

Bitesize Newsletter

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SHOWER OF FISH - Thursday 02 February 1854

The inhabitants of Lochwinnoch were astonished on Monday to see the banks of the Loch, near the village, literally covered with a small kind of fish. It has been a windfall to the villagers, some of whom are picking them up in cart loads.

SHOWER OF FISH - Tuesday 28 February 1854

We lately inserted a paragraph regarding a shower of fish on the borders of Lochwinnoch Loch. We now learn that the facts are these—During the severe frost in January last great numbers of the fish in the loch (perch and braise *) were either benumbed, or some other way affected, so that a hole being made in the ice they could easily be caught, and considerable quantities were got hold of in this way and carried to the village. The breaking up of the ice, when the thaw came, shoals more of the fish were found about the margin of the loch, dead, or dying. Some of these, also, were secured by the villagers. It may be worth while to investigate a little further into the cause of this curious natural phenomenon, but it was not a shower.



*Editor: Braise, Scots for Roach



Autumn in Parkhill Woods

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Dumb Proctor Stone In Lochwinnoch Cemetery



Davy Andrews

Employed in Struthers Lemonade Factory
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1865

POLICE STATION AND HALL

CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO ERECT THE BUILDING ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET

1878

CLERK'S BRIDGE MILL TO LET

SITUATED AT ABOUT 2 MILES FROM LOCHWINNOCH AND AT PRESENT USED AS A CURLING STONE FACTORY

1897

Mr G. HOUSTON HAS INTIMATED HIS INTENTION OF PRESENTING A PORTION OF A FIELD AS A PUBLIC PARK FOR THE VILLAGERS

FISH REARING IN SCOTLAND 1898

The experiment which is now being made at Lochwinnoch, on Castle Semple Loch, is chiefly interesting to the Angling Association which has been formed for the purpose; but it is one of those pioneer operations which may excite some public interest and point the way to public benefit. To "grow" fish for sport is one way of showing how to "grow" fish for food. There is no reason why we should not rear fish, as well as cattle, sheep, and poultry. Fish might be profitably reared to increase the food supply of the people. There are many things in which the Chinese have much to learn from us, but in this particular matter we have a good deal to learn from them.

SHORTAGE OF WEAVERS BOOSTS WAGES 1828

Great activity prevails at present in Paisley in almost every department of business; the demand for weavers at present is greater than it has been since the year 1825. The consequence is, that during the present month a considerable advance has taken place on the prices paid for weaving. The sales in the shawl and trimming lines have been greater during the winter than usual; consequently the manufacturers are warranted in making active in preparations for the spring trade. This favourable state of things has likewise extended to the neighbouring villages particularly in Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch. The population are fully employed, and are now able to earn better wages than they have had for some time past.

LOCHWINNOCH GAS WORKS - MANAGER WANTED 1861

At Whitsunday, a Competent person to Manage, Make Gas, and Perform the whole Duties necessary about the Works. To a satisfactory Person a fair Salary will be given. Present Wages, 10 shillings per Week, with Free House, Fire, and Light. Apply to James Clark, Ironmonger, Lochwinnoch.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION 1901

Ladies and gentlemen and former pupils of Mr John Millar, who had been the parish schoolmaster for close upon 43 years, gathered In the Public School, Lochwinnoch, last Friday evening, for the purpose presenting him with a purse containing a hundred sovereigns, a gold watch, and a silver salver for Mrs Millar.

Further information [here](#)

