

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Sat 3 Farmers Market. 9.00 - 12.00
Linton Village College
Daisy Chains Pre-School BINGO NIGHT. 7.30pm, Village Hall.
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- Mon 5 Village Hall AGM. 8pm, Village Hall
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- Wed 7 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
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5pm, St Mary's Church
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- Thur 29 COFFEE MORNING. 10.30am to 12 00,
Village Hall.

Daisy Chains Pre-School meets Monday to Friday
9.30 - 12.30 in the Village Hall

THE VILLAGE HALL

is available to hire at the rates below, it also offers
the following equipment: Badminton, Short Tennis
and 3 Table Tennis tables.

Village Hall rates (for Village use):

Sport Hire	November - March £10.00/hour. April - September £5.00/hour.
Meeting Room	day (9.00 - 19.00) £5.00/hour. evening £7.00/hour.
Main Room	day (9.00 - 19.00) £7.00/hour evening £10.00/hour.
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Children's party	£30.00 daytime £43.00 evening
Adult's party/disco	£60.00
Wedding reception	£150.00

To book the Village Hall contact Louise Salter
T: 01223 291226

Email: bookings@westwickham.org
or visit www.westwickham.org

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US
AT THE
COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 29 October
10.30am to 12 noon**

Following the success of our previous coffee morning in February, we are organising another one this coming half term. The idea is to provide an opportunity to meet socially while raising money for local causes. This time these will be the Local History Club, the church clock face appeal and the Village Hall, so there should be something that everyone can feel able to support!

As well as coffee and cake, there will be local history displays, books, plants and preserves stalls and a raffle **PLUS** the **table tennis tables** will be up and Pete would welcome a game (ideal for youngsters at a loose end during half term).

Offers of cakes, raffle prizes, plants and preserves would be extremely welcome. Please contact:

Janet Morris Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com or
Di Licence Tel: 290434 Email: dianarubylicence@googlemail.com

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Our first meeting after the summer break will be on **Monday 12 October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Andrew Westwood Bate will be talking to us about *VAD hospitals in South Cambs in the First World War*. This includes the hospitals at Balsham and Linton. It is not clear whether anyone from West Wickham was involved in the actual nursing of convalescent soldiers but people from the village definitely supported the hospital with food and other gifts.

The Club very much welcomes visitors and new members. For further details contact:

Janet Morris, 21 High Street
Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

VILLAGE HALL AGM 8pm on Monday 5 October

Come along and support your Village Hall Management Committee and get an update on what's been happening.

In the recent Neighbourhood Plan survey a lot of people made comments on what they would like organised in our Village Hall. This is your opportunity to share your views on how to make this happen.

The Village Voice is sponsored by West Wickham Parish Council and delivered free to all households in West Wickham and Streetly End. The views expressed herein are those of the contributors.

FROM THE VICARAGE

Since the beginning of June there have been 12 baptisms across the churches in the group. This has brought families and friends of all ages to pack our churches. Trinity Newton chose for herself to be baptised at St Mary's West Wickham. We know the names of all the people baptised since 1590, when records began. There is a sense of continuity over many centuries. One of the fathers of one of the younger children said to me as he left, 'you have no idea what this has meant to us'.

Since the beginning of June there have been 8 funerals. At one of these an RAF prayer was used which has the words, 'Help us to do our duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is our refuge and strength'. We don't hear the word 'prudence' used much these days yet the ability to act wisely or to show good judgement, or sagacity, is something to be valued along with courage. Geoffrey Vaux had been a pilot during the Second World War. In his last days, he talked about how faith sustained him when he crashed his plane. He knew what courage was. So too do Sophie and Matthew who said goodbye to baby Isaac, and all the other parents who have lost children and those who supported them with cards and candles in Church last month.

Since June there have been 7 weddings celebrated in these churches. At one of these, the bride said that she was marrying her best friend, and the groom said that this was the most meaningful day of his life.

The Church is there for the most significant moments in life. It brings continuity and marks important stages, and it fosters a sense of solidarity when people face challenges together. The Church is there for the whole village. Behind the scenes there are a host of people preparing, setting up, cleaning, maintaining the fabric, playing the organ. This is service for the common good. Enjoy your Church and make it last.

There is a harvest Songs of Praise with the Salvation Army Band on Sunday 4 October at 3.30pm followed by tea. This is an opportunity to sing some favourite harvest hymns, to give thanks to God for the harvest we enjoy. It will also be good to welcome back the Salvation Army Band from Cambridge and to remember what a significant part the Salvation Army played in the village.

