

# Gala 2023

## Gala Court

Queen  
Emily Taylor

First Maid  
Ruby Finlay

Second Maid  
Ellie McCulloch

Ladies in Waiting  
Lexi Bissett  
Gemma Forrest

Danielle Corrigan  
Ava Stewart

1<sup>st</sup> Champion  
Cain Straub

2<sup>nd</sup> Champion  
Justin Brownlie

Guards of Honour  
Darren Alexander Aaron Carway Alfie Kelly  
Lucas Cunningham Alexander Earl  
Niall MacCall Josh Notman

Crowning Lady  
Mary Stokes

## President's Message

Welcome to our Carstairs & District Annual Gala for the year 2023.

It is with much pleasure we can look forward to this year's Gala Day and having the preparations back to normal. It is truly exciting to have a full programme of entertainment, sports, fancy dress, procession and Court Ceremony back on the agenda. Having gone through the recent barren years I can only say the reception to our fundraising this year has been deeply humbling, with a fantastic turn out by the people of Carstairs to our Bingo Night and then a superb response to our Sponsored Static Cycle it really does give a much needed boost to our morale and of course bank account. A special mention to our local Village Inn and to Lodge Mauldslie from Carstairs Junction for their generous donations earlier in the year especially when it was much needed. The Committee also received some great news recently when awarded a National Lottery small grant award. This has really helped us replace a lot worn and damaged equipment and will stand us in good stead for the near future.

As ever the Committee have put in notable hard work to ensure we have our annual Gala Events organised and in place for the start of Gala Week. Full credit to each member for their dedication and effort. This year we are aiming for a good turn out and hope everyone brings along their family and friends for such a joyous occasion. Please remember our Committee is small and we are very much looking for new and additional members to help maintain such a successful annual event.

To perform the role of the judging of the Decorated houses and Fancy Dress we have invited Beth Brown and Danielle Waugh. The ladies have many years of committee experience with none other than Lanark Lanimers and are looking forward to the task ahead. I am sure they will be very impressed by the creative costumes and floats of our fabulous participants. We wish them well.

Mary Stokes will undertake the honour of Crowning our Queen Elect Emily Taylor. Mary has truly supported the Gala for many years and we remember her best for the many years as a valuable member of Carstairs Community Centre, Mary is extremely pleased she is crowning the Queen this year and is very much looking forward to the big day and we wish her well.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Committee, Gala Day drivers and our much needed Gala day helpers.

Finally on behalf of the Gala Committee I wish Queen Emily, her Court and Crowning Lady a very pleasant and successful day. Happy Gala Day.

John Forrest President of Carstairs & District Gala

## Gala Committee

<b>Honorary President</b>	Keith Whitton
<b>President</b>	John Forrest
<b>Vice President</b>	Stuart Fraser
<b>Secretary</b>	Lynsey Bissett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Louise Forrest
<b>Sports Convener</b>	Stuart Fraser
<b>Members</b>	Steven Hurst Christine Hendry Melanie Donnelly Jillian MacConnell Lynne Lindsay Rachael Chambers Rebecca Stewart Susan Notman
<b>Life Members</b>	Ian Brown Archie Finlayson Bill Angus Nanette Melvin

### DECORATED HOUSES:

Anyone outwith the Gala Court who is decorating their house should supply their name and address to Gala Chairman John Forrest, 4 Milne Street, Carstairs or 870683.

### FANCY DRESS COMPETITION:

Is now held on Gala Day with an overall **Prize Winner of £50.**

Fancy Dress Walking Pageants have Age group categories – 5 & under, 5 – 8, 9 – 15 and Adult. Bikes, Bogies, Prams and Floats are an 'All Age' category. Designated areas and judging categories will be confirmed on the day of event.

### DECORATED WINDOWS:

Judging will take place approx. 6:30 pm on Friday Night.

### RETIRALS:

After many years Sandy & Arlene Callan have retired from the committee and we thank them for their hard work and services. We wish them all the best in the future.

**Please go online and visit our new Website at 'carstairsgala.co.uk', Gala video of 2022 is now showing.**

The Gala website currently has details of all this year's Gala Court and the winners of recent Gala Week events. The website now includes photos of this year's Gala and will involve videos and photos of past Gala's as the website develops.

