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28 July — 4 August 2019



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MESSAGE from GALA CHAIRMAN, DAVID McNICOL:



Once again, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of everyone on our Gala committee, to welcome you all – whether local or visitor – to Gatehouse-of-Fleet Gala 2019.

As many of you will know by now, we get much pride and pleasure each year from presenting our gala for the enjoyment of the community. In turn, it is both satisfying and rewarding to see how much the community values and supports it.

We always try to provide a combination of new ideas and well-established favourites over the course of the eight days, and yet again we feel there's something for everyone, whatever age, this year. We're always keen, in particular, to come up with fresh ideas for our activities on Gala Day itself, as this is always a core feature of the week – and we hope that this year this will again be an interesting and enjoyable occasion for everyone!

Of course, Gala wouldn't take place without the dedication, commitment and hard work of my committee members. As you can imagine, there's a lot of preparation for such an event as this, so I take this opportunity of thanking my hard-working volunteer committee for their unequivocal support throughout the year. Without that commitment, the gala just wouldn't happen. Equally, I like to thank the wider community for its (your) support as it always amazes me each year just how many people turn out and pull together - in so many different ways - to offer their time and expertise to ensure each gala is as memorable as the one before it.

I end by wishing you all a lovely gala week, however much you participate, and whatever events you attend. Let's hope for a week of good weather—and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at some point over the course of the eight days!

MESSAGE from GATEHOUSE CITIZEN of the YEAR, NIGEL SCOTT:

Through my day-to-day activities and involvement in and around Gatehouse, it is clear, not only how active are its residents, but also how much pride they have in the local community. The annual Gala is just one example of that pride. It is an opportunity to showcase just what a community of this size can achieve.

As 'Citizen of the Year', I'm fortunate in being only too aware of the willingness of everyone involved in the Gala. If you're not able to be involved directly in any of this year's activities yourself, I hope that at least you'll be able to participate as a spectator. Whatever your involvement, I hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable time.



SUNDAY 28th JULY

- 1 pm **'Table top' sale and refreshments.** This is organised by volunteers from McMillan Cancer group and is available in one of the marquees in Garries park for the duration of the afternoon.
- 1.50pm The **Gala Queen Parade** starts at the Murray Arms Hotel in Ann Street (at the clock tower), and you're welcome to join the queen and her entourage on their walk to **Garries Park**. This year's Queen is **Zoe McQuarrie** and she is supported by her Consort Jake Higgins, Attendant Jessica Ellet and Page Cameron Dodds. Our Piper will lead the procession.
- 2 pm **Official opening of Gala 2019**, plus Crowning of the Gala Queen and Sashing of Fleet Lad and Lass. For your convenience, you should bring your own table and chairs to the park for the afternoon (but tables may still be available to hire. Contact 07857 361995 for details and bookings).
- 2 pm **Afternoon of entertainment in Garries Park.** Country Dance demonstration, free children's Art & Craft area and children's entertainment.
- 2.15pm **Scottish Country Dance Demonstration** by courtesy of Gatehouse Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.
- 3-5pm **'Jesse Garron entertains'** – a real rebel-rousing rock and roller!
- 6pm Ecumenical **Songs of Praise** with Creetown Silver Band in the Garden opposite the Ship Inn (or, if wet, the nearby Church of the Resurrection on Riverbank).
- 7pm **Children's Cycle ride.** Meet in Ann Street.
- 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm):
Scottish Night, this year, please note, in the **Mill on the Fleet**. Juice and 'nibbles'. This popular event always fills quickly, so make sure you're in good time!



Our 2018 Office Bearers (above, l-r): Jared Veitch-Tait, Fraser Dunnett, Ellis Muirhead and Iona Scott (Queen).

Our Office Bearers for this (2019) year (Right, clockwise from top left): Jake Higgins, Cameron Dodds, Zoe McQuarrie (Queen) and Jessica Ellet.



MONDAY 29th JULY

MONDAY

9.45am for 10am start:

Junior tennis singles (16 and under) at the tennis court next to the golf course. Entrants must be able to serve. Entry £1.

10.30am: 'Cream o' Galloway' Gala Special - Open till 6pm

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Dr David Steel - Meet at the main car park. Lasts about an hour and the route keeps within the town.

4.00pm: **The Little Choir of Galloway**, with Musical Director Dianne Stafford playing the Celtic harp. 'The Lake Isles . . . A Celtic Journey' is this year's theme. Location: the Faed Gallery at The Mill on the Fleet. Tel 01557 331011 for details.

5.00pm for 5.30pm start:

Adults' doubles tennis tournament at tennis court next to the golf course. Draw for partners at 5.15pm. 5.30pm start. Entry £2.

7pm: **Car treasure hunt** for the 'Bobby Caig Trophy' This starts at the Community Centre in Dromore Road. £5 entry per car.