There will be no morning Family Service in October at St Mary's West Wickham because on 25 October at 5pm there is to be a service to commemorate the Magna Carta. This evening service is called, 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The 7-Church Choir will sing. The story of the Magna Carta will be retold and the issues of justice today considered. This is something that will be of interest to young and old as we remember such an important part of our political history.

Next month, we are moving the time when we hold the Family Service to enable us to get an organist. Family Services will take place on the first Sunday of the month and this will begin on 1 November, so we need to flag it up in advance.

Students. Gareth Davies joins us again from Westcott House. We are also offering a placement to a Licensed Lay Minister in Training Alistair Collen. Alistair is going to be leading a Quiet Day on 7 November on 'Mindfulness'.

Rev. Julie Norris

DOG OWNERS AND THE LAW

We have received a letter from someone in Streetly End whose dog was attacked recently by another dog not on a lead and out of control. The dog had to be fended off using a walking stick and the attack left both the dog attacked and its owner feeling very frightened! Although the majority of dog owners (it's not the dog's fault) are responsible and considerate, this is not the first incident like this we have heard of in the village, so we thought it would help everyone to publish the current law relating to controlling your dog. The following has been taken from the Government website

www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, such as:

- in a public place
- in a private place, e.g. a neighbour's house or garden
- in the owner's home

The law applies to all dogs.

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them

A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:

- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal

It should also be noted that a farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it's worrying their livestock.

There are penalties.

- You can get an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to 6 months (or both) if your dog is dangerously out of control. You may not be allowed to own a dog in the future and your dog may be destroyed.
- If you let your dog injure someone you can be sent to prison for up to 5 years or fined (or both). If you deliberately use your dog to injure someone you could be charged with 'malicious wounding'.
- If you allow your dog to kill someone you can be sent to prison for up to 14 years or get an unlimited fine (or both).
- If you allow your dog to injure an assistance dog (e.g. a guide dog) you can be sent to prison for up to 3 years or fined (or both).

Dog owners, please think of others. Being told your dog "won't hurt you" is no comfort to nervous people or dogs. If you can't control your dog in public please keep it on a lead.

Andrew & Sue

AUTUMN CONCERT

at Holy Trinity Church, Balsham

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WEST WICKHAM BROADBAND UPDATE

Quite a bit has happened since last month resulting in a mixed bag of good, bad, and good news. Firstly though, thanks to everyone who responded to my article - I have included my responses again here for all to benefit.

Starting with the first good news, the telephone street cabinet at the Wratting Common cross roads will be upgraded to fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) after all, with a new provisional date of December 2015. The reason for this decision reversal was not given, although it is likely that fibre would have to pass through this cabinet for the final *Superfast broadband* solution and upgrading the equipment is only a marginal increase in cost.

This upgrade will provide *Superfast broadband* to a few residents located at the Burton End of the village and will provide improved speeds and reliability to others who opt for the FTTC solution. The improvement is not automatic if you do not opt for *Superfast broadband*. When this cabinet upgrade happens, apart from the "Superfast broadband" sticker appearing on the cabinet, I'll inform you and provide details of how to switch or request *Superfast broadband* through the Village Voice. You should also be contacted by your ISP, although some are less efficient than others.

Sadly though no local businesses have yet come forward to help advance the "Community Wifi" solution mentioned in my previous article, despite little cost involved in doing so (only a little time in completing forms). In addition, the initial survey results have indicated a costlier solution may be necessary requiring more businesses to step forward than the initial 2 or 3 anticipated earlier. Please can businesses, in particular farms, who are interested in supporting the scheme contact me at <alex@westwickham.org>. This solution may deliver better and faster connectivity to more rural connections than the *Superfast broadband* yet to be delivered by BT OpenReach, particularly if you are far from the cabinet. It is therefore worth serious consideration.

A couple of residents have come forward with news of existing wireless internet service providers (WISP) in our region which I am grateful for and have actively pursued. Unfortunately these so far mostly have benefited those properties lying on the borders of the villages at higher locations, or those with deeper pockets willing to pay £200-£300 installation fees and £40pcm for up to 20Mbps connectivity, 6Mbps average. Both WISP providers however have also put forward the same community wifi solution as the one I am currently asking for support for, with similar costs. Namely, to bring Superfast and affordable WISP to all of West Wickham, Streetly End and surrounds. This will give us a choice of providers we can invite to tender should sufficient businesses step forward so please also contact me at <alex@westwickham.org> if you already are using WISP.

