

GALA DAYS

A History of Gala Courts

Saturday 19 June 1948

Committee Members

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Mr R Brodie | Chairman |
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| Mr A Macfie | Treasurer |
| Mr G Leggate | Assistant Treasurer |
| Mr J McLachlan | Secretary |
| Mr G Barrie | Assistant Secretary |

Mr Aitken, Mr Wilson, Mr E Sweeney, Mr George, Mr Robertson, Mr Neilson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Plenderleith, Mrs Cairney, Mrs Brodie, Mrs Mitchell, Mr Barrie, Mr Mason, Mrs Dick.

Queen of the Roses

Anne Elliot

Champion

James Aitken

Ladies in Waiting

Annie Mackie
Audrey Chalmers
Mary Dunsmore
Ray Wilson

Pages

David Brown
Robert Smith

Saturday 18 June 1949

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Queen of the Roses

Forbes Whitelaw

Champion

James Millar

Ladies in Waiting

Isa Collison
Margaret Logan
Agnes Park
Mary Boslem

Pages

George Simmond
Thomas Sorbie

Saturday 17 June 1950

Committee Members

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Mrs Brown, Mrs Plenderleith, Mrs J Cairney, Mrs Brodie, Mrs Symington, Rev G R Brown, Mr McLachlan, Mr E Sweeney, Mr Wilson, Mr W Henderson, Mrs Wilson, Miss Frater, Mr J Curr, Mr McLaughlan, Mr Neilson.

Queen of the Roses

Jean Wilson

Champion

George Simmoms

Saturday 16 June 1951

Committee Members

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Mrs Brodie, Mrs Plenderleith, Mr W MacLachlan, Mr J MacLachlan Mr E Sweeney, Mr McGillivray, Mrs Stirling, Mrs Rae, Rev G R Brown.

Queen of the Roses

Margaret Thomson

Champion

William Dickie

Ladies in Waiting

Isobel Gall
Mary Baird
Margaret Rowan
Sadie Kane

Pages

George Buchanan
James Frew

Saturday 21 June 1952

Committee Members

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
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| Mr J Curr | Assistant Secretary |

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Queen of the Roses

Anne Graham

Champion

Robert Russell

Ladies in Waiting

Eileen Callander
Joy Brown
Elma Richardson
Mary Haddow

Pages

Robert Plenderleith
William McNiven

Saturday 30 May 1959

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr T Barr | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mrs Hilston/Mrs J Fairley | Secretary |

Mrs Small, Mrs Summers, Miss Golder, Mr G McInnes, Mrs Plenderleith, Mr Jamieson, Rev D Roy, Rev R M Lawson, Rev A Cemmell, Mr Miller, Mr C Sorbie, Mr J Carbray, Mr R Mason, Mr C Anderson, Mr A Milson, Mr W Murdoch, Mrs Cibb, Mrs Mitchell, Mr R Eadie, Mr T Brownlie, Mr Steele, Mr W McKindrick.

May Queen

Margaret Whitelaw

Herald

Stewart Aitken

Attendants

Margaret Riddoch
Janet Reid
Rosemary Fleming
Bettina Stewart (Sandford)
Sandra Harper (Sandford)

Pages

Drew Davidson
Mathew Hughes
Billy Thomson
James Lindsay
John Black

Saturday 28 May 1960

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr T Barr | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mrs J Fairley | Secretary |

Mr J Carbray, Mr Miller, Mr C Sorbie, Miss A Summers, Mr R Mason, Rev D Roy, Rev R M Lawson, Mrs Cibb, Mr G McInnes, Rev A Gemmell, Mr Eadie, Mr Whyte, Mr W Murdoch.