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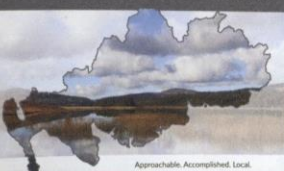
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With thanks to the Gala Committee for all their hard work.



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TUESDAY 30th JULY

TUESDAY

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Dr David Steel,
Start at the Main Car Park (see yesterday's details).

12.30pm: **Family Picnic** in Garries Park – a fun afternoon with **Road Runner!!** 1.00 – 3.00pm. Bring your own picnic – sorry, but NO unaccompanied children please.

5.00pm-8.00pm:

Gatehouse 'Under 5s Group' are running a Pop-up Pizza Station in the Community Centre car park.

Take-away pizzas are available by pre-order between 5 and 8pm and, additionally, pizza will be available by the slice between 6 and 7.30pm. To pre-order your pizza please call 07928 103490.

6.30pm: **Fun Run for children** 11 years and under (parents may run with their children). Starting at the Community Centre, the junior route is up the length of the High Street and back. £3 entry if paid at the run start—or just £2.75 if entered online beforehand (see address below). **Categories are:** Top 3 male and female; 1st Local Male and Female; Male and Female under 9; under 11; under 13 and under 15.

7pm: Galloway Harriers' **Measured 10k Run**. Starting near the Fire Station, the "Roan the Watter" is in an anti-clockwise direction again, finishing at the Community Centre. Entries taken 5.45 until 6.50pm at the door. **Categories are:** Top 3 Male and Female; 1st Local Male and Female; 1st Male and Female junior (under 18); Female u35, u45, u55+; Male u40, u50, u60+. Seniors' entry £10 at the race start or £8 if booked online at <https://www.entrycentral.com/roonthewatter> beforehand.

Please check the Harriers' website

www.gallowayharriers.org.uk or our own gala website www.gatehousegala.co.uk for results – which will be posted online at the earliest opportunity.

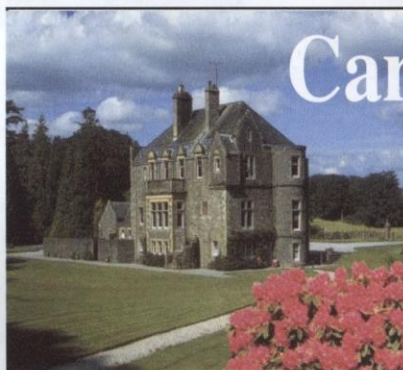
9.30pm: **Quiz Night** in the Masonic Arms in Ann Street. Come along and flex your general knowledge to win a super cash prize!



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WEDNESDAY 31st JULY

10.00am - 4.00pm

Pop-up pottery painting in the community centre.
Contact Amy on 07928 103490 for details.

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Dr David Steel.
Assemble at the Main Car Park (see Monday's details).

2.00-3.30pm (Tee-off):

'Fox and Rabbit' fun Golf at the course on Laurieston Road (adjacent to the tennis court). Tel 01557 815089 for details.

6.00pm onwards:

Delicious burgers and hot dogs will be available from the **Gala Barbecue** in the marquee in **Garries Park** all evening.

6.00pm: **Children's pet show** registration in **Garries Park**. Let's see all those pets! There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each class. Age groups of animals:

6.30pm: **The Amazing Talent Show** in **Garries Park**. Come along and show what you can do!

6.30pm: **Music for a Summer Evening** in St Mary's Church on Dromore Road. Organ music with instrumentalists and singer. Entry by donation (to Macmillan Cancer Research).

8.00pm: **Pre-Torchlight Entertainment** in Garries Park with the Kay Alexander Highland Dancers and Kirkcudbright Pipe Band.

9.45pm: **Grand Torchlight Procession** from Community Centre in Dromore Road via High Street to **Garries Park** (torches for sale during week in participating shops, price £3.50).
Kirkcudbright and Dumfries & Queensberry pipe bands.

10.15pm: Our **Spectacular Fireworks Display** and **bonfire** in the park.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 1st AUGUST

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Dr David Steel, from the Main Car Park.

12.30-2.30pm:

Barbecue and entertainment at Anwoth Holiday Park, Garden Street (accessible via Fleet Street or Dromore Road). This event by courtesy of Swalwell Holiday Group.

2pm: **Cally Woods Family Wander** with local guide, Linda Biggar. Meet at main town car park. Follows Forestry paths. Donations to gala funds welcome.

6pm: **Guided hill walk** for approx. 2.5 hours. See posters for information. Meet at town car park at 5.45pm. Hill-walking attire essential. (Donations to gala funds would be very welcome).

