

Bitesize Newsletter

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DANGEROUS STATE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD

1852 At a meeting of the **Heritors of Lochwinnoch Parish**, held out Friday, the parish minister brought under the consideration of the meeting the dangerous state of the public road, arising from the flooding thereof by the loch, which, he stated, took place two or three times in a year. Last Wednesday the flood, it is said, would be above three feet deep, having been to the height of the wall on the west of the road, It was stated, that two years ago a young man had lost his life in consequence of this flooding on the road; and that the Road Trustees had this matter repeatedly brought before them, but hitherto nothing been done to have the road raised. It came out in the remarks made at the meeting that the sum of £200 is paid by the mill owners of Johnstone for the damming up of the loch, which is done by an artificial breast at Bridge of Elliston; and were it not for this erection, the loch water would not rise to flood the public road. When the road is flooded, there is no means of communication with Lochwinnoch from the south, without going six to seven miles round about. The heritors agreed to petition the trustees to have the road raised.

1860 Sir, For **several days this season** the most public road we have into this village, that leading from the railway station, has been covered to the depth of two or three feet with water, thereby endangering the lives of the lieges. Perhaps you, or some of your numerous readers, will be kind enough to answer the above queries, and inform the inhabitants of this place what steps they ought to take to get this grievance remedied.-I am, etc., R S.

1954

SNOW ❄️

Telephones were out order for seven days in some parts of Lochwinnoch

1850 Muirshiel Mineral Works

Sulphate of Barytes for Sale
finest quality
Bleached and Unbleached



Lochlip Road 2011



Lochlip Road 2011



Lochlip Road 2015



Lochlip Road 2020

Other Village Roads

Meeting - **01/11/1862** **Gen. McDowall** said there had existed for many years a nuisance which was really a disgrace to any civilised land. One of the principal roads leading from the town of Lochwinnoch had been in such a state that it was from time to time completely flooded, to the great inconvenience of the public, who were thereby unable to go either to church or market. He had brought this matter before the Trustees already, but it had never been attended to.

Mr Buchanan did not think it was practicable to effect the improvement required for less than £1000, and he did not see where the money was to come from unless by an assessment, which he thought the county would be very unwilling to impose.

Mr Connell said that for the last six days the road had been several feet under water, and then there was no way of getting along in that direction unless by the public walking on the top of a wall which was on each side of the road or by means of carts.

Provost Robertson thought the road was really a disgrace. Some years ago, when he had occasion to be there, he had to strip off his own shoes and stockings to make his way along the road. He seconded the motion.

Letter - **22/11/ 1862** It is a **notorious fact** that Lochwinnoch is disgraced by a public road which is the scandal and byword of all strangers and visitors. The road connecting the village with the train station is in wet weather perfectly inundated, and the only possible mode of entering the village is by scrambling along a narrow, uneven wall. Sometimes this itself is impassible. Now, Sir, if the Road Trustees, or managers, or whoever they be, had a vestige of spirit left in them, why not now get this road repaired, and, in so doing, give good employment to those poor people?

Surely for the sake of one or two, who from personal considerations may not approve of this plan, a whole village is not to suffer!



THE LOCH BRIDGE AT LOCHWINNOCH

1896 - The Council approved of an application by the Second, or Lower, District Committee to widen the Loch Bridge on the road between Lochwinnoch village and the railway station. The estimated cost is; £600 which is to be defrayed out of the fund standing at the credit of the District Committee for rebuilding, or widening, or otherwise permanently improving bridges.

ONE LESS DRINKING PLACE

1896 - The serious fire which occurred in Lochwinnoch early last Saturday morning, by which the Eagle Inn, tenanted by Mr M. Waddell, and belonging to Mrs Shedden, was completely wrecked, raises the question of the urgent need of having a volunteer fire corps, part of whose duty would be to occasionally see that the appliances for extinguishing fire were in proper order. After the alarm was given on Saturday, there were soon plenty of willing hands to extinguish the flames, but when the village hose was turned out and the water applied it collapsed. It had not been required for many years, and hence its useless condition. Happily a hose was procured from Viewfield Cabinet Works, and the fire was eventually confined to the property in which it originated. Prior to Saturday there were six public-houses in the village. There are now five, and three licensed grocers, which are more than enough for the community

BUILDING BOOM

1896 - Mr Keanie's new block of fine, substantial tenements of a superior class, opposite the U. P. Church, is about finished; in fact, some of the houses are already tenanted. It seems as if preparations were being made to extend it still further south. Another new block (by a Glasgow man, I understand) I noticed in the process of building, is on a field off the Square. It is said that the whole field is to be taken up by houses of this kind. If so, Lochwinnoch ought then to be abundantly supplied, and have a few left for visitors.