Mauchline Community Association Gala Committee
The Loudoun Spout Society
Mauchline Community Council

MAUCHLINE MILLENNIUM

GALA

Re-Dedication of
The Loudoun Spout

Cavalcade of Vintage
Transport

SATURDAY 24th JUNE 2000

Souvenir programme
£1.00
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PROGRAMME

11.00am -
Cavalcade of Vintage Transport assembles at Mossgiel Farm

11.15am -
Dedication of Plaque at Netherplace Gateway by Miss Tara Hamilton-Campbell

11.45am -
Gala Parade leaves Mauchline Primary School

12 noon -
Calvaccade leaves East Mossgiel Farm

12.30pm -
Official Opening of the Spout by Miss Stroma Hamilton-Campbell and Mr Fred Dibnah

1.00pm -
Crowning of Gala Queen in Beechgrove Park

1.15pm -
Official Opening of the Millennium Gala by Mrs Sheila Dibnah.
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

During the morning there will be a short ceremony to unveil a plaque on the wall adjacent to the Loudoun Street Gateway commemorating Netherplace Estate and the Hamilton-Campbells who lived there from 1620 until 1954. It will be unveiled by Miss Tara Hamilton-Campbell.

The Vintage Cavalcade will assemble in the field at East Mossgiel Farm and then travel past the Burns Memorial Homes and Tower, down Kilmarnock Road towards The Cross headed by Dreghorn & Bourtreehill Pipe Band. Leading the Cavalcade of Vintage Transport will be Mr Wallace Borland, Lochlea Farm, dressed as Robert Burns and leading a horse called Craigie Princess which belongs to Willie Drummond of Broadyards Farm, Craigie. He will be followed by about forty vintage forms of transport ranging from horse drawn farm carts to lorries - see list on subsequent pages. Mr Fred Dibnah, TV personality, will bring up the rear, together with his special passenger on the steam engine, Miss Stroma Hamilton Campbell.

Meanwhile decorated lorry floats and folks in fancy dress will be congregating at Mauchline Primary School. The Gala Parade will be led by members from the former Mauchline Pipe Band. They will travel along Mary Morrison Drive, Welton Road, Som Road, up Kilmarnock Road and down Jean Armour Drive to meet up with the vintage cavalcade at the junction of Jean Armour Drive and Kilmarnock Road.

Both parades will continue towards The Cross, turn down Loudoun Street and along Barskimming Road into Beechgrove Park. Spectators will be able to assemble around the Loudoun Spout for the official opening ceremony. This is to be carried out by Miss Stroma Hamilton-Campbell who is the daughter of the last occupants of Netherplace House. (Her mother, Mrs Every Roosmalecocq, is one of the five hard working committee members of the Loudoun Spout Society). Jointly responsible at this official opening of the refurbished Spout will be Mr Fred Dibnah who is famous as a steeplejack, steam engine owner and champion of restoration projects. There will be a short act of dedication by Rev Alan Telfer and speeches by various members of the platform party.

It is at this time that the final chapter in the story of the location of the Loudoun Spout's origin is to be revealed, and the committee have one last surprise to produce.
After the ceremony, spectators and officials will move to Beechgrove Park for the opening of the Gala. The Gala Queen, Adele Alexander, will be crowned by Eileen Graham, last year's Queen. Her attendants are Laura Whitelaw, Kim Morrison and Calum Carr. Then the Millennium Gala will be declared open by Mrs Sheila Dibnah.

At Beechgrove Park there will be a host of stalls, side-shows, entertainment and attractions together with various fast food outlets - see the list on following pages. During the course of the afternoon there will be displays by Mauchline majorettes, Disco Dancing, Line Dancing, Glamorous Grannies and Bonny Baby Competitions and the finals of the Under 11s Football Tournament which has been running throughout the week. Results will be announced of the decorated lorries, fancy dress competition and other events which were staged during the Gala Week.

The various vintage transport and some standing exhibits (see list on subsequent pages) will be on view in the central arena. Mr Bob Baillie will be the commentator at Beechgrove Park.

Please note the following Safety Code:

Keep out of roped off areas.
Obey stewards instructions at all times.
Do NOT touch any exhibit - even at rest it could burn.
Keep all dogs on a leash.

The Loudoun Spout Society, Mauchline Community Council and The Gala Committee will not be held responsible for any injury, however received.

