A meeting of Greenwich Council at the end of February, there were few surprises as it was decided to raise the Council tax by 2.99%. But local residents don’t get off that lightly. Since the overall tax bill has been raised to 4.2% as the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan increased the GLA precept to fund additional police officers.

This means that the average bill for dwellings in Band D is £1,489.55. Despite the increase in the tax bills, cuts to services are unavoidable because of continuing cuts in government funding. Council Leader Danny Thorpe regretted that “we just don’t have the resources we need to continue services at the present level.” Observers note that social care is particularly vulnerable.

Despite the increase – every 1% increase in council tax only brings in £800,000 to the borough – continued deep cuts in government funding still means service cuts, with Thorpe warning “we simply don’t have the resources we need”.

Among the services to be cut are:
• the Violent and Organised Crime Unit, saving £50,000
• a scheme to combat domestic violence saving some £200,000.

However, concerns over knife crime have resulted in the formation of a new unit to tackle the problem.

Uncollected tax
The Conservative opposition, led by Cllr Matt Hartley, raised the question of uncollected tax, which created a hole in the borough’s finances.

Currently, Greenwich Council collects 94.6% of council tax, the average for inner London is 95.9%. It was pointed out that only 53% of residents pay their council tax bills by direct debit.

In response, Cllr Thorpe said that collection rates are lower in Greenwich because there are higher rates of deprivation in the borough.

There was an angry response when Cllr Thorpe suggested that the Tory opposition wanted to set up “an army of bailiffs” to harass poor people “in order to extract even more money from them.”

Outraged, Cllr Matt Hartley said that this response was deeply dishonest. The council was already sending out debt collectors, he said; he also asked about Cllr Thorpe’s broken promise to get rid of the council tax for residents with the lowest income.

The cuts in core funding
Given the grave crisis facing local councils, this local scale pales into insignificance. Councils are facing increasing financial pressures and uncertainty.

As the W&N reported last year, by 2020, local government in England will have lost 75 pence out of every £1 of core central government funding that it had to spend in 2010-11.

This is money used to pay for services such as collecting bins, filling potholes, protecting children and caring for elderly and disabled people. The Local Government Association has long warned that Council tax rises will not fix the local government funding crisis.

Almost half of all councils – 168 councils – will no longer receive any of this core central government funding by 2019/20.

The Economist has warned that some authorities may soon be unable to meet their statutory obligations: it’s already happening in some areas. As the W&N has pointed out, the need for adequate funding for local government is urgent.

The cuts are coming . . .

Westcombe Hill Community Garden

Three years ago, local residents were fed up with the way the car park opposite the old police station on Royal Hill was being used as a rubbish dump. The site was derelict eye-sore.

So they decided to turn it into a community garden – and it flourished: hundreds of locals donated trees, shrubs, garden seats and other items.

The garden became a place of beauty and tranquility: it was like an open-air community centre; the derelict car park had become the Royal Hill Community Garden, and was much enjoyed by old and young alike.

The trouble is that the site belonged to the Council, and the guerrilla gardeners, as one supposes they must be called, were technically illegal squatters, as they had not got permission from the Council.

So the Council has moved in, and decided, against strong local protests, to take active ownership of the site. At a meeting in February, councillors agreed unanimously to close and fence off the site with a view to exploring the possibility of a building project. One proposal was to build a care home on the site.

Outraged, Cllr Matt Hartley said that the site had been used as a car park because beneath it ran a disused railway line: for a long time it was thought that erecting a building would not be possible. However, modern building techniques can overcome this problem.

Local resident, Mary Kate Connolly, said: “The RHCG is a unique green space in Greenwich, created by the community, for the community. It is used by people of all ages and backgrounds from across the Borough, especially by families who don’t have a garden. The value of such a space in terms of social cohesion, community involvement and environmental impact is immeasurable. The council have other suitable sites at their disposal for development – what a shame they seem unable to see this one as anything other than a space to build on. My six-year-old son asks me why they are cutting down all the trees when his teachers are telling him how our air is so polluted. I can’t answer him.”