Saving the best news until last, Connecting Cambridgeshire have received the results of BT OpenReach's investigation regarding a *Superfast broadband* solution for the rest of West Wickham, Streetly End and surrounds earlier than expected. The proposed solution is a Onesie as reported last month with the current proposed location at Burton End (subject to survey). For those who missed it in last month's Village Voice, a Onesie in broadband terms is a single telephone cabinet that incorporates the functionality of the pair of cabinets (old and new) normally associated with a

FTTC upgrade. Although the earliest date for possible completion has also been pushed further out to September 2016, the latest date for completion has been pulled in to "by the end of 2016", far better than the "end of 2017" last reported. Connecting Cambridgeshire have also provided assurances that they will continue to press BT OpenReach for an earlier than scheduled delivery.

While the overall update from Connecting Cambridgeshire has been positive, I don't need to remind those of you whom have been following BT OpenReach's progress that their timescale's continually slide and they break assurances. We therefore must keep up the pressure on BT OpenReach by continuing to pursue alternative solutions. Our previous pursuit of a community WiFi broadband solution back in 2004 was kaiboshed when BT OpenReach announced their upgrade of the West Wratting exchange to provide broadband, and look what our broadband situation is now some 10+ years later!

We must also keep the pressure on Connecting Cambridgeshire at

<contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk>

for progress updates of BT OpenReach's work. While Connecting Cambridgeshire's website (www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/parish/west-wickham/)

has recently been updated with the latest completion date, additional information such as progress and when work is due to commence can also be provided.

Alex Schuilenburg



BINGO
night
Lots of Great Prizes
West Wickham
Village Hall
Sat 3rd October
Bar & Raffle
Tickets £3 - includes one free game

Daisy Chains
Pre-School West Wickham

All proceeds go to Daisy Chains Pre-School, West Wickham

charity number 1035276

Bar opens at 7.30pm. At 8pm, "eyes down"

NATURE NOTES

The alarming news that the word blackberry is now defined in the Oxford Junior Dictionary as a mobile phone device, rather than an autumn fruit of the hedgerows, has sparked off some controversy among those of us that continue to be shocked by these developments, especially as other words such as cowslip and bluebell have been dropped altogether. I hope all readers of this column will agree that children should be taught the language of nature at an early age. Without knowing the names of our native plants and animals, it is so easy to lose any sense that they are an important part of our lives. As if in protest, blackberries this year have been very slow to ripen, unlike (ironically) the sloes, haws and rosehips. While walking recently I passed a lady with a basket full of sloes who was bemoaning the lack of blackberries. Normally by mid-September we would have picked quite a lot.

Enough moaning! I have had more reason to be optimistic about young people and nature this month, because I have been helping out with the Cambs, Beds and Northants Wildlife Trust's mammal survey in Lower Wood, Weston Colville. It was done over a weekend and children came along with their parents on the Sunday morning and evening to see what had been caught in the traps which had been set in four small areas of the wood. 48 traps were set and there was a 60% occupancy rate on the Sunday morning, mainly of bank voles and wood mice and more like 75% on the Monday morning when the traps were finally cleared away. All the voles and mice were released and it is amazing to think what the total small rodent population in the wood must be, given that the study areas were so small. The children were captivated by it all, and the interest was not limited to mammals as we frequently heard the calls of woodpeckers, nuthatches, tits and a buzzard, and there were plenty of little froglets spotted in the undergrowth. A sudden cry of "Daddy's got a great big spider on his arm" revealed a harvester spider with a tiny body on enormous spindly, yet elegant legs. If that child went into school the next day and said he had seen a harvester spider, it was all worth it.

Back here in West Wickham, the mammal that has been most in evidence, judging by comments made by people at this end of the village, is the muntjac. There has been a lot of barking going on around the ends of our gardens and, taking Kip for a late evening stroll last week, two went bounding off through the long grass away from us. I was wondering whether all this noise and activity had something to do with the time of year, and whether it might be the rutting season, but muntjac do not live in herds, and my book tells me that they have no recognized breeding season, so that theory seems unlikely to be correct.