6.00pm: **5-a-side football** for anyone **16 years and under** (i.e. up to 17th birthday) in Garries Park. Teams register 6.00pm. Kick-off: 6.30pm

7pm: **Prize Bingo** in the Community Centre. **Eyes down** at 7.30pm. Your caller for the evening... **Dave Hill!**

9.30pm: **Local musicians** in session in the Masonic Arms in Ann Street.

THURSDAY



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FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST

10.00am-4.00pm:

Open Day at Cally Gardens by courtesy of Kevin Hughes. Entrance fee in aid of gala funds. Light refreshments available. Entrance down the Cally Drive—just follow the signs (and see below).

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Dr David Steel, from the Main Car Park.

5.00-6.30pm:

YMCA Silent Auction at the Drop-in Centre, Digby Street.

6.00pm: **Walk to Rutherford Monument and Millennium Cairn** with Dr David Steel. Meet in the main car park.

6.00pm: **Walking treasure hunt** starting from the Community Centre: 50p per person.

FRIDAY

Cally Gardens, one year on:

It is now just over a year since I arrived in Gatehouse of Fleet and to the amazing Cally Gardens. Taking over the garden of the acclaimed plant hunter Michael Wickenden would be daunting to anyone, however, the support from the local community has been a great asset and I have been made so welcome in our small but wonderful town.

With the help of local volunteers we have been able to get on with getting the gardens back in shape and along the way I have made some firm friends. Every day I discover another of Michael's botanical treasures, usually hidden behind another plant or in an unexpected corner of the 3 hectare site.

The Fleet Valley volunteers have been amazing as we work to start to remove the invasive *Rhododendron ponticum* from the woods, and with the Gatehouse Squirrel Group we are now working to construct a wildlife viewing hide above the gardens.

Back to the gardens, we are receiving fantastic feedback from visitors old and new; every day the gardens change and the new additions of a large collection of Magnolias and a stunning new bed of Slipper Orchids are creating a lot of interest and drawing visitors from far and wide.

Once again, thanks for the great welcome to Cally Gardens and I wish you all a very enjoyable Gala Week!

With best wishes, Kevin Hughes.



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SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST GALA DAY

10.00am: Open pairs Bowling Competition, Bowling Green, Ann Street. Non-members welcome. Licensed all-day bar & refreshments. Limited entries. Enter as early as possible by 'phoning 07934 775006.

12.30pm: Assembly and judging by Nicholas McDonald (of 'X Factor') of decorated floats and cars (Classes 1 and 2 assemble on Dromore Road, and all entries in Classes 3-6 in the adjacent Community Centre car park).
ALL vehicle Floats receive £50 for entry.
Class 1: Decorated Floats (adults);
Class 2: Decorated Floats (children);
Class 3: Adults' Fancy Dress (walking);
Class 4: Children's Fancy Dress; (walking);
Class 5: Decorated bicycles and prams (adults), and
Class 6: Decorated bicycles and prams (children).

1.15pm: The Grand Gala Parade moves off towards Garries Park via Garden Street, High Street and Ann Street—lead by the Gala Queen and her entourage. The parade includes Kirkcudbright pipe band and the 'Samba Sisters'.

2pm: Afternoon of entertainment in Garries Park, starting off with the Parade Competition Results, and during the afternoon, entertainment from the 'Samba Sisters' and Nicholas McDonald, a spectacular Owl Display, stalls, side-shows, refreshments, games, the Baby Show (babies up to 2 years) —and of course, the legendary Tug of War! (Get your teams organised beforehand – cash prizes to be won!). 'My-Pod' for youths. Gatehouse Squirrel Group face painting. Licensed bar and much more!

4pm: The Grand Raffle Prize Draw in the park (*list of prizewinners will be posted on the gala website—www.gatehousegala.co.uk later in the evening*).

9pm: Disco at the Bank of Fleet Hotel. Free admission. Finishes at midnight.

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

12 noon: Cross-County Ride-out for Riding of the Marches (experienced riders only), Assemble at Garries Park. Phone 07721 646517 for information.

From 12 noon:

Christmas Lights' Group **Duck Race & Entertainment** in the Gardens opposite the Ship Inn. See Posters for more information. The actual race start time depends upon the tide.

5.45pm: Riding of the Marches Evening Ride-out.

Assemble at the Clock Tower.

The Provost hands the Town Banner to the Riders who then take it on a tour of the town boundaries. A flag-waving ceremony takes place in Ann Street to mark the Banner's safe return at the end of the tour.

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Food is available in Ann Street at this event.

ALL-WEEK ACTIVITIES

- **Hidden Object Competition: Entry forms from Gatehouse Store.**
- **Children's Colouring Competition for ages 5-12years – collect entry picture from Gatehouse Store.**
- **Gatehouse Bowling Club, Ann Street. Bowling on Monday, Wednesday & Saturday at 6.30pm.** All welcome. Come and Have a go!
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