Sound in body, sound in mind

Westcombe NEWS
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Oxleas NHS, which became a Foundation Trust in 2006, provides health and social care services in south London and Kent that take care of the whole person – body and mind. Care is provided for people of all ages and Oxleas works closely with a variety of partners to ensure that the services are well-integrated and wide-ranging. The workforce of around 3,500 people includes many highly skilled health and social care professionals, working in over 125 sites across south east London including Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich – and into Kent. Oxleas is at the leading edge of the delivery of physical health services to adults and children in the community in the boroughs of Bexley and Greenwich and into Kent. These services range from community midwives and mental health services working with the very young to district nurses and therapists meeting the needs of older people.

Other services
Oxleas has also been the main provider of specialist mental health care and learning disabilities services in Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich for more than ten years. As well as community health services in Bexley and Greenwich, and specialist services in Lewisham, Oxleas also provides specialist forensic mental health services in SE London and Kent Prisons.

Among the partners is Charlton Athletic Community Trust (CACT), which set up the ‘Up & At’em programme for older people. This programme has been highly commended for a national mental health award. CACT delivers the project, which is for over 65s, on behalf of Oxleas. CACT is the only football club community trust in England to have been shortlisted for any award.

Community partnership Mental health is the single largest cause of disability in the UK, and every year about one in four people suffer from a mental health problem. The cost to the economy is estimated to be around £100 billion annually – roughly the cost of the entire NHS.

Oxleas began providing child and adolescent mental health services across the three boroughs in 2001, and was one of the first trusts providing mental health services in the country to benefit from the greater local accountability and financial freedom offered by foundation trust status.

Mental health
Physical and mental health are closely linked – people with severe and prolonged mental illness die on average 15 to 20 years earlier than other people - one of the greatest health inequalities in England. The NHS Five Year Forward View, published in October 2014, recognised that there is no one-size-fits-all care, and set out the challenge for leading NHS trusts to respond to the needs of the community by working together.

As a result Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and South West London and St. George’s Mental Health NHS Trust are working together to spearhead a greater mental health service across South London. This work is aligned with the South London Mental Health and Community Partnership, and enables the different groups to share innovations and provide support to other trusts.

While the achievements of Oxleas NHS, some questions remain about how closely it can or should work with local community groups. (See box, right.)

Work in prisons
Far from being rehabilitated, prisoners often come out of prison in a worse state than when they went in. Last year, a wellbeing peer mentor scheme which looks after the emotional welfare of prisoners in distress won the Mental Health Category of the Patient Partnership 2017. This award was set up by health practitioners Debbie Smith and Susie Duthoit and offers support through both one-to-one and group support sessions. All of the mentors are fellow-offenders who are trained by Oxleas to deliver mental health support to those in need.

Old Dover Road Parking
Readers are reminded they should read parking signs before parking. Local roads in the area will close at 07:00 to 10:00.

* During the road closure times, resident parking restrictions are in place in much of the Westcombe Park area. This includes the Old Dover Road area. Parking is free in Shooters Hill Road and Shooters Hill Road. Bays with restrictions are clearly marked. Note also that there are two new zones in the Westcombe Park area with Westcombe Park Road as the boundary. If you have a permit make sure you don’t park for more than 2 hours in the zone for which you don’t have a permit.

Local farms
Woodlands Farm on Shooters Hill is not the only farm on our doorsteps. There’s also one near Canary Wharf: Muckhine Farm is a 32-acre farming business that opened in 1977, and is the only farm in London approved by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. So if you want to see a rare Whitefaced Woodland sheep, or some Golden Guernsey goats, Muckhine Farm is the place to visit any time between 8.00 - 4.00pm.

London Marathon Alert!

Local school plans gender-neutral loos

Blackheath High School for Girls has announced that gender-neutral lavatories are to be installed in case any pupils decide to transition.

According to a report in the Daily Telegraph, the head of the school, Mrs Carol Chandler-Thompson, said the move followed requests from students.

She added that she wanted to ensure that there was “a safe space” for pupils to discuss such issues as gender and racial identity, and sexual orientation.

Girls at the school have already shown awareness of the sensitivity of such issues; for example, they managed to persuade Mrs Chandler-Thompson to allow them if they wanted to wear trousers instead of skirts as part of the school’s uniform.

The head said there were currently no transgender children at school, and no female pupils were transitioning to become boys. Although the school had an admission policy whereby it could only admit pupils who were female, if a girl were to transition, she said that the school would be fully supportive.

Mrs Chandler-Thompson said that “intelligent conversations” took place between teachers and pupils about the use of gender-neutral language.