Remember to visit other attractions within the village - the Parish Church, the Burns House Museum and the Burns Memorial Tower. You can also enjoy lunches and teas which are being served in the Church Hall. Don't forget the shop window displays depicting 'Steam' or 'The Spout'.
HISTORY OF THE LOUDOUN SPOUT

The history of the Spout goes back to the times of cattle drovers passing through Mauchline. At that time the Kings Highway from Ayr came via Gowkthorn and up Barskimming Road to the town entrance of Netherplace next to McLellands Inn (Loudoun Arms). Drovers proceeded to drive their cattle along the drive and past Netherplace House - built in 1620 - before reaching St Michael's Well (opposite the former North Church) where the cattle were watered.

Increasing frequency of cattle drives caused the inhabitants of Netherplace House to become unhappy with the mess made on their driveway and of the area around St Michael's Well. Therefore they closed access to Netherplace at Loudoun Street, requiring the drovers to turn right up Loudoun Street, then down Castle Street (Back Causeway) and out onto Kilmarnock Road.

By piping water from St Michael's Well (within the grounds of Netherplace) to an area adjacent to the McLelland's Inn (where building started in 1719) a watering place could be established at that point for the use of estate workers and livestock. It is believed that the Spout and trough were later additions installed about 1763. A toll charge of one farthing was made for each drover using the Spout until the cost had been recovered. Further evidence has shown that the supply pipes were made from wrought iron. The Spout would have been a popular watering places for horses in the time of Burns (no doubt while their owners partook of a refreshment within McLellands Inn!).

With the advent of the industrial revolution the Spout became a regular watering point for all forms of agricultural transport - horses, steam engines and tractors, and later a suitably placed supply of water for motor vehicles after they had driven up from Ayr.

In recent years the Spout has been used by householders as a pure, clear supply of drinking water. Every day you can see folks filling up containers at the Spout for use in making a simple cup of tea or to be combined with a dram.

In this age, where conserving water has become a daily necessity in some areas, the sandstone rock below Mauchline provides a constant source of high quality drinking water. The Loudoun Spout is now the only remaining working artesian spring in Ayrshire.
THE LOUDOUN SPOUT SOCIETY

The Loudoun Spout Society began in May 1997 with a chance remark by Capt. Anderson on leaving the Loudoun Arms Hotel that the poor flow of water from the Spout suggested it's imminent demise. This resulted in Mr Davidson making a challenge: "Capt. Anderson, as a born and bred local, you should champion the cause to retain and repair the Spout."

Both local and national government were sympathetic to the cause, but the mention of the dreaded word "money" caused a deafening silence. A grant application to the National Lotteries Heritage fund was also rejected in March 1998.

Realising that the Society needed to attract a much broader power base, they contacted the widow of the late Colonel Mungo Hamilton-Campbell (Mrs Every Roosmalecocq) who wholeheartedly agreed to support the project. This provided a direct link to the origin of the Loudoun Spout which was installed by the Hamilton-Campbell's of Netherplace - circa 1763.

The society also wished a strong community participation in the restoration and a public meeting was held on 17th April 1999 to discuss local opinion.

Just prior to this meeting, Mauchline Community Council approached the Society requesting to participate in this as a joint venture, to be a Millennium Project. This effectively created a greater local interest and the Society readily agreed to the merger.

However the Society stipulated that they should be allowed to choose the working committee. Five members were approached and agreed to serve as:

Chairman: Capt William Anderson
Secretary: Mr James Davidson,
Treasurer: Mr Kenneth Blair,
Members: Mrs Every Roosmalecocq
          Mr Douglas Hall

This choice has proved well founded as shown by the dedicated work carried out by this committee. Each member brought their own special talents which, when combined, proved invaluable in promoting the restoration of the Loudoun Spout.
The Loudoun Spout Society wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by Mr Archie Weir, who has been on hand at every opportunity from digging the first hole through to the final installation, recording all the stages of restoration work on video.

An appeal was made for information concerning the source of the Spout and a wide variety of suggestions were forthcoming. The fact was that no-one knew where it originated and we were 30 years too late in asking a generation now deceased. Others stubbornly maintained that they knew the source and this had to be checked out by adding dye to those local wells which could be traced.

