

# GATEHOUSE of FLEET GALA

31 July — 7 August 2022

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## MESSAGE from GALA CHAIRMAN, Sara-leigh Cain:



I am delighted, on behalf of our Gala committee, to welcome you all to Gatehouse-of-Fleet Gala 2022.

We are all delighted to provide a full gala programme this year with no restrictions in place. Gatehouse gala is something we are all very proud to be part of, it is always lovely to see so many locals and visitors come out to support and enjoy the various events on offer throughout the week.

It would be impossible to provide such an extensive programme of events without the commitment, hard work and dedication of my committee and so I would like to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of them. There is so much preparation that goes into the gala and their un-stinting support throughout the year is what drives it forward.

Of course, the success of our gala every year is also due to you, the wider community, sponsors, tourists and residents alike. Each year, so many of you turn out to pull together, offering your time, financial support and expertise to ensure each gala is as memorable as the one before it.

I hope you all have a thoroughly enjoyable gala week filled with fun, laughter and of course good weather and I look forward to seeing you at some point over the course of the eight days!

Sara-leigh Cain, Chairperson.

*We remind everyone to please keep checking the Gala website [www.gatehousegala.co.uk](http://www.gatehousegala.co.uk) and/or our Facebook page before and during the week for up-to-date details and information. Some facilities and services included in the programme may be subject to last-minute change or not even be available at all due to circumstances beyond our control. For any such situations, we can only apologise.*

*Raffle prize-winner results will also be posted on the website at the earliest opportunity after the Grand Raffle is drawn on Gala Day afternoon.*

## Our GALA QUEEN (Miss Gatehouse) and her entourage 2022



Our **Queen** for 2022/23 is *Isabella Du-Rose Nelson*,  
her **Consort** is *Ramsay Wilson*, her **Page** is *Liam McKie*  
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## SUNDAY 31st JULY

SUNDAY 1

- 1pm: 'Table top' sales and refreshments are 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 most welcome to join the queen and her entourage on their walk to **Garries Park**. This year's Queen is **Isabella Du Rose Nelson** and she is supported by her Consort **Ramsay Wilson**, Attendant **Rowan Dodds** and Page **Liam McKie**. Our Piper will lead the procession.

- 2pm: **Official opening of Gala 2022**, plus **Crowning of the Gala Queen**. 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).



From 2pm: **Afternoon of entertainment in Garries Park**

- 3-5pm: '**Jesse Garron** entertains' – a real rebel-rousing rock and roller! - back by popular demand!
- 6.30pm: Ecumenical **Songs of Praise** with Creetown Silver Band in the Garden adjacent to the Episcopal Church / Ship Inn. *If the weather is wet*, we will be in the Community Centre across the road.
- 7pm: '**Scottish Night**': an evening of **traditional Scottish entertainment** in the Murray Arms Hotel. Entry £5, payable at the door (cash only please).

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# MONDAY 1st AUGUST

MONDAY

9.45am for 10.00am 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: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Ms Lesley Richmond - Meet at the main (central) Car Park. Lasts about an hour and the route keeps within the town.

5pm for 5.30pm start:

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

7pm: Kirsty's **Car treasure hunt** for the 'Bobby Caig Trophy'  
This starts at the Community Centre Car Park in Dromore Road. £5 entry per car.. Refreshments will be available at this event, provided by the volunteers of Macmillan Cancer Research.



Everyone at Gatehouse Community Church and TGB Gatehouse wishes you a great and successful Gala Week. You can find out lots more about us on our websites:  
[gatehousecommunitychurch.co.uk](http://gatehousecommunitychurch.co.uk) and [tgbgatehouse.com](http://tgbgatehouse.com).  
We are also on Facebook. Why not pay a visit to TGB's 'Wee Shop' at No.1 High Street during Gala Week and visit our stand in Garries Park on Gala Day.



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



All the team at Gatehouse Community Centre are pleased to support the Gala which always brings pleasure to locals and visitors alike.

We're also very glad to be able to take part in the programme so come along on Thursday 4th August from 11 am to 2 pm - there'll be free refreshments, stalls, fun activities and a chance to learn more about our plans for the Centre

In the meantime you can catch up with all our latest news on our Facebook page

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# TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST

TUESDAY

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Lesley Richmond.  
Start at the Main Car Park (see yesterday's details).

12.30pm: **Family Picnic** in Garries Park – children's magical entertainment with **Franc Kar po** (right) 1.00 – 3.00pm. **Bring your own picnic** – but sorry, NO unaccompanied children please.



3.30pm: **Afternoon teas and live music** in St. Mary's Church, Dromore Road.

6.30pm: **Children's Fun Run** 11 years and under. Starting at the Community Centre, the route is up the High street and back. Entry is FREE and it's for fun only! Every runner will receive a medal.

7pm: **'ROON THE WATTER' FUN RUN** A 6-mile fun run starting and finishing at the Community centre. Entry is FREE (although donations to the Gala very welcome). The run will continue to be as covid-safe as possible hence no registration, no numbers, and no recorded times. A one-way system to the start, and immediate dispersal after the run will operate.

All runners will receive a medal. 1st male & 1st female (only) will receive a trophy.