Although muntjac have been the other side of the fence, I would say the most productive area for seeing wildlife is your garden, and we have had a good summer in that respect. The seeming resurgence in the number of house sparrows has brought several visits from a female sparrowhawk, often thwarted by the density of our ornamental pear tree, in which the sparrows take cover. Meanwhile a heron has regularly been coming to have a look at Guy and Liane's pond, in which there are some tasty looking fish. Fortunately the heron has so far been limited to window shopping.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503. Email: mail@petergrieve.co.uk

SUMMER QUIZ

The answers to the quiz in the August edition were:

1. Song Thrush
2. Speckled Wood
3. Grass Snake
4. Yew
5. Garden Spider
6. Dormouse
7. Kidney Vetch
8. Noctule Bat
9. Fly Agaric
10. Common Woodlouse

I received only one absolutely correct entry from an eligible contestant, so there was no need to draw names out of a hat.

The winner of the prize was Juliet Bevan, so congratulations Juliet. Bad luck to June Brazier who had one small error at the end; to Brian's brother-in-law Tim who came up with ten correct answers, but was disqualified on the basis that he lives in Somerset, and Janet Morris also sent a correct answer but was ineligible because of her relationship with the editor. Previous winners Dave and Amy Sargent were thrown by turning one of the mammals into a plant and this had knock-on effects.

Anyone else who had a go and would like an explanation of the answers please let me know. I will try and make the next quiz slightly more accessible.

Peter Grieve

(Ed. If you want a reminder of the questions go to www.westwickham.org/village-voice/village-voice-archives/ where you will find copies of the Village Voice going back to 2010).

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

Since our return at the start of September we have been joined by Leah from Horseheath, Hollie and Evelyn from Balsham. We have also said goodbye to Daisy, Rosie, Sophia and Bethan who are all 10 and hopefully moving up to Guides and also to another Daisy who has decided to try different after school activities that clash with Brownies. We wish them well on their new ventures.

With all the departures and new starters our unit is now reduced to 17 members. We are still supported by Katie and Hera, our Young Leaders who are both working on their adult leadership qualification; Christine, Pat and Judith. I know that Sophie and I wouldn't be able to do as much as we do without them.

This term we are hoping to have a moonlit walk around the village; create Harvest pictures to decorate the church for the Thanksgiving Service; make Christmas cards for our Christmas Luncheon; rehearse and then perform our entertainment for the Luncheon; plus much more. We also hope to hold another fundraising campfire for Pudsey with 1st Linton Guides.

If you think your daughter may be interested in joining us please register her at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. If you would like more information on what we do or would like to help us with a special skill you may have then please drop us an email.

Pauline, Sophie, Katie and Hera
Email: brownies@horseheath.info

LINTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

I am writing this update just the day before the Cambridge Dragon Boat Race – a fun charity event in aid of the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. We have entered a team from the Health Centre - 'Linton Quacks' - and are hoping for a dry day for our supporters who will be picnicking by the side of the river. We have a funny feeling that the crew may get wet anyway so won't mind quite so much if it rains!

We have a busy month ahead with our four Saturday flu clinics in October. We have 2,600 flu jabs to give to adults, nasal spray vaccine to give to children aged 2, 3 and 4, shingles vaccine for those aged 70-72 and 78/79 year olds, and the one off pneumococcal vaccine for those aged 65 and over.


Work has been going on behind the scenes towards our merger with Sawston Practice next year. We asked the staff on both sites for their suggestions for the name of the new partnership. The winner was Granta Medical Practices - thank you to Judith Davey at Linton and Barbara Carroll at Sawston who both came up with that suggestion – both to receive a bottle of bubbly.

Dr Wheeler & Partners. www.linton.gpsurgery.net


WESTON COLVILLE CIRCULAR WALK

Join us on a guided walk on Saturday 17 October - it'll be about 5 miles. We're meeting at the Reading Room in Weston Colville at 10am and will have lunch inside on our return. All are welcome, and our guide will be local footpaths expert Brian Cushion. Wear walking boots; bring what you'd like for lunch, and maybe a little something to share? We can put our food in the fridge in the Reading Room before we set off. Refreshments will be available. If the walk proves popular, it could become an occasional Weston Colville event.