## Carstairs & District Gala

# Programme of Events

June 2023

### Sunday 18th June

**1.30pm** IT'S A KNOCKOUT will commence on Carstairs Village Green. A variety of sporting challenges for children aged 5 -15 years. (Visitors event may be held at Committee's discretion).  
**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** on Carstairs Village Green for Boys and Girls aged 12 – 15 years.  
Please note: the infants and adult races which will be held on Gala Day.

### Monday 19th June

**6.30pm** DISCO in Carstairs Community Centre for Primary School age children and younger including last years Primary 7. Age group times – Primary 4 & under will be 6pm till 7 pm and must be accompanied by an adult. Primary 5 to Primary 7 and last years Primary 7 are at 7:15pm till 8:15pm. Admission £1 which includes tuck of drink and crisps at the interval.

### Tuesday 20th June

**6.30pm** WELLIE THROWING COMPETITION on Carstairs Village Green. Age Groups: Boys 5-8 Years, Girls 5-8 Years, Boys 9-11 Year, Girls 9-11 Years, Boys 12-15 Years, Girls 12-15 Years, Ladies and Gents. Entry Fee for Adults is £1.00. Names to be in by 6.45pm to Sports Convener.  
**8.00pm** PILLOW FIGHT on Carstairs Village Green. Age Groups: Boys 12-15 Years, Girls 12-15 Years, Ladies and Gents. Entry Fee for Adults is £1.00. Names to be in by 7.45pm to Sports Convener.

### Wednesday 21st June

**6.30pm** FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL on Carstairs Village Green for BOYS AND GIRLS. Age Groups: 5-8 Years, 9-11 Years and 12-15 Years. Teams will be balloted. Names to be in by 6.15pm to Sports Convener.  
(Visitors match may be held at Committee's discretion)

### Thursday 22nd June

**6.30pm** FUN AND GAMES will commence on Carstairs Village Green including Kids Teacup Ride, Inflatables, Pre 5 Corner, BBQ etc. Also superb Magician show by Leigh Milne.  
**8.30pm** Quiz Night – General knowledge quiz to be held in Carstairs Community Centre.

### Friday 23rd June

**6.30pm** BEST DECORATED WINDOW – Please decorate your window and join in the Gala spirit of festivity. Judging will be approx. 6.30pm by Gala Committee.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June

**10.30am** JUDGING OF BEST DECORATED HOUSES with Beth Brown and Danielle Waugh from Lanark.  
**12.30pm** JUDGING OF FANCY DRESS COMPETITION at rear of Community Centre, Walking Pageants, Bikes, Bogies and Floats. Judging will be undertaken by Beth Brown and Danielle Waugh.  
**1.00pm** The Gala Day procession led by Haddington Pipe Band will depart from Carstairs Community Centre and proceed the planned route through the streets of the Village.  
**2.00pm** CROWNING CEREMONY on Carstairs Village Green. The Gala Queen Emily Taylor shall be crowned by Mary Stokes.  
**2.30pm** TEAS will be served to adults and food bags distributed to children on Carstairs Village Green. Adult and Infant Races shall take place following the serving of the Teas.  
**3.00pm** LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & Karaoke with local musician Dougie Stokes on Carstairs Village Green. The Trophy presentation and raffle draw will take place immediately thereafter.

### Why not view a Court Decorated

**House this year :-** The Gala Court Houses can be found by visiting Rosemount Crescent, Newhouse Court, Castledyke View, Castledyke Road, Lime Walk, Golf Court - Kames, Corbiehall Farm – Ravenstruther, Haghholm – Cleghorn.

### We Need You ! :-

The Committee are urgently seeking new members to join and support the Gala for the forthcoming years. The current team numbers need to be increased as a matter of urgency. If you can spare some of your time and help develop and organise our Gala then please contact the Gala Secretary as soon as possible. Your help is much needed to ensure the Gala can continue to be such a success.

### Gala Day Catering :-

Each year the Gala Committee continue to provide free Teas, Sausage Rolls, Pies, Biscuits and Cakes to all attending adults on our Gala Day. Please come along to our Tea Tent on the green and make sure you don't miss out. As always our children will receive a free food bag on presentation of their food tickets. Children's food tickets are available by donation from the any committee member and by our door to door collection.