Westcombe Society
Queen Elizabeth’s Birthday Tea for Senior Citizens
14th April, 2.00 - 4.00 pm Invitations have been sent out. If you have not received one please ring Caroline of 8853 9484.

Council Election Hustings on Monday 16th April 7.15 for 7.30 at St George’s Church, Glenelce Road.

Meet candidates, ask questions!

Annual General Meeting Friday May 11th at 7.30 pm, in The Centenary Room, Blackheath High School for Girls, to be followed by kind permission of the Head, Mrs Carol Chandler-Thompson, your chance to hear what’s going on and to talk to your representatives.

Wine & Nibbles. Nominations for new members of the committee needed!
Telling the story of the Heath

The Blackheath Society has been working for the past three years on a series of seven storytories which will be played at strategic points around The Heath. Each board will contain information about the people, stories, flora and fauna associated with that area of the Heath. The board to the West of Vanbrugh Pits has been generously sponsored by the Councillors of the Blackheath and Westcombe Ward.

The Society will celebrate the launch of the storytories at a gathering between 12 noon and 2 pm on Sunday 29th April. As well as launching the storytories, there will be refreshments, entertainment and a small exhibition about the Heath. Look for the green gazebos between All Saints Church and Royal Parade in join the celebrations.

Boulangerie Jade is now in your neighbourhood.

Come in & enjoy our traditional French bakery offering lovely Breakfast and Luncheon. We also have amazing cakes for all occasions.

Meet us at 48 Vanbrugh Park from 8.00am to 6.00pm & 9.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday.

St George’s, Glenluc Rd Westcombe Park

Saturday, 11th June 10.00 am Children’s Church

11.00 am Holy Communion (All Age service)

Sunday, 12th June

9.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Fellowship Lunch

Evensong

6.30 pm Music Service

Choir members not in the church

Liturgy: Holy Communion

Vigil: Holy Communion and Holy Eucharist

Please come and join us to celebrate this joyous occasion

The Family of St George’s Church

We invite you to celebrate the 130th anniversary of St George’s Church, Glenluc Road, Westcombe Park.

St George’s Church is a community church which serves the surrounding parish of Westcombe Park with the principal aim of providing a church for all those wishing to worship. We are a family church with many children and young people. We have active youth groups and run a number of events for the local community.

We would like to invite you to join us on this special day to celebrate our history and enjoy the festivities. There will be refreshments, music, and a special service.

Please come and join us on Sunday 12th June at 10.30 am for Fellowship Lunch and Evensong at Westcombe Park Church.

We hope to see you there and welcome you to our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Morden College

BROOKS JACKSON, a resident of Morden College, tells the story of this famous Blackheath landmark

Born in 1623, Sir John Morden was a merchant, and a member of both the Turkey (Levant) Company, and of the East India Company. From 1669, with his wife, Dame Susan, he lived at Wricklemarsh Manor, Blackheath.

At this time, most of Greenwich was farmland, and Sir John bought up much of it. He became a very wealthy man, but as he and his wife Susan had no children, he decided to build Morden College to provide accommodation and support for merchants like himself, but who had fallen on hard times through no fault of their own. Originally, they were single, either widowers or bachelors; of a minimum age of 50 years, and members of the Church of England.

Built between 1695 and 1700 in the style of Wren the college was a quadrangle with 40 apartments; there is a chapel on the east side, opposite the main entrance. Today, the college covers around 14 acres, tucked away behind leafy trees south east of the heath. The college is now very much larger, with over three hundred residents of both sexes; around two-thirds of the residents are women.

The beautiful landscaping and stunning buildings cannot be seen from outside the entrance gates and is a surprise to most people when they come to the top of the drive and enter the college.

The revenue to maintain the college is largely derived from the endowment thoughtfully planned by John Morden. The residents come from a wide range of backgrounds and is a community of interesting people drawn from many walks of life.

There is a range of hobbies, interests and activities continuing throughout the year, as well as a coach used for shopping at the local supermarket and outings in the south-east area. The College employs a very dedicated and capable staff.

The many facilities in the college include a well-stocked library, a cafe, a bar, a games room, a computer centre, a croquet lawn, an art and crafts workshop which is always busy – and extremely beautiful and well-maintained gardens.

Below, left: Have bus, will travel

Right: A keen creator of dolls’ houses in the arts and crafts workshop.

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GREENWICH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY K. William Curat, Uni of Greenwich 14th May UNDRESSING ANTIQUES at Mary Hill. “The state of the antique market and the word ‘value’ are considered, and we take a look at what current and future generations of collectors are buying, why they are buying it and how they are displaying it. Visitors please pay on the door.”

