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From The Cairn of Lochwinnoch matters

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PLEWING KEMPING, AT SANCT JOHN'S HILL.

THE Lochunyoeh Ferming Demsters' Yeirlie Bonspeill sall tak place, on Setterday, the secont day o' Mairch neist, on the Wapenschaw-aiker, at Jonshill, perteinand to Mr. William Orr.

The Owrsmen sall be on the Kemp-Grund gin Hauf Aucht, in the morning; the Kempers sall draw cutts for the Butts, at a Quarter afore Aucht; and the haill Pleuchs maun be boun to begin the crouss abaitment gin Aucht Hours o' the neck.

The Pat Luck sall be in the Wheit Sheif Inns, at fyve hours efternune.

LOCHUNYOCH, 18t Feberwar, 1839.



Witnessed at the Marina on Saturday 18th September 2021



Mr James Whitten
Last owner of Calder Glen mill.



The crowd look on as someone runs off with a wheelie bin!
2004

1850

THE HILL OF STAKE BY BAROMETRICAL OBSERVATION WAS ASCERTAINED TO BE 1731 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND THE HIGHEST HILL IN RENFREWSHIRE

1875

LOCHWINNOCH CONCERT FOR THE POOR RAISED THE SUM OF £16 AFTER EXPENSES. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALLOCATED £1 TO THE HOWWOOD DISTRICT

1877

THE CALDER HAS SWEEP AWAY PART OF THE EMBARKMENT AND HAS COMPLETELY FLOODED THE BAR MEADOW CAUSING GREAT DAMAGE TO THE VALUABLE HAY

Written in September 14th 1861!



The town of Lochwinnoch bids fair to earn for itself this unenviable notoriety. Were it only in the case of the late unprecedented floods that this town deserves the title, it would perhaps, be unfair to apply to it this designation, but it is a well-known fact, that at all times when the waters are partially swollen, the inhabitants or visitors must have a conveyance from the railway to the town.

It is now hoped that now, when the water has made a breach in the embankments, and also in the dyke, dignified with the name of a wall, the Lochwinnoch Lairds will bestir themselves and cause such repairs to be made on this thoroughfare, that their beautiful situated little town may no longer be entitled 'Unapproachable'



Amongst the memorabilia that Dr Cairnie, the original laird of Curling Hall, Largs, gathered for his once popular little book on curling (published in 1833]



"There was an extraordinary and tedious frost in 1745 or 1746 at Lochwinnoch" says Dr Cairnie. "The inhabitants of the south side of the loch walked over the ice to the kirk on thirteen Sundays successively. The wells, fountains, and burns were dried up by hard frost. The people suffered great hardships. The ice was bent and bowed down to the bottom because no water entered into the loch. The curling ceased on account of the curve of the ice."