STOP PRESS: A County Court judge has ordered Lewisham Council to suspend work on the Old Tidemill site in Deptford because the council had not considered the human rights of the garden protesters.

Below: Matt Pennycook MP unveils a piece of community art at the garden
Letters

From: Peter Greaves

The Plantation
I have just received my Council Tax Bill for 2019/20, and am entirely happy with the small increase, and am impressed by what the Council is achieving in these hard times. However, I was surprised to read that you the Council is building a new cinema in Eltham. With all the problems associated with cuts in funding, especially as they affect schools, this seems to me and my wife an extraordinary use of reduced resources, and we would like to hear how the Council can justify it. If the Council has money for some non-statutory projects, surely supporting community centres would have a higher priority.

From: Lucie Murphy

The Bridge
My name is Lucie and I took over as General Manager at the end of last year, so I wanted to take the time to introduce myself and a few new things that The Bridge is working towards.

Please see my first newsletter on our website - www.thebridgegreenwich.co.uk

Views expressed are not necessarily those of either the Westcombe Society or the WKN.

The Marathon: Road closures

A dvance warning signs will be displayed in affected roads in the build up to Race Day (Sunday 28th April) and stewards will be present on the day itself to help answer queries.

Short sections of Shooters Hill Road and Charlton Way will close at 04:00 to enable the installation of the Start Area gantries. There will be a small diversion via Princes Charles Road and Prince Wales Road to get around the early closure on Shooters Hill Road.

Local roads in the area will then close at 07:00 to secure the race route. These include: Shooters Hill Road, St John’s Park, Old Dover Road, Charlton Way, Vanbrugh Park, Charlton Road, Charlton Park Road, Charlton Park Lane and Woolwich Road (A206).

Road Reopening Times

Roads will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. Roads to the south of Westcombe Park are anticipated to reopen by 13:00 while roads to the north of Westcombe Park can be anticipated to reopen by 15:00.

Access For Residents

During the road closure times, Vehicle Crossing Points will enable vehicles into and out of the affected area. Vehicles will be facilitated across the event route by stewards at the following locations and at the times indicated:

07:00-09:05 and from 12:30
Vanbrugh Hill to Blackwall Lane from 11:30
Maze Hill to Shooters Hill Road westbound (only) towards Deptford and Lewisham.

Please note that between 08:45 and 12:00 Vehicle Crossing Points will not operate outside the event period. The event will be using the full width of the road.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Bad news for home-seekers**

The government aims to build one million new homes by the end of this parliament. However, the belated hope by government to build massive numbers of new homes seems increasingly forlorn. A potential exit from the European customs union and the single market without a transitional period could have a significant impact on supply chains, says Alex Attman the leading accounting, tax and advisory firm Blick Rothenberg. He said: “The construction industry in the UK is dependent on foreign investment, overseas suppliers and European workers. “Over 60% of all building materials used in the UK are imported from the EU. If the UK ceases its membership of the customs union, the cost of bringing building materials, machinery and other goods from the European mainland would significantly increase.”

**Threats to workforce recruitment**

Mr Attman said: “The UK’s construction market is very competitive with some major European construction and project management companies bidding for building work, with Germany being one of the strongest international market participants. An exit from the European customs union and the single market could have a challenging effect for the UK’s construction industry.”

He added: “Many building projects in the UK are European ventures. From clients, investors and design teams to main contractors and specialised craftsmen, the UK’s construction industry is largely based on the EU membership. Ultimately this void will result in the UK being a less competitive player in the international construction industry.”

**Silvertown Tunnel Vision continues**

A motion in March to oppose the building of the Silvertown Tunnel was defeated by 14 votes to 12 in a closed doors meeting of Greenwich Council. Greenwich and Tower Hamlets have both supported the construction of the controversial tunnel; while Newham, Lewisham and Hackney have opposed it on the grounds that it will generate even more traffic in the area.

Work on the tunnel is due to start at the end of this year. There are fears that the proposed toll charge will encourage many drivers to drive west to the Rotherhithe Tunnel, causing a great deal of congestion south of the River. There are also concerns that a second tunnel may cause huge congestion south-bound as the two tunnel routes converge into one.