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BLACKHEATH HALLS 23, Leo Road, Blackheath SE3 8QJ 020 8463 1000 www.trinitylaban.ac.uk Sat 14th April 3pm CAPTAIN CAULIFLOWER & THE MARVELLOUS MOOSE Choice fun that suits the whole family!

TICKETS: £25.00 Ages 3 – 5 years
Sat 2nd April 2.30pm – MARK THOMPSON’S SPOKEN WORD

GREAT HALL, BLACKHEATH HALLS FRI 06 APR 14:00h CHILDREN’S OPERA: MARCO BELLUZI perform Benjamin Britten’s A night of incredible acoustic music featuring 3 of the artists from this popular South London club. £12.00 / £10.00

MIN 1 APR 18:00 LUNCHTIME RECITAL: MYRAMAE MENESES, RENE FAJARDO, RICHARD GILBERT & MARIA VILLACREZA at Arts House Walthamstow. £10

BRANDON ROAD Main Hall, Mycenae House for children 7+, £90 for three days, concs £11, Children £8.50 Ages 5+ Sat 14th April 2.00 & 5.00pm GRANDAD’S ISLAND Tickets £13.50 concs £11, Children £8.50 Ages 3 - 7

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THE P E R Group’s website: www.perprospero.co.uk

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Pet hates

Recent research found that 3.7 million Brits commute for two hours or longer each weekday and spend an average of £48,000 in their lifetime on commuting. Most of the time, jumping in the car or taking public transport is pretty painless. But every once in awhile, your experience makes you wonder why you do this each day. This is the case with a recent report by OSV, which asked over 600 commuters what frustrates them most on their journeys. Here are their findings.

The research found that public transport commuters are most annoyed by habits of their fellow commuters. Predictably, car commuters are most annoyed by people’s driving skills, or lack of.

Public Transport Pet Peeves

Those passengers that push on without letting people off first are the most hated, with 30% of public transport commuters putting them top of the pet peeve list. Leaving rubbish on public transport is another commuter no-no, with 18% citing it as their biggest bugbear. 17% of public transport commuters despise passengers that play loud music and 15% are angered by those passengers that cough and sneeze without covering their mouth.

Other irritating habits include those commuters that strike up loud conversations people that eat, and smelly or abusive passengers that forget to use their phone whilst waiting on the bus, with 27.2% explaining that this was the most frustrating element of their commute. 14.7% of people detest other drivers that forget to use their phone whilst waiting on the bus, driving skills, or lack of.

Car Commuter Pet Peeves

27.8% of drivers admit that those people that use their phone whilst behind the wheel are the most annoying. This is closely followed by being stuck in traffic, with 27.2% explaining that this was the most frustrating element of their commute. 14.7% of people detest other drivers that forget to use their phone whilst waiting on the bus, driving skills, or lack of.

Other annoying habits include those drivers that hog the middle lane, harsh brakings, tailgating, and the roads with tractors and clusters of buses (try Elephant and Castle!).

“After spending much time and money on commuting, it’s not a surprise that certain habits and behaviours can test people’s patience,” said Debbie Kirkley, OSV’s Co-Founder.

“But, next time you feel frustrated with your fellow commuters, just remember that it’s likely that another commuter feels the same way as you do.”

Ed: What do our readers think? Let us know!

To Live Forever? is about camping holidays and friendship, about loss and memory, and turning memory into myths of Amazon princesses sailing the skies. Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 April, 7.30pm. £12 / £10 concs. Ages 14+

PROTEIN presents BORDER TALES Created by Luca Silvestrini. The award-winning company Protein presents a thought-provoking yet poignant commentary on multicultural Britain through dance, live music and dialogue compiled from the performers’ personal experiences. Border Tales looks at post-Brexit Britain seen through the eyes of an international cast and gazes satirically on stereotypical thinking about ‘migrant outsiders’ and ‘bigoted homelovers’. Thursday 19 April, 7.30pm. £14 / £10 concs. Ages 12+. With a post-show talk

CARDBOARDS present Border Tales tickets available here.

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ALULA CYR presents HYENA

HYENA explores onto the UK circus scene in a whirlwind of women, wheels, dance, acrobatics, and song. Made by an all-female production team, boisterous, playful and wild, HYENA is a synchronised display of sisterhood, strength and power.
Going solar: the facts

Within a few years, the government expects power to become the second cheapest form of electricity in the UK. A recent government report compares the costs of future energy sources. It was found that solar could beat conventional gas systems by large margins.

