

# TODAY'S NEWS

*Have I got old news for you?*

## New Railway Line



**1897**

**New Railway Line** - This extension passed the House of Lords Committee and from the report of the proceedings there was no opposition.

**1900**

I **shudder to think** what Lochwinnoch will be like after the railway crosses Church Street.

**1905**

The new **line opens** on the 1st June.



**A**rrangements are being made for beginning operations in connection with the extension of the Glasgow and South Western Railway line from North Johnstone to Dalry. The proprietors along the proposed route have received intimation from the company that the land will shortly be required, and it is expected that after the new year the contractors will begin work. After leaving North Johnstone the line will touch the lower part of Kilbarchan, known as Low Barholm, thence along the hillside to the north of Wardend House and Kibblestone and Drygate farms, through Castle Semple estate, along the shore of Castle Semple Loch to Lochwinnoch. The route is then across the River Calder and through the lands of Garthland to the south of Barr Castle, joining the main line at Swinlees Junction beyond Kilbirnie.





**1905**

**Name Change**

"Lochwinnoch" Station is now "Lochside" Station. Would it have been better to have named the town station Lochwinnoch [North] and the old station Lochwinnoch [South]?

**1898**

**Cockmylane**

I was fortunate to have a chat the other night with a man who has been there since the fall of the gable of the old house which suffered from the heavy winds. A party of pilgrims had evidently visited the ruin shortly after the removal of the prominent landmark and had erected a large cairn with the fallen debris but subsequent winds levelled their work to the ground. Perhaps a second attempt will be made.

**1933**

**Lochwinnoch Town Council**

have agreed to consider a scheme to adopt electric lighting instead of gas for the street lamps.

**Illegal still 1816**

**L**ast week, Mr. Robert Scott, expectant Officer of Excise, Beith, Scotland, when surveying at Lochwinnoch, received Information of an illegal still in that neighbourhood, and proceeded in search of it with the assistance of Lieut. Arthur, and three non-commissioned officers of the battalion Renfrew Local Militia. After wandering a considerable time, they at last discovered the object of their pursuit, about five miles northwest of Lochwinnoch situated in a deep glen, at the bottom of a huge rock, so ingeniously constructed that no person could have suspected such thing at two yards distance.

There was no cart could be got within a mile it; the opening was completely covered over with burnt heath entry into it descended from the hill by a ladder, and from that into the cave by a

sack, the opening being filled with heath; notwithstanding the difficulty of access, the smugglers had carried on their trade to a great extent. Nine large fermenting tuns, a considerable quantity of wash,



malt, and utensils, were obliged to be destroyed on the spot, from the difficulty in getting them taken away; what was possible the party carried to the Excise Office, Beith.