**Goodybye to our Gas Holder**

Sadly, the campaign to save the gas holder on Greenwich peninsula has run into the buffers. Despite a petition, and numerous suggestions as to how it could be retained, and used, the decision has finally been reached.

This great historic monument to British industry, which survived the huge munitions explosion in Silvertown in 1917, the blitz, and IRA bombs, is to be demolished. Originally, there were two gas holders in East Greenwich. They were built in the 1880s by the South Metropolitan Gas Company. The other larger gas holder was demolished in the mid 1980s, but there were high hopes that this one would be preserved.

However, as Mary Mills points out in an article in Wiveliner on March 6th, Greenwich Council had little say in the matter. The Secretary of State had ordered the demolition of almost all the gas holders in the country (one in the Old Kent Road has been spared). These days, gas is stored underground and the regulatory body, Ofgas, has decreed that gas holders should be demolished. As if that were not enough, its fate was sealed by TfL’s plans to build the Silvertown Tunnel: the gas holder would have been too close to the route planned for the tunnel.

So this great structure is to become scrap metal, with lip service paid to its heritage value in the form of a sculpture made from a few rescued fragments. And it could have looked like this one in Dublin . . .

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**John Roan: the saga continues**

**Goodbye to our Gas Holder**

The saga of John Roan school continues: there is a Swahili proverb: “When two elephants fight, it’s the grass that gets trampled.” No prizes for guessing who gets trampled when those supporting academisation fight with those who don’t.

There is now something of a backlash against those protesting about the forced academisation of the school. A number of parents have expressed the view that the relatively poor examination results at the school justify academisation. One said: “The only way to avoid academisation is by significant improvement in results; those who embarked on a series of strikes are likely to achieve the very result they wish to avoid.”

Coles hits back

Now, according to the local 853 blog, the head of ULT, Jon Coles, has responded to the protesters, accusing them of intimidation and bullying. Mr Coles says that most of the protest group are not connected with the school – or even the local area – and has suggested there have been instances of “individuals feeling personal and social pressure to continue supporting your group.” In a robust five-page letter he rejected the group’s assertions: the campaign group had argued that the council was democratically accountable: Mr Coles queried the extent to which this could be true. He also questioned how likely it was the Council has the resources to “turn the school around.” As to financial viability, he pointed out there was a £124 million deficit in the council’s budget.

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FEATURES

The fight against Fake News

Information is now being weaponised - and "fake news" has become a threat to our democracy . . .

Social Media giants face a new series of regulations as the government leads the way to a crackdown on fake news and misuse of data, after allegations from MPs that the the internet giants have acted "irresponsible".

As Jackson Lears, in the London Review of Books (27th Sept. page 6) points out, it is a sobering thought, too, that our media are shrinking. For example, in the US in 1983 there were fifteen multinationals controlling US media: now there are five. Would-be investigative reporters (like Seymour Hersh) have almost nowhere to publish their findings. It is harder now than ever to find reliable information.

News expert, Dr Lisette Johnston, who is an ex-BBC World News boss and now Head of School at ScreenSpace, has given some top tips on identifying when we’re being fed fake news.

Check the source – and the date
Look at the publication or site and look at its other stories – try to think critically, and consider whether there is any questionable content casting doubt on its reliability. Sometimes a story from years ago can masquerade as up-to-date news.

Do your own research
Check if the story has been run on other sites; if so, how is the story presented? Do your own research

Stop Press:
The Rapid Response Unit, which is based across the Cabinet Office and Number 10, has secured funding to continue its work for the foreseeable future after launching in April 2018.

What’s in a name? Is ‘UK’ passé?

A UK Ltd seeks to redefine its role with regard to the European Union, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Constitutional Change (APPGoCoC) has recommended that with the new role there should be a new name.

For some backbenchers – no names, no pack drill – Britain is a good deal too close to Britain in France, even with the prefix Guernsey to distinguish it from Brittany.