May Queen

Nan Sandilands

Herald

James Murdoch

Attendants

Marion Glen
Jessie Barrie
Mary Brown
Mary McInnes

Pages

Billy Thomson
Richard Whitelaw
James McMillan
Robert Millar

Saturday 27 May 1961

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr J Milligan | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mr I Monie | Secretary |

Mrs J Cibb, Rev A Cemmell, Rev R M Lawson, Mr T Barr, Mr T Brownlie, Mr J Carbray, Mr J Gibb, Mr R Gibb, Mr J Monie, Mr J Plenderleith, Mr G Sorbie, Rev D Roy, Mr D Gibb, Mr W Murdoch, Mr G McInnes, Mr C Stevenson.

May Queen

May Stevenson

Herald

Johnstone Murdoch

Attendants

Lilias McCluskie
Eleanor Gibson
Mary Simpson
Sandra Wilson

Pages

Laurence Riddoch
Tom Anderson
Arthur McMillan
William Simmons

Saturday 26 May 1962

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr R Gibb | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mr I Monie | Secretary |
| Mr T Barr | Parade Convener |
| Mr R Gibb | Entertainments Officer |

Rev D Roy, Mr A Barclay, Mr J Monie, Mr J Plenderleith, Mr C Stevenson, Rev A Gemmell, Mr J Carbray, Mr D Fallow, Mr J Gibb, Mr A Graham, Mr G Sorbie, Mr W Pearson, Miss J Miller, Mr G Burns, Rev C H Macguire.

May Queen

Mary Hughes

Herald

Jim Monie

Attendants

Isobel Pollock
Elspeth Hamilton
Christine Russell
Margaret Cross

Pages

James Leggate
Harry Richmond
T Hamilton
Ian Gibb

Saturday 25 May 1963

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr R Gibb | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mr I Monie | Secretary |
| Mr T Barr | Parade Convener |
| Mr R Gibb | Social Committee Convener |
| Mr A Graham | Ceremonies Convener |

Rev A Gemmel, Rev C H Macguire, Mrs Speedie, Miss H Russell, Mr T Brownlie, Mr J Carbray, Mr J Gibb, Mr J McMillan, Miss Hamilton, Mr G McInnes, Mr C Stevenson, Mr J Monie, Mrs Monie, Mrs McEwan, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs C Buchanan, Mr D Fallow, Mr G Sorbie, Mrs Plenderleith, Mr A Lamont, Mr J Plenderleith, Rev D Roy, Mrs Hardwell, Miss J Miller.

May Queen

Margaret Cross

Herald

William Tait

Saturday 30 May 1964

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr J McEwan | Chairman |
| Mr R Gibb | Vice Chairman |
| Mr T Brownlie | Treasurer |
| Mr I Monie | Secretary |
| Mr J Gibb/Mr T Barr | Parade Convener |
| Mr R Gibb | Social Committee Convener |
| Mr A Graham | Ceremonies Convener |

Mrs Burns, Miss J Miller, Miss E Cross, Miss A Cross, Miss L McLuskie, Miss M Mitchell, Miss C Ogunno, Mr G Millar, Mr J Plenderleith, Mr G Sorbie, Mr G Burns, Mr C Stevenson, Mrs McEwan, Mr G McInnes, Mrs Speedie, Mr J Milligan, Mr W Pearson.

May Queen

Margaret Paterson

Herald

George Anderson

Stonehouse New Town Festival Saturday 21 June 1975

Committee Members

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Mr F McDermid | Chairman |
| Mr J Ennis | Development Officer |
| Mr H MacRae | Hon Treasurer |
| Mrs Finella Wilson | Hon Secretary |

School Queen

Linda Grubb

Herald

Sandy McKinnon

Attendants

Ann Stewart
Shona McLellan
Julie Grant
Elizabeth Dickie
Margaret Inglis
Muriel White
Jacqueline Barrie
Clara Clark
Carol Lowe
Lyn Rhoney

Stonehouse New Town Festival Saturday 19 June 1976

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Mr F McDermid | Chairman |
| Mr J Ennis | Development Officer |
| Mr H MacRae | Hon Treasurer |
| Mr R Parkin | Secretary |

Mr G Sorbie, Mr H Burns, Mr R Miller, Mr G Clark, Rev Dr A Gemmell,
Mrs E Serrles, Mr M Liddell, Mrs C Hamilton.

