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BOLLINGTON BEAUTIES!

The Bollington Festival Players pulled off an excellent performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' last month. It was a great modern take on the old classic with lots of modern songs and jokes to appeal to the audience.

The cast included talented individuals of all ages, Emily Hague, who played the young Sleeping Beauty, commented that the cast spent so much time together rehearsing they were like a family. There was plenty of interaction with the audience and many hilarious moments as well as one or two romantic ones, such as the duet between Sleeping Beauty and the prince. Definitely a moment to remember.



A member of the chorus, Tom Collins, said 'Last year I saw my friends in the production and was inspired to do it this year. I am glad I took part because it was a fun experience.' He is looking forward to next year's performance. He's not the only one!

The performance had so many great features, including the amazing costumes. For example, the flower fairies had beautiful lit-up wings. The singing was fantastic and the sets were eye-catching. The acting was outstanding, especially Prince Alexis, who captured the audience with her beautiful singing voice and convincing acting. You can tell a lot of hard work went into the performance!



Our reporters described their favourite moments. Alice's favourite moment was when her friend Emily Hague sang 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda. This is because she had a beautiful voice which entranced the audience. Anna's favourite part was when the postmen had to deliver the invitations and there was lots of comic banter. Overall it was a great evening enjoyed by all.

Alice Langston & Anna Mellings
Titherington School

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



What an eventful issue! Back in November Mr Botwe the Headteacher at Titherington School contacted *Bollington Live!* inviting us into school. From this short meeting grew an exciting project for 9 students who have worked incredibly hard to put together 2 pages of this issue.

The learning curve for the students was steep as members of the *Bollington Live!* team ran workshops for them in school and at Bollington Printshop. I was very impressed with the standard of articles from our young news team who were expertly guided by English teacher Mrs Burke (Head of Advanced Learners). A big thank you to all for this amazing team effort!

So what other news? Our community have finally won a planning battle - Hurray! Well done! The leisure centre extension is finished and the 200th anniversary of the birth of the sculptor Alfred Catley is recognised with a blue plaque on his family home in Kerridge.

I hope you can find something that interests you in this issue. If not why not write something for the next issue. Email me at liveditor@happy-valley.org.uk.

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INTRODUCING THE TEAM

We are delighted to have produced these 2 pages – we hope you enjoy reading them as much as we have enjoyed writing them.

We are: Dan Gaskell, Caitlin Hunter, Beatrix Haigh, Tom Stott, Tom Collins, Anna Mellings, Ismail Rehman, Alice Langston and James McGuinness and we are all part of the Tytherington School news team.

With the help of the *Bollington Live!* team who visited us in school we have: planned and written our articles; found photos; learnt to copy edit; and even made a mock-up of the magazine. We visited Bollington Printshop to see how the articles are made into a magazine and we may even have delivered your copy!

There's a lot more to producing *Bollington Live!* than we thought!

Beatrix Haigh

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Anna Mellings
and James
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TYTHERINGTON TAKEOVER

Last term, a group of students had the opportunity to take over important management roles at Tytherington School, including the role of head teacher, which was taken over by Caitlin Hunter and Aidan Simpson in year 7.

This is a new initiative introduced by Mr Botwe. The idea behind the event is to help students understand how the school runs.

Aidan Simpson told us he came in at 8.15am to attend a Senior Leadership Team meeting and be briefed about the day. The students had to give the staff briefing in the morning, which meant giving out notices to all the teachers - quite a daunting task for year 7 students!

HEADS YOU WIN

Emmanuel Botwe has recently become Headteacher of Tytherington School. We asked Mr Botwe some questions about how he is finding life at Tytherington School.

Are you enjoying your first year at Tytherington?

Yes, very much so! The students are welcoming and easy to work with.

What gave you the idea of doing the celebration breakfast?

I know that there are many students, not just a core group, that need recognition, and it's just a way to say thank you and reward them.

Do you have family?

Yes. I have a wife, a 3 year old and a 1 year old daughter.

What's a typical day for you time-wise?

I usually come into school at 7am. Then I hold a Senior Leadership Meeting at 8am and a staff briefing at 8:35am. The rest of the day, I take a walk around the classes to make sure everything is alright. I'm usually at school until approximately 8pm.

What qualities do you need to be a head teacher?



The new Headteacher: Mr. Botwe

You need a clear vision and determination. You need to enjoy the company of others and have confidence.

What ideas do you have for Tytherington School?

Help children achieve their goals and for teachers to improve.

What do you think of the students? They're very kind and welcoming. Every single one of them!

And finally, what were your first impressions of the school?

I knew when I first started that I was going to love it here! It was so warm and welcoming.

Caitlin Hunter & Daniel Gaskell

Aidan commented, 'We walked around to see how we could improve the school. We also went to the launch of the Advanced Learners and the year 7 Celebration Lunch where we ate pizza!'

The Advanced Learner Programme has been launched by Mr Botwe and is designed to provide opportunities (such as writing for *Bollington Live!*) for a group of able and talented students in year 7. During the launch, each student was given a Secret Mission to complete. At the Celebration Lunch, the achievements of the students were recognised.

Aidan summed up the day by saying, 'I learnt a lot about the way



the school runs, and next time I would like to try out some of the other roles, such as the role of receptionist at the school.'

Tom Collins & James McGuinness