6th AUGUST

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

called

SATURDAY 7th AUGUST

Daytime Green Bowling Tournament
11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
12.30pm Grand Parade assembly — Community Centre
1.15pm ~~Grand Parade moves off~~
GALA DAY ACTIVITIES
Pipe Band, Woodwind Band, Fun Fair, Side Shows, Competition Stands, Bar & Teas
2.00pm Parade Results and Children's sports
2.30pm Round 1 of adults Tug o' War
2.30pm Baby Show Competition
2.30pm Cabaret: Angus & Steve Duo
3.30pm More Tug o' War - adults & children
4.00pm Competition Results & Prize Draw
9.00pm Cabaret: 'Valentino' - Bank of Fleet Hotel

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

11.00am Horse & Carriage rides commence
1.00pm Grand Finale - Jazz Band, Barbecue & Bar
1.00pm Pet Show. Judges: Donald & Mary Urquhart
2.00pm The Gatehouse Gold Rush for Golden Fleece
2.30pm Gird 'n' Cleek competition and Circus workshop also Peter Kirk's Cabaret & Bouncy Castle
7.00pm Riding of The Marches. Start Ann Street

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THURSDAY 5th AUGUST

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 Steele**. Duration time: approx. 1 hour 30 minutes.

11.00am onwards

HORSE (Tommy) & CARRIAGE - rides around town tailored to suit customer requirements. Driver **John Jack**. Price per person varies according to numbers. Starting and finishing point in car park near Tourist Information Centre - Tel: 01557 814212.

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 by Gala Queen, **NICOLA DALE**.

7.30pm



ROBERT BURNS EVENING with supper in The Bank of Fleet Hotel. Meal includes 'Haggis, Tatties & Neeps'. the principal guest speaker is **MURDO MORRISON**, Past President of the Robert Burns World Federation. Other speakers include **DAVID SHANKLAND MBE**, **FRANCES PELLEKOF** and **ELIZABETH HAINING**. Entertainers - **JOHN CASKIE & CO**. Chairman for the evening: **MICHAEL DUGUID** President, Gatehouse of Fleet Burns Club. 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 07732 344468. An "all family" function and a special welcome for overseas visitors.



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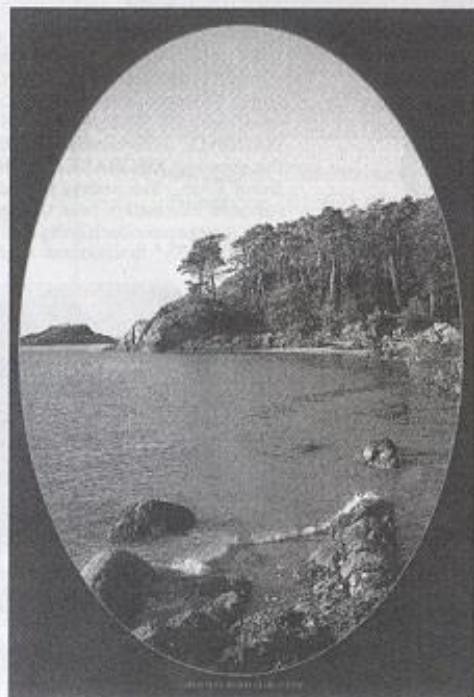
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ALL WELCOME

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10.30am - 1.30pm

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11.00am onwards

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2.30pm for 3.00pm

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

6.00pm for 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 NICOLA DALE**.

9.00pm

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11.00am onwards

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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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1.15pm

GRAND PARADE moves off en route to Garries Park, led by **GALA QUEEN - NICOLA DALE** accompanied by her entourage and followed by the **KIRKCUDBRIGHT & DISTRICT PIPE BAND**, The **DECORATED VEHICLES** and **FANCY DRESS FOOT ENTRIES** plus the **STEWARTRY WOODWIND BAND**. Parade and Fancy Dress Conveners: **Marjorie Harper** and **Ray Crane**.

2.00pm

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME in **GARRIES PARK** includes:- **THE GREAT TUG o' WAR TEAM CHALLENGE** for Cream o' Galloway Trophies and £100 each for Ladies & Gents Teams, **PIPE BAND DISPLAYS**, **STEWARTRY WOODWIND BAND**, **STALLS** and **SIDE SHOWS**, **LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT**, **ARCHERY**, **GRAND PRIZE DRAW**, **CANDY FLOSS**, **ROUNABOUTS**, **COMPETITIONS**, **CHILDREN'S SPORTS**, **TUG o' WAR FOR CHILDREN**, **BABY SHOW**, and **OTHER ACTIVITIES**.

Approximate Timings:-

2.00pm

PARADE COMPETITION RESULTS

2.30pm

CHILDRENS' 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 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS of **GREAT TUG o' WAR CHALLENGE** for the Cream o' Galloway Trophies and £100 each for Ladies & Gents Teams of 6. (Teams must be pre-entered - for entry form ring **George McCulloch** on 01557 814030). Commentators: **Jim McDowall** & **George McCulloch**. **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**.

2.30pm

RESULTS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.

4.00pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAW takes place. Convener: **Margaret Carruthers**. **GALA DAY COMMENTATORS: George McCulloch & Jim McDowall**.

4.15pm

GALA DAY CABARET in Bank of Fleet Hotel. Featuring 'VALENTINO' - Singer and Entertainer. Free admission.

9.00pm - 1.00am

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SUNDAY 8th AUGUST

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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. There will be many different classes for each section with prizes. Judges are **Donald and Mary Urquhart**, Dumfries. The overall winner receives the Cup for the 'Best in the Show'. Event sponsored by 'THE MASONIC ARMS'. Conveners: **Tom and Janet Myers**.

2.00pm

THE GATEHOUSE GOLD RUSH - organised by **Chuck & June Wardrobe** and sponsored by **FLEET FISH**. Teams of three should assemble at Anwoth Hotel garden to search for the gold nuggets lost during the ancient raid by **McMurray** and his clan. A limited period of 45 minutes is allocated to the search. (See posters for full details). The teams with the greatest number of Gold Nuggets will be deemed the winners of **THE GOLDEN FLEECE**.

2.15pm (Approx.)

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

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 Street and Anwoth Hotel. Convener: **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 ends.

7.00pm

RIDING OF THE MARCHES led by **FLEET LASS** and **LAD**.

The cavalcade gathers in Ann Street from 6.45pm and will move off on the stroke of 7pm. It will then make its way through the streets of Gatehouse of Fleet visiting various points along the way. Then onwards into the Cally woods and finally meet back at the Clock Tower later that evening. See posters for more details and timings. Also see details on page 13.

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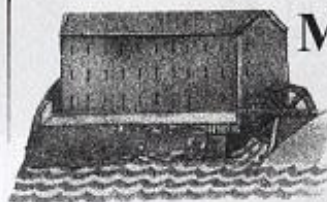
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Visitors are made most welcome, and the club attracts golfers from all parts of the United Kingdom as well as overseas. Most people having played the course once, cannot wait to arrange a return visit, such is the enjoyment and pleasure a game of golf at Gatehouse can give you. The Green Fees for the 2004 season are £15 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).

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