Jacqueline and Alastair Douglas
T: 291475, Email: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com

Barn
Dance with music provided
by

Wide Glide

To be held in the **READING ROOM** Weston Colville
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Light Supper included in the ticket price
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OFFICE OR ANY CRICKET CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBER

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BALSHAM SCOUT GROUP PRESENT:
MALLOVEEN
FAMILY FUNDRAISER
7 PM
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2015
AT THE BLACK BULL, HIGH STREET, BALSHAM
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2015 PRIZE DRAW @ 9 PM
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WINTER SAFETY TIPS

WINTER is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

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| Monday 19 October. | Apples (diseases and identification). Talk by Joanna Crosby from Trumpington Orchard Project. |
| Monday 16 November. | The care of cacti & succulents. Talk by Richard & Sheena Drane from Green Lawns Nursery, Sudbury. |
| Monday 21 December. | Christmas meeting - short talks by club members. |

All meetings are held in West Wickham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Further details from Rosemary Yallop.
T: 01799 584262

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year. We are hoping that this year will be as successful as the previous two and that The Meadow can make it a hat trick of years to celebrate!

Never one to stand still, during the summer it was a time for change and more new things at The Meadow. Firstly we welcomed two superb new teachers to our school. Both of who spent many an hour organising and creating wonderful learning environments for their new classes to come back to. Then we welcomed the arrival of the new woodland in the Infant outdoor area. This was created thanks to a stalwart group of parents who battled the elements at the beginning of the holidays digging, painting, planting and shovelling. I even learned to lay a path!

Not content with that, two fantastic gentlemen from our community (with no children at our school) offered to come and build an outdoor stage for the children to perform on. This is no ordinary stage; it is something rather wonderful and would rival the Globe theatre for size and acoustics! The children absolutely love it and already we have been treated to many a show or song. Ours really is a community that keeps on giving and certainly one to be proud of – thank you Tom and co.

Another significant change is our building project. If you have driven past the front of school recently you may have noticed that we now have some fantastic new windows being fitted. The blue panels at the bottom match the school colour and the most exciting thing is the windows actually open and close as windows should, without falling out!

Finally, our last change has been the new children that have joined our school. We welcomed our new Foundation Stage children on 3 September, who all skipped in happily, full of energy and enthusiasm about starting their journey. Within minutes some had dressing up clothes on, others had playdough, whilst a small group threaded beads on strings. It wasn't the children who looked teary eyed as the bell rang and it was time for the parents to leave and let the real learning begin. Welcome to all of our new families whether you have recently moved to our community or if it is your first child starting school. I am confident you will very quickly settle into school life and get to realise what a beautiful part of the world we live in.

Although many things have once again changed, we are determined to maintain the high standards we have set in recent years and are committed to providing an inspiring, interesting, challenging, enjoyable and thematic education to each and every one of our children. Ensuring they all leave our school with a passion for life long learning and dreams they are capable of achieving. With this in mind, if you feel you can offer any support to the school, hearing readers, joining our helping hands team or coming to the many events that we host throughout the year, such as our upcoming Craft Fair, then please do pop in to see us.

We are urgently seeking a paid lunchtime supervisor to join our team for 1 hour per day. Please contact the office if this interests you.

We share photos and news of everything that happens at The Meadow on our twitter page, @Meadow_Balsham. Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

**THE MEADOW SCHOOL
PTA**

**AUTUMN
CRAFT &
GIFT FAIR**

**Saturday 10th
Sunday 11th
October 2015**

10.30am to 4pm

**Meadow Primary School
High Street Balsham
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FEATURING

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Well, we are back in business at LVC after the summer break and once more enjoying successful examination results. Overall the class of 2015 achieved a headline figure of 71% A* - C grades ... a figure which is set to go up, we think, following some very erratic and unexpected grades in English, Spanish and drama. Requests for remarks have gone in and we have already seen some grade uplifts. The whole matter of poor exam marking creates stress and frustration for teachers and students alike, but demanding remarks is now just seen as part of the normal process – like a level of 'acceptable system failure'. It is no fun, and is not acceptable to us, when college places depend on particular grades.

By the time this article is posted through your door the College Trustees and Governors will have interviewed for the position of Executive Principal. The interviews are on 17 and 18 September and will involve staff, governor and student panels and a stretching set of tasks and challenges. A special place like LVC deserves a special kind of person to lead it and I have complete faith that the Trustees will choose wisely and that both the College and The Meadow School will continue to go from strength to strength.

If an appointment is made, the November edition of this newsletter will be the perfect opportunity to introduce the Executive Principal to the community.

Caroline Derbyshire, Executive Principal

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