The APPGoCoC is now recommending that a new statute should rename the UK Albion, as King Athelstan referred to it in the Ninth Century AD. There is strong cross-party support for the name change. It was noted that Alouette, ("Albion") was the old Celtic name for mainland Britain – Ireland was called Ierne.

In a minority report, Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg favoured Britannia because of its Greco-Latin roots, though the company that he founded has chosen to relocate in Ierne in view of Brexit “uncertainty.”

Was a new name chosen because the UK was so dis-uniting during the Brexit process? Apparently not. A spokesperson for the group, Dr Apurli-Forle-Hardy MP (Silly Isles) said: “This historic name, Albion, has many advantages. It’s shorter and pithier, and is very convenient for anyone making a purchase online, when one has to scroll from Afghanistan down past United Arab Emirates to get to the UK – No. 186 on the list.”

The APPGoCoC has recommended that a referendum should be carried out to find the will of the people before the statute is presented to Parliament.

Read beyond the headline
Some papers and websites use sensational headlines as a way to encourage you to ‘click’ on the story, this is called ‘click bait’. Sometimes the actual story bears no resemblance to its headline.

Check the facts
There are some great fact-checking websites such as: https://fullfact.org and https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/ to use when you’re really not sure about a story, whether it’s a statement from MPs or a piece from other organisations. Also ask yourself these two questions:

- Can the statement be proved or demonstrated to be true?
- Can the statement by verified by witnesses, or documents?

Dr Johnston is Head of School at Screen-Space at the University of West London offering a BA (Hons) degree in Content, Media and Film Production.

STOP PRESS:
A specialist unit set up last year to monitor and combat disinformation and “fake news” online is set to continue operating after its pilot phase was deemed a success by the Government. The Rapid Response Unit, which is based across the Cabinet Office and Number 10, has secured funding to continue its work for the foreseeable future after launching in April 2018.

Brutalized . . .

This shocking photo of a young woman, left beaten by police at a protest march went viral on social media in France.

Are you outraged? Want to share it with your friends on the internet? Hold on: there’s one small problem: the image has nothing to do with France. It was taken in Madrid, years ago. It’s fake. Untrue. A lie.

An example of “fauxtography”.

And it’s dangerous. Disinformation like this has the power to turn protests violent, and create hatred. So, find out who sent it and why – and spread the news: it’s a lie.

Quiz: Who said what?

Facts are facts – but opinions are what people want to believe. The only way of deciding how far to agree with them is by looking at the evidential basis. Tough!

Opinions expressed in the past are easy to assess – time has a way of showing them to be unreliable, even laughable, so one could say that “Time” is the best critic...

For example, can you guess who said the following:

1. “I don’t think there will be a woman prime minister in my lifetime.”
2. “I think there will be a world market for about five computers.”
3. “This ship is unsinkable.”
4. “I have come, reluctantly, to the conclusion that a referendum should be carried out to find the will of the people before the statute is presented to Parliament.”
5. “We deserve a chance to look at the evidence, to weigh up the pros and cons, not a fantasy Brexit, but Brexit reality, and we deserve a people’s vote.”

1. I’d like to apologise to the British people for the state our politics is in.
2. If parliament can’t agree we’ll have to go back to the people. We’ll be forced to.
3. I believe it is clearly in the national interest to remain a member of the EU. (April 2016)

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Sun 28th April 10 - 11.30am Guided Bird Walk Must not be the main room in front room at 11am. Free. Suitable for beginners, but books can be cancelled. £2 adults, £1 children. For more information, see our website or contact tutorials Rickets on education@thewodlandsfarmtrust.org

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The Friends of Westcombe Woodlands is one of the area’s most successful community activities. Here, the WVN looks at its latest annual report

Welcome to the Westcombe Woodlands

One of the winners of the Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund this year is the Westcombe Woodlands, a voluntary group which tends with loving care the area of woodlands south of Seren Park. The bid was put together by Richard Syversten and Ruth Crucknell, two of our Trustees, on behalf of the Friends. The award was given to assist sessions with schools in a tree planting programme. 180 local school children, with staff and parents, from Halstow, Christchurch and St Joseph’s, are to take part in termly visits to the Woodlands with each visit delivering a cycle of activities. The staff will receive expert guidance on using their neighbourhood woodlands as a resource for learning. Each visit will be closely supervised and monitored by experienced woodland leaders. The project is also supported by the Peter Harris Trust, the Greenwich Society and East Greenwich Residents’ Association. This spring the children will be doing seed planting, tree nursery management and transplanting in a wide variety of trees – including cell-grown dog-rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple and elder, along with a smaller number of blackthorn, willow, cherry and rowan.