No dye appeared in any local water courses from the well at the back of Greenhead (just behind the fire station). Locals verified an account that the local street sweeper during 1930s and 1940s, Mr John Harper, used to go to the Toll Field (now Nursery Lane) to clean a large well. The story goes that he had to take off his boots and socks, roll his trousers up to his knees and climb down a metal ladder into the well. This job did not appeal to him as it entailed paddling about in freezing cold water to clean the rose on the end of the pipe. But dye from that source only appeared in the water course flowing through the Bogwood Lands.

Then contractors, John Jamieson from Maybole, were involved in the excavation work to determine the source area. They used a type of CAT scan to locate the pipes. In the final stages they were assisted by Mr Bob Fraser, Site Servicing Manager, Mactaggart & Mickel Ltd.
AREA 1: BELONGING TO
EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD
KILMARNOCK

AREA 2: BELONGING TO
MR MCKELLAR
11 KNOWE
MAUCHLINE

AREA 3: BELONGING TO
MacTAGGART & MICKEL
126 WEST REGENT STREET
GLASGOW

AREA 4: BELONGING TO
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COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD
KILMARNOCK

AREA 5: BELONGING TO
MR STEEL
20 EAST PARK AVENUE
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RESTORATION - STAGE TWO

Following confirmation of all legal formalities, phase two began on 10th January 2000 to relay a new pipe back to the Spout. Since subsequent building works had been erected over the original pipe line a new route was chosen. Work began opposite the Ca-House and progressed well thanks to the willingness of local residents who allowed the pipe to be laid across their property. The track of the new pipe uncovered the old site of St Michael's Well at which a plaque is to be erected which states:

On this site, known locally as the 'Well Brae' was situated a drinking fountain known as 'St Michael's Well' which was first established by the Monks of Melrose in circa 1165 when they settled here to establish the church of St Michael and the beginning of Mauchline. Excavations in 1999 confirmed that this is also the source of the Loudoun Spout.

This plaque was presented by the Loudoun Spout Society and Mauchline Community Council to mark the Restoration of the Loudoun Spout Millennium project on 24th June 2000.

The new piping resulted in water being supplied at a greatly increased rate of fifteen pints of water per minute!

RESTORATION - STAGE THREE

Mr J. Bingham of Quickplan, prepared engineering drawings of the proposed refurbished spout and trough which would be commissioned in polished Balmoral granite from Galloway Granite Works in Sorbie, near Newton Stewart. The old Spout and trough have been relocated to a permanent display in the garden at the Burns House Museum. The new trough and back plate, of pink granite with a lion's mask were installed on Monday 5th June 2000. A time capsule was laid in a void in the base concrete by Councillor Eric Jackson and Dr Donald Rawson (retired).

Saturday 24th June 2000 was arranged for the official opening. This event would be combined with the local Community Association Gala Day and a cavalcade of vintage transport.
SKETCH MAP OF MAUCHLINE

- Roads
- Footpaths
- Important Places

MOSSGIEL FARM
Memorial Cairn
BURNS MEMORIAL TOWER

to Tarbolton
A76 to Kilmarnock

CAR PARK

Games Hall
Community Centre
Church Hall
Parish Church
Loudoun Spout

FIRE STATION

BURNS MUSEUM

Primary School

BEECHGROVE PARK

WAR MEMORIAL

B743 to Ayr

B705 to Cumnock

A76 to Cumnock

to Sorn
B743

POLICE STATION

to Catrine
MAUCHLINE GALA DAY

The origins of our present day Gala seem to stem from 1809 when Mauchline Races were started, taking place in April - indeed the 'Shows' still come to Mauchline traditionally at that same 'Race Day' time. Over the years the horse racing gradually declined and by the beginning of the twentieth century, most probably during the first World War, children's races were introduced. At one point there was even greyhound racing, although this was not a popular decision by some members of the committee.

By the 1930s Mauchline Races seem to have disappeared totally. But they were reconvened in 1951 by what was to be called Mauchline Race and Gala Committee with Tom Stitt as Chairman. A Sports Day & Parade led by St Ninians Pipe Band was held at Connel Fields on 16th June 1951. The introduction of the Crowning a Gala Queen, Sheila Kemp, wasn't until the Gala Day of 26th June 1954. The robes were donated by Dr & Mrs Kemp and are still in use today together with the crown & cushions. These Galas seem to have ceased to function by 1960.