School Queen

Arlene Golder

Hearld

Alan Whitelaw

Saturday 18 June 1977

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Mr F McDermid | Chairman |
| Mr J Ennis | Development Officer |
| Mr H Macrae | Treasurer |
| Mrs B Scott | Secretary |

Dr A Gemmell, Mr T Allan, Mrs J Bunch, Mr I McCutcheon, Mr H Burns,
Mrs MTennant, Mr G Sorbie, Mrs M McGregor, Mr R Pate, Mr B Crisswell.

Gala Queen

Gillian MacRae

Saturday 17 June 1978

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mr A Smith Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Dr A Cemmell, Mr T Allan, Mrs J Bunch, Mr I McCutcheon, Mr M Scott,
Mrs M Tennant, Mr G Sorbie, Miss R Lannigan, Mr R Pate, Mr B Crisswell,
Mrs Murray, Mr C Turner

Gala Queen

Karen Cowie

Herald

Harry Kane

Attendants

Gail McPherson
Adele Brady
Karen Dobie
Aileen Haston
Katherine Thompson
Yvonne Clark

Flower Girls

Grace Lynch
Donna Hartgood

Trumpeters

Magnus McDermid
Alisdair Crawford

Saturday 16 June 1979

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mr A Smith Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Dr A Gemmell, Mr J Allan, Mrs J Bunch, Mrs M Cram, Mrs A Simpson,
Mrs M Tennant, Mr G Sorbie, Miss R Lannigan, Mr R Pate, Mr B Crisswell,
Miss M Clark, Mr C Turner.

Gala Queen

Alison Perrie

Herald

George McMillan

Attendants

Tracy Tait
Kim Monaghan
Ruth Ferguson
Gail Condie
Margaret McLellan
Evelyn Anne Wilson

Flower Girls

Janet Fleming
Elaine Baird

Saturday 21 June 1980

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mr A Smith Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Mr J Allan, Mrs J Bunch, Mrs G Allan, Mrs A Simpson, Mrs M Johnstone, Mrs M Tennant, Mrs Y Smith, Mr E Hudson, Mr J Cowan, Mrs M Muir, Mrs M Campbell.

Gala Queen

Catherine Anne Murdoch

Herald

Mark Bonnar

Attendants

Ailsa Low
Elizabeth Russell
Kirsten Stewart
Pauline Smith
Fiona Wilson
Shona Harkness
May Smith
Anna Timmons

Flower Girls

Emma Reilly
Karen Winters

Saturday 20 June 1981

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mrs C Boyd Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Mr J Allan, Mrs J Bunch, Mrs G Allan, Mrs M Johnstone, Mrs J Robb, Mrs M Tennant, Mr E Hudson, Mr J Cowan, Mrs M Muir, Mr R Stevenson, Mrs M Campbell, Mrs C Fox, Mrs MacDonald, Mr A Kirkland, Mr R Pate, Mr McMillan, Mr D Bull, Mr H Leggate.

Gala Queen

Janice Craw

Herald

Alistair Grant

Attendants

Lyn Paterson
Anne-Marie Henderson
Catherine Hendry
Angela Steele
Pauline Mair
Collette Kearney
Jennifer Warnock
Jacqueline McPherson

Flower Girls

Ann Thompson
Gillian Maynes

Saturday 19 June 1982

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mrs C Boyd Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Mrs J Bunch, Mrs M Tennant, Mrs MacDonald, Mr J Cowan, Mrs M Muir,
Mrs J Robb, Mrs C Fox, Mr R Pate, Mr D Bull, Mr W Thomson, Mr W
Cowie, Mr J Gilmour,