In the summer, they will be managing, mulching and watering the new saplings as necessary.

In the autumn, it will be seed collection and seed planting again. The trees will have been donated by the Woodland Trust. Tim Barnes, the Chairman of the Westcombe Woodlands, says that they are also open to suggestions for suitable sites within Westcombe, Blackheath and Peninsula areas where a new native hedgerow may be appropriate – of course in close liaison with the landowners.

Other projects

However, this is but one of the projects being carried out by Westcombe Woodlands volunteers. They have been

busy clearing the oak glade at the top of the steps leading up from the Mount, and planting bluebells – all are invited to come and see the bluebells at the next Open Day (Bluebell Day) on Saturday May 4th.

The removal of self-sown sycamores remains an on-going task, and big efforts are being made to keep the bees happy in their new homes. The problem here is that the bees need more sunshine than they get in their present location, and the plan is to move two hives to the area beside the Avenue and then to the pond, where they will get more direct sunlight. One hive will remain in its current location for “re-queening”.

Big Garden Birdwatch - 2019

The annual bird watch took place on 26th January between 9.15 and 10.15am. Three of our trustees, Nigel, Rich and Andrew participated together with Joe Beale, whose expertise in recognising birds both by appearance and song is invaluable.

15 species were seen and five were overheard, and so not eligible for the RSPB count. The most common birds were long-tailed tits and blackbirds with five sightings. They were followed by carrion crows and goldcrests with four views, ring-necked parakeets, wrens, blue tits and robins with three; magpies, great tits, wood pigeons and goldcrests with two; and jays, dammocks and stock doves with a single sighting. Those that were heard but not seen included a mistle thrush, a greenfinch, a feral pigeon, a black-headed gull.

The elm project

Nigel Duncan has been closely involved with the planting and recording of elm saplings and elm trees in the woodland. Readers may recall that during the 1960s and 1970s the UK elm population was largely destroyed by Dutch elm disease. The Conservation Foundation has been taking cuttings from parent trees that appear to have resisted Dutch elm disease for 60 years. The hope is that the cuttings will be disease-resistant, although this cannot be guaranteed, given this is an experiment. The cuttings, five in all, have been donated by the Conservation Foundation.

Membership

The Friends of Westcombe Woodlands, membership now stands at 150, which last year included storyteller Peter Sparkes, who has been the WW’s tree surgeon for many years. All visitors are also welcome to the WW’s Open Day in October, which last year included storytelling with Rich Sylvester.

Tim Barnes adds: “Children are very welcome and enjoy the volunteer days as much as their parents, so do come along. And I am keen to expand the membership of the Friends. Subscriptions from our members provides a principal source of income, and increased membership gives the Friends greater ‘clout’ when it comes to seeking funds.”

The website is currently being overhauled, and will provide full details as to how to subscribe for membership. But in the meantime do get in touch with Tim Barnes personally on tim@thames.org.uk

Date for your diary:

Sunday 23rd April - volunteer morning
Sunday 4th May – Bluebell open day from 2.00 to 5.00 pm
Sunday 2nd June - volunteer morning
Sunday 23rd June – Summer Party for members from 12.30 pm.

The park’s new project, Greenwich Park Revealed, is now well under way, reports Graham Dear.

In December 2017, the park obtained development funding for a Phase 2 bid in August 2019. From now until then, a range of activities is planned, including consultations with the public.

If the Phase 2 bid is successful, the project proper will start in early 2020 and run for the four-year life of the project and beyond. Among the plans are:

* the children’s playground renovation
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