In the mid seventies a sub-committee of the recently formed Community Association - once again - resurrected the Gala Day, holding their first Gala on Saturday 31st May 1975. There was a grand parade of decorated lorries, folk in fancy dress, etc. This journeyed from Mauchline Primary School around both housing schemes led by a Pipe Band and finished up in Beechgrove Park for the official opening and the crowning of the Gala Queen, Linda Whitefield. There were stalls, side shows, competitions and a wide variety of activities. During the previous week there had been various sports' competitions and events for the community.

In subsequent years the Gala was traditionally held on the last Saturday in May or first Saturday in June. Some years there were activities during the Gala Week, mainly for youngsters, culminating in the Grand Parade and crowning of the Queen on the Saturday.

In the early nineties, following the demise of the 'Mauchline Eight' Race, the Fun Run was also staged on the same day starting and ending in Beechgrove Park.

The Gala Committee, who have been responsible for organising and co-ordinating today's event, consists of-

President, Linda Steel  
Vice President, Moira Howie  
Secretary, Isobel McMichael  
Treasurer, Margaret Smith
STALLS AND SIDE-SHOWS
AT THE PARK

Under 11s Football Club
Community Council
Mauchline Scouts - Barbecue
Mauchline Scouts - Prize Target Football
Fire Brigade
Labour Party - Balloons
S.N.P.
Rainbows, Brownies & Guides
Boys' Brigade
M.B.A.C. - Bottle Stall
Arts & Crafts Group
Cat Protection League
Hiz Kids
Old Folks Welfare Committee - Bottle Stall
Dunaskin Heritage
B & C Disco
Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs
Mauchline Amateurs - Fast Food
Youth Club - various games & competitions
Woodwork
Tartan Goods
STALLS AND SIDE-SHOWS (cont)

Majorettes
Coconut Shy
Bouncy Castle
Toddlers Soft Play
Slide
Mini Dodgems
Sticky Wall
Pony Rides
Co-operative Ladies Guild - Tea Tent
First Aid Tent - The Red Cross
Round-a-bout
Candy Floss
Ice Cream
Fast Foods
Chris Crate - Toys
Isobel McCormack - Face Painting
C.U. - Face Painting

The Gala Committee are grateful for help and assistance on the day from:

Annie Chalmers, John Chalmers, Leigh-Anne Chalmers, Jean Jackson, Jane Pettigrew, John Howie, Brian Brown, Hugh Goodwin, Jane Marr and Marion Steele
LIST OF VINTAGE VEHICLES

Horses & Carts:
Mr Wallace Borland, Lochlea Farm
Mr Willie Drummond, Broadyards Farm, Craigie
Mr Stephen McMillan, Wheatpark Fm Cottage, St Quivox
Mr A. Fitzpatrick, Kilwinning

Traction Engines:
Mr Fred Dibnah, Bolton
Mr George Kerr, Beith

Vintage Lorries:
G. & D. Cunningham, Galston
John Maitland and Sons, Trabnoch
James Padkin, Drumclog
Reids Transport, Minishant, by Ayr

Vintage Tractors:
Mr George Wisener Snr. Mauchline
Mr James Taylor, Lochhill Farm, Mauchline
Mr Ian Fraser, Cumnock
Mr James Wilson, Ochiltree
Mr John Gilmour, Wheatpark Farm, St Quivox
Mr D. Neil, Tarbolton
Mr Kevin Britton, New Cumnock
Mr Sam Andrews, Cumnock
Mr Robin McCarlie, Stairaiedy, Mauchline
Mr Bob Pettigrew, West Kilbride
Mr Jim Nisbet, Auchencruive, by Ayr
Ramsay & Jackson, Mauchline
VINTAGE VEHICLES (cont.)

Vintage Cars:
Mr Bill Henderson, Mauchline
Dr Neil Mackie, Mauchline
Mr Robert Walker, Mauchline
Mr Tom Pate, Woodside, Kilkerran
Mr Jim Neil, Aird Farm, Fiveways
Mr Craig, Darvel
Mr Steven Hunter, Mauchline

Vintage Military Vehicles:
Mr John Webster, Maidens
Mr John Wellings, Maybole
Mr P. Scally, Kirkoswald
Capt. William Anderson, Mauchline

Vintage Motor Cycles:
Mr William Gibson, Mauchline
Mr Jim Morton, Sorn

Vintage Bus:
Stagecoach, Dumfries

Stationary Exhibits at Beechgrove Park:
Mr Wallace Lapsley, Girvan
Mr William Imrie, Failford
Mr George Imrie, Kilmarnock
Mr Tom McLatchie, Millerston Farm, Mauchline

The Loudoun Spout Society must thank Mr George Wisener Snr., Mr John Cowan and fellow club members from the Ayrshire Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club for organising the vintage transport at both East Mossigjel and Beechgrove Park; and members of Mauchline Community Council for acting as stewards.
OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Mauchline Parish Church
Open 1pm to 4pm. See: Covenanters' Flag; extracts of Kirk Session minutes from time of Robert Burns; tombstones of several of Burns' contemporaries; stained glass window; newly created Clarke Memorial Vestibule and glass screen; hear music on Willis organ.

