

THIS ISSUE - Colin goes out on a winning note, cricket season is in full bat, a successful bowling evening, celebrations at North Cray Road, completed contracts, who has reached a milestone birthday?, fancy a track day? and a site visit to Huntingfields.

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

Colin Brooking says “goodbye” on a winning note...

We recently saw the departure of Colin Brooking who has been a valued employee at Higgins Group for the last 22 years. Colin first joined Higgins as a Site Agent and was well regarded for setting high delivery standards and having exceptional attention to detail in all areas of his work. This was evidenced when his final project was awarded ‘Project of the Year’.

Colin will now enjoy his retirement by travelling and we send our sincere thanks to him for his



dedicated service and wish him every happiness for his future plans.

Hazy days of cricket

With the sunshine comes the “thwack of leather on willow” and gorgeous cream teas. The Higgins Cricket team now have the dates for this season’s matches and would welcome colleagues to come along and cheer them on. Also, if you are interested in being part of the team please contact Dave Hartwell on **0208 502 8359**.

Notting Hill Housing28th May
St Pancras & Humanist H.A. .4th June
B.P.T.W.11th June

London & Quadrant H.T.....18th June
Calfordseaden25th June
London & Quadrant H.T.....9th July

Bowled over!

It was great to see so many turn up for the bowling evening. We hope that everyone who took part enjoyed themselves, but apologise for the delay in the Presentation Ceremony which was due to an IT printing problem!

Congratulations to all who bowled but in particular to COST-A-LOTS the team winners with 818 points and Vic Ranger with the Highest Score of 183.

Once again, well done to all who took part and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event.



For those of you who wish to know the final positions achieved, see below:-

Team competition

1st	Cost-a-Lots	818
2nd	Wot No Pins	801
3rd	The Good, Bad & Joe	737
4th	The 4 Baggers	684
5th	Surveying	636
6th	Emmas Team	635
7th	Brockley 2	611
8th	Brockley 1	534
9th	The IT Team	494

Individual highest score

1st	Vic Ranger	183
2nd	Rob Vieceli	173
3rd	Gavin Cole	171



Higgins Homes Bold is beautiful

Property marketing is stepping up to the mark as the housing market toughens. Higgins Homes are counting on successful campaigns to ensure that people are drawn to their properties, and the most innovative ideas are leading the way. Higgins Homes' development, Uber in Walthamstow, is a fantastic example of an exciting and targeted campaign. Uber's strong and individual brochure, advertising campaign and vibrant show apartment, really highlights how bold can be beautiful. **1 and 2 bed apartments priced from £199,500. For further information, contact Lynn Hanrahan on x 6054**



Uber, Walthamstow

Higgins Construction Completed Contracts

Several projects have been completed by Higgins Construction in the past few weeks. We would like to say 'thank you' to all who have played a part in the success of the following projects;

Berwick Road

Client: Affinity Sutton

Contract: 4 flats, 8 houses and a scout hut

This development has been constructed utilising timber frame and has been completed after a long process due to a 4 month diversion delay

Exmouth Estate

Client: Swan Housing Group

Contract: The refurbishment of 385 units to Decent Homes standard. This has included new bathrooms and kitchens in occupied homes and new security front doors. The completion of this site on time and within budget meant that the client was so pleased that we have been awarded the next contract on the estate.

Silwood Estate Community Centre

Client: L&Q, Presentation and Tower Homes

Contract: The development of a Community centre which will give a permanent home to a Cyber Centre that was set up 5 years ago in temporary accommodation. The community centre is on the ground and 1st floor and flats are available on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

North Cray Road Opening

Higgins Construction held an opening event at North Cray Road to celebrate the completion of this development. The 103 units comprised - 22 units for shared ownership, 6 wheelchair units and 75 affordable homes.

These new ECO homes were constructed with timber frame for London and Quadrant and Tower Homes.

Computer generated image of the
Community Centre Silwood Estate



Stockwell Park before regeneration



Stockwell Park before regeneration



Opening at North Cray Road



Exmouth Estate

Start on Site

Stockwell Park

Work has started on the first phase on The Stockwell Park Estate regeneration Programme. The comprehensive refurbishment of Denchworth House will include improvements to windows, external envelope, roof and internal works to 58 units which are in a single 4 storey deck access block. The first new build phase New Dudley Garages site which comprises of an eight and four storey RC Frame block is currently in for planning and is due to commence on site in September.

Client: Community Trust Housing **Value:** £110m



Welcome

Higgins Group would like to welcome **John Cobley** who has joined as a Senior Contracts Surveyor and **Natalie Hamilton** who has been appointed as Drawing & Document Administrator. Welcome to you both.

Vacancies

For details on vacancies please contact relevant HRA: **Group Services** – Debra Green, **Construction** – Lucy Perry and **Homes** – Jo Boreham

Celebrations

Many congratulations are sent to Benny King as he recently celebrated his milestone birthday of 60 years young!



See you on site

Huntingfields is our first development in Norfolk and is a £5 million state-of-the-art resource centre for the elderly.

This provides 34 sheltered homes, 20 respite care beds and a daycare service, with 40% of the homes earmarked for people with physical disabilities.



Ross Jenyon Project manager said "it has been really rewarding working on this development as it has been designed to maximise independence for older people. The facilities are fantastic and also include a cinema, beauty salon and bar"

Pool night

Congratulations to Joe's team 'The Fantastic 4' for winning the recent pool competition.



Did you know?



Submissions Manager Mike Hallimond spends his weekends at high speed on the race circuits in the UK and Europe. He competes in closed road hillclimb and sprint events which are timed against the clock. Mike says 'The atmosphere at the speed events is very friendly but competitive. I raced an MG in the eighties before college, mortgage etc intervened. To go racing, even in small club events, such as the MG championship is prohibitively expensive nowadays, so the speed competitions provide better value for

money, as the wear and tear on the car is less where you only complete 5-6 laps.'

Mike also runs at 'trackdays', which enable you to run your road car, at a race circuit in controlled conditions. 'I use the track days to test improvements to the car, but also improve driving skills. The track days are a great introduction to the sport without having to make a financial commitment.' Mike is using his other car, a Lotus, over the summer at a number of evening sessions at Brands Hatch.

If you are interested in driving at a track day or would like a passenger ride with Mike, contact him on extension 6235.

We hope the information provided in this newsletter is clear and easily understandable, but should you require any further clarification, please contact: **020 8502 8398**

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