

# Bitesize Newsletter

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## Captain Hunter of Lochwinnoch 1831

**C**aptain Hunter of Lochwinnoch has sent to his friends in that quarter a curious head of a naive Chief of New Zealand, with the following account attending it:-

“The head of Tekaro, a Chief of Wycatto, an island town of the North Island of New Zealand. He was killed in battle by Whero-Whero, great Chief of Koweir, after having seven musket balls passed through his body in different parts. His head was severed from his shoulders, and taken in triumph to Koweir, where it was steamed over his own body, that was being baked for refreshment to the Chiefs of Whero-Whero, and afterwards presented to Captain Scott of the Harlequin of Sydney, by Pero, son of Mero-Mero, and now presented by Captain Scott to Captain Hunter, of the ship Greenock of Leith.”

The skin is preserved by a process like tanning. The hair is black, fine, long, not curly. His skin is of copper colour; his teeth are white and beautiful; his beard and his whiskers are thin and spare; his nose is well formed, approaching to the Roman shape. He has been much tattooed. His skull and face are formed almost, or nearly, like the European, and his countenance handsome.



Potatau Te Wherowhero



**BARYTES MINE**  
2005  
[now demolished]

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**The PALACE CINEMA**



**CALDERPARK MILL**

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1881

THE PAISLEY MIDDLE  
CHURCH CHOIR

HELD THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC  
AT LOCHWINNOCH.  
THE BARR CASTLE WAS  
THE RENDEZVOUS

1939

THE SILK MILL OF  
CALDWELL, YOUNG & CO.  
LANARK TO CLOSE.

THE FIRM'S WORK WILL  
BE CARRIED ON AT  
LOCHWINNOCH

1949

SCOTTISH INDUSTRIES'  
EXHIBITION

A LOCHWINNOCH FIRM  
HAS SOLD £25,000  
WORTH OF DINING ROOM  
SUITS IN A FEW DAYS

## Clochodrick Stone

Written in 1858



**T**his striking object in the landscape, no traveller who has gone between Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch could have failed to observe, has formed the subject of much antiquarian fable. That it may have formed part of a Druidical temple there is reason to doubt, for the supposition is countenanced the name—" *Clock-y-Drywd*," *the stone of the Druids*; but no one will believe that a stone some hundred tons weight was hewn from a quarry in the neighbourhood. It belongs the trap formation of rocks, is identical in texture with the rocks below and around it, and was formed *in situ*. To explain its insulated and prominent position, it is only necessary to refer to the drift period of geologists. The less coherent and softer rocks around this nucleus had been carried off by denudation, and left this prominent block standing.

N.B. *Spelling is as it appears in the newspaper. The plaque at Clochodrick Stone states that the stone differs from the rock below but similar to bedrock a few miles away; and it was carried by glacial ice.*

### FEBRUARY 6TH 1885

Yesterday, in a paragraph about a doughty warrior, a compositor with more regard to liberal accuracy than his copy, set it up as "drouthy warrior"

It must surely have been the same compositor who, in setting up the account of an accident at Lochwinnoch, where some ladies were described as being up to their waist in water, made the extent of the ladies immersion appear somewhat indefinite by putting it that they were up to their "wrists in water"



Photo: Contributed by Amanda Mackie

Doughty: brave and persistent    Drouthy: thirsty