Burns House Museum
Open 12 noon to 5pm. See: period room in which Burns started his married life; display of Burns memorabilia, including a fichu once owned by the 'Lass O' Ballochmyle'; Display of Mauchline Box Ware; Curling Stone Exhibition; books, tapes & gifts on sale.

Burns Memorial Tower
Open 10am - 6pm. See: audio visual presentation about Burns and the Mauchline connection; photos & artefacts of the area's industries past and present; magnificent views of the surrounding countryside from roof level.

Shops
Mauchline's shops have been invited by the Community Council to decorate their windows with the theme of either "The Spout" or "Steam".

You can also admire the hanging baskets which are provided each year by the Community Council and maintained by the shopkeepers.
AFTERWARDS

In the evening two special functions are being held.

Ayrshire Conservation Group are hosting "An Evening with Fred Dibnah" in Mauchline Community Centre at 7.30pm. There will be a slide show accompanied by a very interesting and light-hearted talk. After the talk cheese and wine will be served and this will give everyone a chance to have a word with Fred. Admission is by ticket only (priced at £10.00) and space is limited. If you are interested then contact either Susan on 553380 or Fiona on 550240.

A Gala Day Dance is being held in the Harry Lyle Lounge of the Kilmarnock Supporters' Club from 7.30pm to midnight. "Local Heroes" are the entertainment group. Tickets (priced at £2.00) are available from Gala Committee members or Harry Lyle.

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On Sunday morning everyone is cordially invited to join in a special time of thanksgiving, worship and praise at a Family Service in Mauchline Parish Church at 11am.

Following Morning Worship there will be our usual Fellowship Half Hour in the Church Hall when tea, coffee and biscuits are served. There is also a Traidcraft Stall.
EATING PLACES, ETC.

CHURCH HALL, CASTLE STREET

LUNCHES will be served from 11am to 2pm - A bowl of home-made soup, a filled roll and a drink. Cost £2.00

AFTERNOON TEAS will be served from 2 to 4pm. - home-made cakes and a welcome cuppa. Cost £1.00

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IN BEECHGROVE PARK

BURGERS served by the Scouts

HOT DOGS served by Mauchline Amateurs

TEA TENT run by Ladies Co-operative Guild

OTHER FAST FOOD OUTLETs

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LIGHT SNACKS & MEALS served at:-

Crafty Coffee in Loudoun Street from 8am

Graces Kitchen, at Tower Filling Station, from 8am

Mick’s Cafe, Kilmarnock Road, from 8.30am

Mauchline Garden Centre, Kilmarnock Rd 9am - 5pm
BAR MEALS served at:
Ballochmyle Inn, High Street 12noon - 2.30pm
Poosie Nansies in Loudoun Street from 12 noon
Loudoun Arms Hotel in Loudoun Street from 12.30pm

TAKEAWAY MEALS available from:
Mick’s Cafe, Kilmarnock Road from 8.30am
Golden Star Chinese, Kilmarnock Road from 4pm
Village Tandoori, Kilmarnock Road from 4.30pm
Star Kebabs, Loudoun Street from 4pm
Ninety Eight Cantonese, Loudoun Street from 4.30pm

TOILETS
Public toilets are situated in Loudoun Street Car Park
There will be a toilet for disabled persons and five
portaloos on site in Beechgrove Park

FIRST AID
The Red Cross will be in attendance at Beechgrove Park to deal with any emergencies.

CAR PARKING
A temporary car park off Kilmarnock Road has been provided by Mr Bryce Cunningham, West Hillhead and is stuarded by Mauchline Scout Group.
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All three committees wish to acknowledge the help and expertise of those who have contributed to the success of this Millennium Gala Day.

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All the information contained in this publication has been gleaned from minute books and personal contacts and is correct to the best of my knowledge - Jean C. Martin, Editor
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