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SUN SHINES ON LANARK FOR LANIMER DAY

A TRADITION which stretches back to 1140, this year's annual Lanimer Celebrations were every bit as big, bold and colourful as those that have gone before.

With glorious sunshine on actual Lanimer Day itself, thousands of people from Lanark and beyond enjoyed one of the largest processions of its type in the UK with entertainment for all the family.

This year's Lanimer Queen was Anna Martin of Lanark Grammar with the Lord Cornet Gary Winning.

The week of Lanimer's kicked off with Kirkin' of the Lord Cornet, followed by the Perambulation of the Marches, Shifting of the Burgh Standard and the official ride out before Lanimer Day itself which is traditionally held on the Thursday that lies between 6 and 12 June.

Among those enjoying the atmosphere was South Lanarkshire's Provost, Ian McAllan, pictured waving to the crowds (left).

BLITZ ON BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

RESIDENTS across South Lanarkshire are being urged to be more vigilant with items they put for recycling in their blue bins.

Contamination of the blue paper and card bins has increased recently and is costing the council thousands of pounds in penalties as well as a loss of potential income from recycled material.

In April alone the cost was almost £60,000 – money that would otherwise be available to spend on services for local people.

The most common types of contamination found in recycling bins are black bag waste (for example bags of rubbish that should go in the green/black bin), nappies, food waste, glass, electrical items, textiles and shoes.

Refuse collection crews have been checking recycling bins and are now only emptying those that appear to contain the correct material. Bins which

are not collected will have their lids left open and will be collected within 24 hours but this material will not be recycled.

During June and July stickers will be put on residents' blue paper and card bins to remind them what can and can't go in them.

From July (in the East Kilbride, Rutherglen and Cambuslang areas) and August (in the Hamilton and Clydesdale areas) onwards, a yellow tag will be placed on any resident's bin that can't be collected because the wrong items have been presented for recycling. If your bin has been tagged it won't be collected until the next non-recyclable waste collection.

Leader of South Lanarkshire Council John Ross said: "The continued contamination of blue bins is costing the council money and we are absolutely determined to improve the quality of our paper and card recycling.

April 2018

Material collected from blue bins totalled **801 tonnes**

More than half (**439 tonnes**) was rejected and sent to landfill because of contamination

Cost to council taxpayers **£58,180**

For more details go to bit.ly/SLCBlueBin

"We appreciate that there may be some residents who are unsure as to what exactly should and shouldn't be going in the blue bin.

"This is why we are trying to raise awareness and the first step in doing so is the stickers which will let people know this information.

"They can of course also go on to our website where all the information is available.

"Following on from this we will 'tag' any bin which has contaminated waste

and it will not be picked up by our recycling teams. We would ask people to put the bin out the following week when it will be picked up alongside their general refuse.

"I know most people are very vigilant and determined to recycle as much material as they can and we thank them for doing so.

"We just want to make sure people who perhaps aren't as aware have the information they need to recycle correctly."

There are some flats in South Lanarkshire which, because of space and/or access restrictions, still make use of mixed recycling blue bins. Those residents only can still present your blue bin every two weeks (rather than every four weeks) you can recycle more than paper and card in your blue bin. To check what should go in your mixed recycling blue bin go to the bin directories page at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/recyclinginflat



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THRILLED: Councillor Katy Loudon and Head Teacher Pamela Bradley with pupils from St Patrick's Primary School

ANOTHER four new schools have opened in South Lanarkshire over the past few weeks as part of the council’s school investment programme.

The £850 million Primary Schools Modernisation Programme was launched in 2004 with the ambitious target of replacing or modernising each and every one of the council’s estate of primary schools.

Councillor Katy Loudon, Chair of South Lanarkshire Council’s Education Resources Committee said: “I’ve had the pleasure of visiting these new schools to see the fantastic learning and teaching environments they provide. It’s incredible that we are almost at the completion of the schools modernisation project and there are only another four schools until the target is realised.

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“I have no doubt that the remainder of the schools will be built to the same high standard and we will be the first council in Scotland to have totally transformed its education estate. No mean feat in anyone’s eyes and something I am extremely proud to have been a part of.”

St Patrick’s Primary School and Nursery class in Strathaven opened to pupils on Monday 14 May. The school had been decanted during the build period and were delighted to get back to their own site to a much improved building.

The £11 million school was designed and built by South Lanarkshire Councils’

SETTLING IN: Olivia Tweedie at the new Tinto Primary School



PROUD: Isla Holman is delighted with the library at

Building Services, part of Housing and Technical Resources. It has seven classrooms, a nursery class, general purpose/ICT open area, dining hall, assembly/gym hall and externally has a 3G multi use games area and a fantastic climbing wall.

Attached is a community wing which replaces Strathaven library and the town’s Ballgreen Hall.

Head Teacher Pamela Bradley said: “The building has surpassed any expectations we had. It’s phenomenal, offering us a variety of flexible space and large bright and airy classrooms. The children have settled in well and it’s a real pleasure to teach in. The feedback from all staff has been extremely positive and I know great things are going to happen in our new home.”

The new £5.4 million Tinto Primary School in Symington was also designed and built by South Lanarkshire Council’s Building Services team. The impressive new structure consists of five classrooms and a combined gym and dining hall, general purpose area and a flexible open area and library.

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the new Crawford Primary School

Head Teacher Alex Stark said: "We have involved the children in all aspects of the new school - they helped to pick the colours and furniture and wall decorations and they also designed our new house shields so they really have taken a sense of ownership of the new school already."

"Their reaction on day one was one of wonder and awe and they've settled in and are learning well in the new classes."