Strangely enough, winter can be the best time to switch to solar power. This is because solar panels are able to generate electricity from light, not heat, so colder temperatures do not mean that solar panels will produce less electricity.

In addition, some recent advances in photovoltaic cells technology mean that they are more efficient than ever before. Oddly enough, hotter temperatures can prevent the photovoltaic cells in solar panels from working as well. Cold, sunny winter days are optimal for solar energy production. So there is no better time than now to think about switching to solar.

Not many people know the government provides cash incentives for people who switch to solar. People who install solar panels receive financial benefits through the ‘Feed In Tariff’ scheme. Once you install your solar panels, you ‘lock-in’ your guaranteed payments for the next twenty years, regardless of what happens to energy prices in the future.

The ‘Feed In Tariff’ scheme means that you even get paid for the energy you use yourself, which is essentially like being paid for putting the kettle on. There is just one problem - in any case, the government could scrap the ‘Feed In Tariff’, and so the financial benefits of going solar could disappear overnight.

So quite apart from the environmental advantages, the benefits are, in sum:

* Electricity bills are slashed: Sunlight is free!
* You get paid for the energy you generate – The Government’s scheme will pay you for the electricity you generate, including the energy you use yourself.
* The surplus energy you generate goes back to the grid: meaning a credit on your bill. In effect, you sell what you don’t use. To work out how much you could save, visit Eco-Experts.co.uk, which claims to be the country’s No. 1 Solar Panel comparison website.

The three new sites to be transferred, at Sandpits Place, SE7, and Carnbrook Road, SE3 with these three sites creating 98 affordable homes in total. The new three sites to be transferred, at Fred Styles House in SE7, in Shepards Leas, SE9 and on Vincent Road, SE18, will increase the number of new affordable homes created to an estimated 206.

Government legislation has imposed serious restrictions on local government borrowing for residential buildings – though oddly these restrictions do not apply for commercial developments. This means that the council has been hampered in fulfilling its commitment to building genuinely affordable homes.

It was for this reason that the Council set up Meridian Home Start (MHS) as a Community Benefit Society. MHS operates fully independently of the Council, is free from restrictions on borrowing and is thus able to maximise the opportunity to utilise Right To Buy receipts to reinvest in housing for the benefit of residents.

Cllr Danny Thorpe, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Sustainability, said: “Meridian Home Start can access funding streams that are not available to the Council in order to increase the supply of homes for residents in the borough. This is just one of the ways we are following through on our commitment to provide more affordable homes in the Royal Borough.”

The Council has now approved plans to transfer three additional sites across to Meridian Home Start and has agreed a loan facility that will build one, two, three and four bedroom properties available at affordable rents to local people.

This is in addition to the three sites already transferred across to Meridian Home Start. Work recently started on house building on the first site in Rochester Way. When construction is completed in May 2019, it will provide 29 new affordable homes to rent in Eltham.

Planning is advanced on the two other sites being developed by Meridian Home Start at Sandpits Place, SE7, and Carnbrook Road, SE3 with these three sites creating 98 affordable homes in total.

March 5th: “The Beast from the East” arrived - not as beastly as expected. But the rest of March was unseasonably cold.

St John’s Park in the snow - the Gibb Memorial in the distance.

Who should foot the bill?

Following the horrific Grenfell Tower disaster in June last year, two private freehold developments in West Greenwich failed cladding tests: New Capital Quay, and the Babbbage Point development on Norman Road.

A subsidiary of Galliard Homes, Roamquest Ltd. is trying to pass on to the 658 leaseholders and shared owners on New Capital Quay the full costs of providing interim safety measures and carrying out remedial fire safety works.

The bill could run into millions of pounds: that could amount to tens of thousands of pounds for each household.

Galliard argues that it was “fully compliant” with the building regulations at the time the development was completed, and that the building was signed off by an approved inspector. Galliard therefore maintains it should not be held liable for the fact that it is now not compliant.

The leaseholders are naturally very worried. They are right to be: flat owners in Cirencester, a 95-apartment building in Croydon, may be billed for more than £200,000 each for repairs following a tribunal ruling that they were responsible for the costs of replacing Grenfell-style cladding. The tribunal’s judgment does not set a legal precedent – but there are at least 130 apartment blocks in the country that face similar problems.

Local MP Matt Pennycook has raised the issue with the Housing Minister. He comments: “Leaving aside the technical and legal complexity, it cannot be right that shared owners and scores of shared owners on New Capital Quay, who bought their properties in good faith and bear no responsibility whatever for failures in the building regulations regime, get clobbered with these costs.”

So, who should pay?

Those who drew up the old building regulations, perhaps?