

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

Lochwinnoch early 1800's

1888

Sometime ago we had an **agitation in favour** of the earlier closing of public houses which was brought to a successful issue.

But licensed grocers for many years were open at 7a.m. but they have received notice **not** to open till 8 a.m.

1898

The villagers - at least the younger section of them - have plenty of outdoor entertainment provided for them this week. A number of shows are paying their annual visit to Harvey Square and they have been well patronised

1903

Continued ... **Castle Semple Loch** contains something like half a million trout of good size, all hatched and reared by the association.

It may be interesting to add that the **Angling Association** has been negotiating for the purchase of a large dwelling house to accommodate members at the weekends and holidays.



Poor and Parochial Funds.

The average number of persons on the Poor Roll for the last seven years has been 50. A pauper receives from 9 pence to 5 shillings a week. Besides regular paupers, however, there are a great many who receive donations and occasional assistance in various ways. A large sum is expended in this way, because it keeps persons for some time from becoming regular paupers, and is intended to encourage a spirit of independence, which is fast giving way in this part of the country. In order to form some idea of this matter, it may be stated that in the course of the year 1832, the sum expended in the regular allowances to those on the poor roll was £203, and the occasional donations amounted to £135 6s. 2d. It is but fair to remark, however, that the greater part of these donation were given to those who were likewise receiving regular parochial aid. Many rents are paid when extraordinary



1906

The **Bowling Club** completed a new green and pavilion the total cost being over £700.

Almost £300 was contributed locally and about £50 by donors outwith the Parish.

Events are being planned to clear off the remaining debt.

1908

A **football match** between Married and Single took place on Calderside Park in aid of the Bowling Club Fund.

The Married men won by 3 goals to 1

[NB I have the names of the players and the play]

1881

1881 Joke!

"How do you pronounce s-t-i-n-g-y?" the professor asked the young man nearest the foot of the class. The smart boy stood up and said it depended a great deal whether the word applied to a man or a bee. "Go to the head, young fellow"

assistance is wanted in peculiar circumstances.

The whole average expenditure for a year, both in occasional donations, and for the regular poor, during the last seven years, has been £321 17s. 3d. This sum is raised in the following manner:

Average annual amount of collections for the last seven years:

£93 17s. 4d. Parochial collections
 £6 10s. Hearse and Mortcloth,
 £14 4s. Proclamation of Banns of Marriage

The remaining part of the funds was once raised by a regular annual assessment upon the heritors, feuars, and householders but for some time past it has been raised by occasional voluntary contributions as they are required, in the same proportions, every person contributing as formerly according to his property, which is intended to retard the increase of expenditure.

Of this sum, the heritors contribute by far the greater part: the feuars and householders paying only £35, when the heritors pay £166.

Feuar: One who holds a feu.

