

# Bitesize Newsletter

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## PUBLIC MEETING March 10th 1938

**A** public meeting of the inhabitants of Lochwinnoch, presided over by county councillor Wm. Johnstone, was held to consider a proposal to approach the Department of Agriculture for Scotland with a request that, as the department have recently purchased Castle Semple estate, with the object of cutting up the landward portion into smallholdings, the rights of control of the loch should be secured for the inhabitants of Lochwinnoch for recreation and physical fitness purposes.



Opposition to the proposal that Lochwinnoch people should secure control of the loch was voiced by Mr. Clapperton, the shooting tenant, who was supported by the Rev. Graham N. Warner.

The following resolution was submitted and, on a vote, accepted by the meeting:- "That this public meeting of the inhabitants of Lochwinnoch desire to secure the rights of Castle Semple loch, so that the amenities of the loch may be preserved for the use of the public of the district."

A committee of seven, with Mr. R. E. Muirhead. Meikle Cloak, was elected, with instructions to communicate with the Department.



### COVID RESTRICTIONS

March 2020



### RAB the BEAR

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### JOHN GREGOR PL.

Skating on thin ice  
Dec. 2008

1954

DURING THE RECENT SNOW-STORM TELEPHONES IN SOME PARTS OF LOCHWINNOCH WERE OUT OF ORDER FOR SEVEN DAYS

1851

PATENT BY WILLIAM MELVILLE, LOCHWINNOCH. CALICO- PRINTER FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MANUFACTURING AND PRINTING CARPETS AND OTHER FABRICS

1827

WEAVERS

IN LOCHWINNOCH WHICH CONTAINS ABLOUT 350 WEAVERS ALL IS BUSTLE AND ACTIVITY IN THE HEAVY TRIMMING LINE

## The ANNUAL VALUATION COURT for RENFREWSHIRE 1870

### Mr Thomas Speir, President

Mr Wm. Connell, writer, Lochwinnoch. appealed against a house being valued at £20 when the actual rent was £19 17s 6d. Mr Connell assured the Commissioners that the rent was a *bona fide* one. The valuation was fixed £19 17s 6d.

Mr Henry Macdowall appealed against the valuation of Floors Mill, Johnstone. The Assessor's valuation was £182. Mr Macdowall stated that the mill was unoccupied, and the belting of the machinery had been sold three months ago. The mill had cost him £14,000. He would now sell it to any gentleman present for £1500. It was agreed to enter the mill "empty" and to restrict the valuation to £100.

Mr Allan Campbell Crawford, as proprietor, and Hugh and James Crawford, as tenants, appealed against the valuation of Calderhaugh Cotton Mill being entered at £300. Messrs Hugh and James Crawford held a lease for three years, at an annual rent of £150, from their brother Mr Allan C. Crawford, the lease of which was produced, and Messrs Crawford assured the Commissioners that it was *bona fide*.

The Assessor said the mill had been originally valued at between £400 and £500, but it was reduced last year to £300, which he considered merely a nominal valuation for such a work. Mr H. Crawford, in answer to a question, said the mill was to be occupied as stores and for other purposes, but not as a cotton mill. The machinery was nearly all out of it. The valuation was restricted to £150 on account of the mill not being at present a going work.



### OCTOBER 6TH 1945

In his office in Paisley County Buildings, Chief Constable John Robertson, is racking his brains to rid Britain of her No.1 ration robber - the rat. For the past year Mr Robertson has been trying to perfect a rat catcher that will do the job thoroughly. This is only a hobby of Mr Robertson, but he is determined to fight the menace until an official rat-catcher is appointed.

We set a trap up at Lochwinnoch and it was very successful, catching 35 rats the first night and then 10 the next, but on the third night none.

The trap is on view at Barr Meadow, Lochwinnoch.