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 3rd AUGUST

- 10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Lesley Richmond. Assemble at the Main Car Park (see Monday's details).
- 2pm: **'Fox and Rabbit'** fun Golf at the course on Laurieston Road (adjacent to the tennis court). Tel 01557 815089 for details. Entrants need to be in pairs, one a 'novice' player (the 'rabbit'), and the other, more experienced player, the 'fox', gives 'chase' round the course.
- 6.00pm: Delicious burgers and hot dogs will be available from the **Gala Barbecue** in the open marquee in **Garries Park** all evening on wards:
- 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.
- 6.30pm: The **Amazing Talent Show** in **Garries Park**. Come along and show what you can do!
- 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).
- 10.15pm: Enjoy our **Spectacular Fireworks Display** and bonfire in the park.



Gatehouse of Fleet YMCA is committed to creating opportunities for the emotional, physical, spiritual and social development of local young people of all faiths, and of none.

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## THURSDAY 4th AUGUST

THURSDAY

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Lesley Richmond, from the Main Car Park.

11am-2pm: **Community Centre Open Day:** Dromore Road / Garden Street. This event is organised by the Community Centre Management Committee. Lots of Children's Activities, stalls, plant sales and much more!

2pm: **Magical Woodland Walk with Susi Sweet Pea Fairy storyteller**

Come along for a wee enchanted adventure into the woods and listen to Susi Sweet Pea Fairy Storyteller! Meet at the entrance to Garries Park at the Car Park. Bring a blanket to sit on! All 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 will 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.

7.00pm: **Prize Bingo** in the Community Centre (Eyes down: 7.30pm)

9.30pm: **Local musicians** in session in the **Masonic Arms** in Ann Street. Come along for a real sing-song!



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#### On-going events and activities:

- Licensed bar:
- Entertainment at various times,
- Various food outlets—burgers, hot dogs, chips, hog roast etc etc
- Children's games, rides and Amusements
- Various stalls and activities

#### Approx. Specific event timings:

- 3.15: Baby Show
- 4.15: Tug of War



**Mr & Mrs Jolly (Matthew & Lesley) and all the staff at Jollys Funfair would like to wish all residents and visitors to Gatehouse a very happy Gala 2022.**

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## FRIDAY 5th AUGUST

FRIDAY

10.00am-4.00pm:

**Open Day at Cally Gardens** by courtesy once again of Kevin Hughes. Entrance fee in aid of gala funds. Entrance down the Cally Drive—just follow the signs.

10.30am: **Historical Walk** round Gatehouse with Lesley Richmond, starting at the Main Car Park.

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

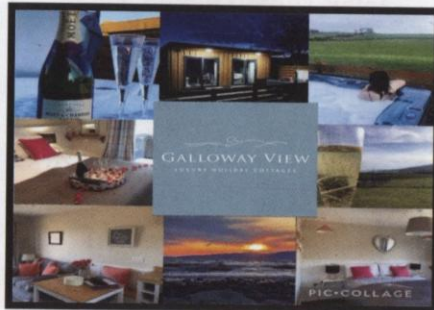
6.00pm: **Walk to Cally Woods Motte & Bathhouse** with Lesley Richmond. Meet at the central car park.



Wishing Gatehouse Gala 2022 every success

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# SATURDAY 6th AUGUST GALA DAY

SATURDAY

10.00am: Open pairs Bowling Competition, Bowling Green, Ann Street. Non-members welcome.

12.30pm: **Assembly and judging** by a visiting holidaymaker 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 a variety of vehicles, entertainers and participants.



2pm: **Afternoon of entertainment** in Garries Park, starting off with the Parade Competition Results, and during the afternoon, entertainment, stalls, side-shows, refreshments, games, the Baby Show (babies up to 2 years), Alpaca rides round the park—and of course, the legendary Tug of War! (Get your teams organised beforehand—cash prizes to be won!). Licensed bar and much more!

*Please see overleaf for some event timings for the afternoon.*

4.00pm: The **Grand Raffle Prize Draw** in the park (*list of all prize-winners will be posted subsequently on the gala website—[www.gatehousegala.co.uk](http://www.gatehousegala.co.uk) later in the evening*).

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



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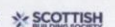
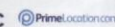
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## SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

SUNDAY 2

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:

**Duck Race & afternoon of Entertainment** in the Gardens opposite the Ship Inn. See website, Facebook and local Posters for more information.

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!**
- **Grand Prize Draw Raffle (fantastic prizes, the best yet for Gala week) tickets £1 each for sale in participating shops - and look out for the 'pop-up' sales table outside Spar.**

## Some Gala venues in Gatehouse of Fleet 2022

Our Gala is one of the highlights of our community's year. It is an opportunity for both locals and visitors to participate in a variety of events and activities and to enjoy the lovely surroundings with which we are blessed.

We particularly hope that the Gala is an opportunity in which visitors can feel welcome and, in particular, welcome to participate.

For those not familiar with the local area, the following descriptions of key venues and locations may help:

**Garries Park** is located behind the houses on the south side of the High Street (the car park side). Entrance to the park is either through the car park, or at the top of Ann Street, or through the arch mid-way up the High Street;

The **Community Centre** is located in Dromore Road, about 150 metres beyond (north from) the Ship Inn;

The **tennis court** is about 200 metres along the road north from the war memorial;

Entrance to the **golf course** is adjacent to the tennis court, as above;

The **Cally Gardens** are located approximately a half-mile down Cally Drive which is itself entered through the stone driveway entrance posts to the east of the town (beyond the war memorial). Turn first right as you climb the hill out of the town and enter the long, straight Drive.



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