Gala Queen

Anne Selkirk

Herald

Steven Johnston

Attendants

Janette Hyslop
Louise Perrie
Caroline McGee
Leigh Mathieson
Deborah Ritchie
Claire Marshall
Fiona Jane Wilson
Michelle Caulfield

Flower Girls

Kelly Hamilton
Donna Winters

Saturday 18 June 1983

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mrs C Boyd Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Mrs J Bunch, Mrs M Tennant, Mrs MacDonald, Mr J Cowan, Mrs M Muir,
Mrs J Robb, Mrs C Fox, Mr R Pate, Mr D Bull, Mr W Cowie, Mr J Gilmour,
Miss Milne.

Gala Queen

Deborah Bow

Herald

Jim Marshall

Attendants

Linda Hendry
Vivienne Muir
Heather Stevenson
Pauline Davidson
Elizabeth Logan
Kirsty Richardson
Josephine Rogers

Flower Girls

Fiona Campbell
Susan Lavery

Saturday 16 June 1984

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mrs C Boyd Treasurer
Mrs B Scott Secretary

Mrs J Bunch, Mrs M Tennant, Mr J Cowan, Mrs M Muir, Mrs J Robb, Mrs C Fox, Miss Milne, Miss Fearn, Mr D Bull, Mr W Cowie.

Gala Queen

Anne Law

Herald

Colin Thomson

Attendants

Amanda Roy
Jennifer Dowland
Lorna Finlayson
Pauline Lindsay
Debbie Piper
Nicola Hopkins
Jan Rundell
Pauline Byrne

Flower Girls

Michelle Rowan
Layna McBrearity

Saturday 15 June 1985

Committee Members

Mr F McDermid Chairman
Mrs C Boyd Treasurer
Mrs C Fox
Mrs J Robb Secretary

Mr W Cowie, Miss Fearn, Mrs S Watson, Mr D Bull, Mrs M Kilgannon,
Mrs Maureen Tennant, Mrs Mary Tennant, Mr J Cowan, Mrs E Barrett,
Mrs J Hamilton, Miss M Milne, Mrs M Muir.

Gala Queen

Louise Fox

Herald

Billy Paterson

Mace Bearer

Jim Monie

Attendants

Elaine Brown
Jan Murray
Gail Lennox
Shirley Marshall
Lynn Johnstone
Donna Bryson
Debbie Scott
Anne Marie McTaggart

Flower Girls

Dawn Holden
Caroline Kretowicz

Saturday 21 June 1986

Committee Members

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|-------------|---------------|
| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
| Mr D Bull | Vice Chairman |
| Mrs C Boyd | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | |
| Mrs J Robb | Secretary |

Mr J Cowan, Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Miss J Fearn, Miss M Milne, Mrs E Barrett, Miss S Cuthbertson, Mr M Dyer, Mr I Gray, Mrs M Steele, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mr McInnes, Miss K McKnight, Mrs Grant, Mrs J Millar, Mrs J Millar, Mrs J Neill, Mrs S Watson, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs R Torley.

Gala Queen

Leigh Thomson

Herald

Andrew Hamilton

Mace Bearer

Fraser Murdoch

Attendants

Natasha Bell
Gaynor Kirk
Fiona Paterson
Debbie Russell
Margaret Wilson
Yvonne Hood
Wendy Kennedy
Lisa Gold

Flower Girls

Nicola Wilson
Nicola Steele

Saturday 20 June 1987

Committee Members

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| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
| Mrs C Boyd | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Miss J Fearn, Miss M Milne, Mrs E Barrett, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mr McInnes, Mrs J Neill, Mrs R Torley, Mrs C Gray, Mr B McLaughlin, Mr I Gray, Mrs M Steele.