Following a decant the pupils and staff of Crawford Primary School were delighted to move in to the new and improved £3.2 million Crawford Primary School. Head Teacher Hazel Orr said: "We are glad to be back in the heart of our community and are just in love with our new school. Every pupil has designed a piece of art made from the slate roof of the old building so they will all go down in history as being the first pupils to be taught in this wonderful building. We have already welcomed our P1s for

next year and cannot wait for them to start their educational journeys in this inspirational building."

The refurbished £5.3 million Hallside Primary School in Cambuslang opened to pupils on Thursday 7 June to the great delight of the school community. Head Teacher Gillian Russell said: "We already feel right at home in our new school and I know that we will go from strength in our new building."

The remaining schools to be completed as part of the programme included Underbank Primary School in Crossford, which is due to open before the end of the year. Walston Primary School in Biggar and the Early Learning Unit in Hamilton will open during summer 2019.



HAPPY: Councillor Loudon with some senior pupils jumping for joy at the new Tinto Primary School (above). Ellie Taylor and Rhiannon Burns in the new Crawford building (above top) and Jason Fox outside the new St Patrick's Primary School in Strathaven





Support for local business

A LANARK-BASED company has become the latest to receive a £100,000 business loan through South Lanarkshire Council.

Macadam Asphalt Co Ltd is an independent asphalt production plant located in Scotland's largest granite quarry at Cloburn, Pettinain, near Lanark.

Run by Lanarkshire businessmen Stewart Denny and John Higgins, the company started trading in February 2010, and in that time has produced more than 850,000 tonnes of quality assured asphalt, with a sales value of £55million.

The £100,000 loan – awarded by the council through Business Loans Scotland – will enable the company to purchase an additional asphalt plant, increasing turnover significantly, and creating two new jobs straight away... with more to follow.

Stewart Denny is full of praise for the support given to the company both by South Lanarkshire Council and Business Loans Scotland.

He said: "On behalf of everyone at Macadam Asphalt I offer huge thanks to the council's planning and economic development team for their support of our company in creating a long-term, sustainable business and local well paid employment for Lanark."



SKILLS: Stewart Denny with former apprentice Lewis Bolan who is now a fully qualified Asphalt Laboratory Technician

"South Lanarkshire's approach to economic regeneration is one of excellence and in my opinion, should be the standard all local authorities should strive to attain."

Councillor John Anderson, Chair of Community and Enterprise Resources, added: "Our aim, through our partnership with Business Loans Scotland, is to make sure that good, commercially viable proposals don't fail through a lack of access to finance."

"We also want to encourage and support the creation, development and growth of local business, boosting their potential for expansion of trade both within and outwith Scotland."

"I am delighted that we have been able to support Macadam Asphalt, already a significant employer making substantial contributions to the rural economy, in taking its business to the next level. Not only does it cement and strengthen its position locally, it sets up further employment opportunities and futureproofs operations on a national and international scale."

The Scottish Government is the Managing Authority for the European Structural Funds 2014-20 Programme. For further information visit the Scottish Government website or follow @scotgovESIF



DUTIES: Provost Ian McAllan takes on many roles in the line of his official duties including hosting a civic reception for the Scottish Community Drama Association One Act Play Festival in East Kilbride

WHAT A YEAR!

THE PROVOST may stand outside the day-to-day politics of local government but it is almost certainly one of the busiest appointments to be taken up by an elected member.

Community life in South Lanarkshire does not run to office hours and as a result neither do the duties of the Provost. The briefest of glances at the office diary proves official engagements do not conform to a Monday to Friday, 9-5 working week.

Provost Ian McAllan was still a newly elected councillor serving his first term in office when he accepted the honour of being chosen as Provost in May 2017, he said: "I knew of the important civic role the Provost plays but I have to admit this year has been a bit of an eye-opener as to just how much work it entails, however I have thoroughly enjoyed undertaking all my official duties and I am deeply honoured to continue serving the people of South Lanarkshire as Provost."

"The duties of a Provost are nothing if not varied and I can find myself going from a deeply serious and moving civic event such as Workers' Memorial Day or a Remembrance ceremony and the next appointment might be a Diamond Wedding Anniversary or 100th birthday celebration."

"There has been a plethora of special events over the year including The Queen's Baton coming to South Lanarkshire ahead of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, a reception for the RAF Centenary, the first presentation of the Elizabeth

Cross medal to a local family and, as one of my first the Kirkin' of the Council following the election.

"Then there are the many joyous community celebrations I get to be a part of: gala days, award ceremonies, musical events and historic anniversaries such as Blantyre Parish Church's 450th and the 150th for both the Larkhall and Bothwell Bowling Clubs.

"It's difficult to pick out events that I would describe as 'highlights' of the year as they all have their own significance to those taking part, whether it be a Christmas Light Switch On with thousands of people or a small gathering of close friends for a 100th birthday. However, I will say that as Provost it is an honour and a privilege to attend them all."

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Representing, as it does, the civic face of South Lanarkshire performing his duties requires Provost McAllan to maintain a degree of dignity and grace. However, he has also brought a very personal touch and, when appropriate, a sense of fun to the role.

During the 2017 Hamilton Christmas Light Switch on Provost McAllan joined Irish pop act B*witched on the stage as they led the crowd in a sing-along in the countdown to the big switch on.

For his official Christmas card rather than a formally posed official portrait the Provost chose a more relaxed picture taken at Cathkin Community Nursery's Nativity show.

Prior to becoming a councillor, Provost McAllan had a career as a police officer serving in a variety of roles across the West of Scotland. He lives with his wife in Biggar and has three daughters.

Provost McAllan is also supported by Depute Provost Collette Stevenson.

Anyone wishing to have their celebration or event attended by the Provost should contact the Provost's office directly by phone on 01698 454910 or email: joan.mclean@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

You can follow the Provost on Twitter @SLCProvost.



SING-ALONG: The Provost on stage with B*witched