Gala Queen

Mandy Morrow

Herald

Gary Cameron

Mace Bearer

Alisdair Clements

Attendants

Lorraine Halpin
Allison Gilmour
Sandra Pate
Lynn Scott
Lynne Hamilton
Claire Stewart
Yvette Smith
Claire Murdoch

Flower Girls

Anita Begg
Sharon Murphy

Saturday 18 June 1988

Committee Members

| | |
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| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
| Mrs C Boyd | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Miss J Fearn, Miss M Milne, Mrs E Barrett, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mrs S Weir, Mrs M Steele, Mrs R Torley, Mrs C Gray, Mrs J Chaffer, Mr B McLaughlin.

Gala Queen

Julie Dingwall

Herald

Jamie Smart

Mace Bearer

Simon Johnston

Attendants

Gillian Clements
Carole Leitch
Gillian Leitch
Lynne Torley
Dawn Gibson
Stephenie Kellie
Claire Mackie
Jacqueline Clark

Flower Girls

Laura Jackson
Gemma McSorley

Saturday 17 June 1989

Committee Members

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| Mrs C Boyd | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Miss M Milne, Mrs E Barrett, Mrs M Kilgannon,
Mr I Parker, Mr A Golder.

Gala Queen

Jacqueline Halpin

Herald

Stuart Robb

Mace Bearer

David Hamilton

Attendants

Fiona Campbell
Ayshea Hill
Laura Kelly
Nicola Reid
Nichola Reid
Lorraine Roy
Lesley Smyth
Stacey Timmons

Flower Girls

Elaine Fisher
Lynn McReady

Saturday 16 June 1990

Committee Members

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| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
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| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Mrs A Colquhoun, Mrs E Barrett, Mr I Parker,
Mr A Golder, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mr D Hood, Mr G Smith, Mrs G Hamilton,
Mr W Watt.

Gala Queen

Claire Bond

Herald

Craig Preston

Mace Bearer

Scott Millar

Attendants

Sharon Bentley
Lauren Brownlie
Lynn Feeney
Jill Frew
Michelle Rowan
Angela Murdoch
Emma Stewart
Claire Fallone

Flower Girls

Jennifer McQuade
Sarah McDiarmid

Saturday 15 June 1991

Committee Members

| | |
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| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
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| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Mrs A Colquhoun, Mrs E Barrett, Mr I Parker,
Mr G Smith, Mrs G Hamilton, Miss K McQuade.

Gala Queen

Julie Morrow

Herald

Graeme Cameron

Mace Bearer

Grant Gorniak

Attendants

Jan Calder
Pauline Campbell
Paula Clarkson
Vicki Cochrane
Caroline Kellie
Morag Ferguson
Kirsty Hamilton
Debbie Greenhorn

Flower Girls

Emma Buchanan
Corrina Hamilton

Saturday 20 June 1992

Committee Members

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
| Mr B Millar | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Watson, Mr J Currie, Mrs A Colquhoun, Mrs E Barrett, Mrs L Morrow,
Mr J Young, Mrs B Bond, Mrs I Gillespie.

Gala Queen

Karen Golder

Herald

Simon Jack

Mace Bearer

Alan White

Attendants

Lorraine Bentley
Gail Foote
Charmaine Lowe
Linsey McVie
Andrea Monks
Vicola Clarkson
Lauraine Jack
Lynne McReady

Flower Girls

Pamela Pate
Hollie Clark

Saturday 19 June 1993

Committee Members

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| Mr B Millar | Treasurer |
| Mr D Naysmith | Assistant Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |
| Mrs J Millar | Assistant Secretary |

Mr J Currie, Mrs A Colquhoun, Mrs S MacKenzie, Mr J Markey, Mr M Monie, Mrs L Morrow, Mr J Young, Mrs G Bond, Mrs I Gillespie, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mr Melvin, Mrs S Wilson, Mrs L Papworth, Mrs A Ruthven, Mrs M Morris, Mrs C McReady, Mrs H McReady, Mrs N Melvin, Mrs M McVie, Mrs A Golder, Mr A Howarth, Mr G Thomson, Mrs J Steele, Mrs G Hamilton.

Gala Queen

Karen Anderson

Herald

Roy Davidson

Mace Bearer

Gary Dingwall

Attendants

Emma Hamilton
Gillian Marshall
Angela Smith
Lesley Ballantyne
Kirsty Kirkland
Alison Duncan
Claire Connolly
Stephanie Barclay

Flower Girls

Michelle Bradburn
Louise Murphy

Saturday 18 June 1994

Committee Members

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mr A Wilson | Chairman |
| Mr J Watson | Vice Chairman |
| Mrs C McReady | Treasurer |
| Mrs C Fox | Secretary |

Mr J Currie, Mrs A Colquhoun, Mrs S MacKenzie, Mr J Markey, Mr M Monie, Mrs G Bond, Mrs I Gillespie, Mrs M Kilgannon, Mrs H McReady, Mrs M Feeney, Mrs J Foote, Mrs A McBain, Mrs N Melvin, Mr D Naysmith, Mrs J Steele, Mrs G Hamilton.

Gala Queen

Vicki Gibson

Herald

Ross Tennant

Mace Bearer

Scott Smith

Attendants

Leanne Monks
Kimberley Ruthven
Chrystal Sumner
Michelle Logan
Kirsty Wilson
Lynsay Buchanan
Gayle Overend
Rosalind Gold

Flower Girls

Emma Bryson
Sarah Duncan

Gala Days 1948-1964

The first Gala Day in the records was Saturday 19 June 1948. The Chairman at that time was Mr Robert Brodie. Mr Brodie served as Chairman of the Gala Committee from 1948-1952.

The Gala Queen from 1948 -1952 was called the "Queen of the Roses", and the boy attendant was called the "Champion".

The cost of Gala Days then were as follows:

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| 1948 | £123 |
| 1949 | £1 08 |
| 1950 | £ 95 |
| 1951 | £ 91 |
| 1952 | £ 93 |

The venue for the crowning ceremony was the Alexander Memorial Public Park and the Queen of the Roses was crowned in the Bandstand there. Stonehouse had its own Pipe Band then and they were regular players at the Gala Days.

1948

The Queen & Court visited Stonehouse Hospital after the crowning ceremony a tradition still upheld to this day. On Gala Day inscribed commemorative medals were presented to the Queen & Court. There was still food rationing and the committee of that time had to apply for Food Rations from the Food Office and this lasted for a few years. At an early Committee Meeting representatives from Stonehouse Merchants Association handed over a cheque to the value of £50 to help with the starting up of a Gala Day, which in those days was certainly a magnificent amount. The sports had to be cancelled the first year because of adverse weather conditions. Dresses were hired from a company in Glasgow and the Court had to travel to Glasgow for the fitting. As the first Gala Day was a great success it was decided to continue it.

Gala Days 1948-1952 followed more or less the same format. The Gala Day then lapsed from 1953-1958. In 1959 a meeting was called to revive the Gala Day. It was agreed that the Gala Day would be held in May and to change the name from Queen of the Roses to the May Queen and the boy attendant to Herald. Mr Jack McEwan was Chairman from 1959-1964.

Horse drawn open Landau was hired from the Co-op to transport the May Queen to the park. Stonehouse Pipe Band and Larkhall Silver Band played at the Gala Days during this time although Stonehouse Pipe Band had only a few members.

It was decided to use the Tilework Park, Union Street for the Crowning Ceremony during this time. There were problems with the park being waterlogged and on one occasion Guy Hamilton's field off Udston Mill Road had to be used at the last minute.

Before 1963 the boys had worn Elizabethan Costumes but by 1964 had converted to kilts, these had been received favourably.

The cost to run Gala Days then were as follows:

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| 1959 | £211 |
| 1960 | £116 |
| 1961 | £239 |
| 1962 | £257 |
| 1963 | £244 |
| 1964 | £234 |

The Gala Day then lapsed from 1965-1974.