

THIS ISSUE - birthday celebrations, blood quenching staff, improve your health but cutting commuting times, 500th home celebrations, further work awarded at Exmouth, what's going on at The Quadrant?, who has got married? who has accomplished a charity challenge? and dates for the staff conference.

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

A year on... Happy Birthday Link

Doesn't time fly? It's now a year on from the launch of 'Link'.

Link was developed as a key communication tool with staff to ensure that regular updates on what was happening in the company, both corporately and socially was reaching staff.

Throughout the year we have been able to keep you aware of training opportunities, award achievements, celebration events, health and safety notices, developments and special pastimes of your colleagues!



It is important that we have two way communications and Link gives the opportunity for you to give your suggestions and comments. Let us know what you think, what you would like to see included or what you don't really like by completing the form on the back page.



Blood Donation Service

Following our article in issue 8, a mobile blood donation centre was set up at Head Office to make it possible for staff to give blood. Many thanks to everyone who donated. The National Blood Service was very impressed at the positive response with nearly 60 people attending - which included at least two of the auditors who are working with us for a couple of weeks!

Special mention has to go to Martin Nash on reaching his landmark 25th donation and

receiving his silver badge and Bev Green and Mandy Cruden who made their 44th and 41st donations - well done.

We had so much support for this event that we reached the official number of 50 pints being donated! Such was the success that Kerry Hart is organising another session on the 14th January.

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Cutting Commuting Times by moving out of London

The Times recently revealed statistics to show that the longer people spend commuting, the more their health appears to suffer. It is therefore no wonder that shortening the commute to work is a major priority for busy workers such as Charles Binns, an Insurance Broker from the City. Charles used to commute from Wandsworth, which took just under an hour, but after moving out of London to Higgins Homes' development, New River Mews, in the rural village of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, Charles cut his commute down to 40 minutes, and he always gets a seat on the train as well!

Prices for a three bedroom, three storey house start from £450,000.

Purchasers can also benefit from either stamp duty refund or part exchange.

The sales and marketing suite and show homes are open Thursday to Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday) from 10:00am until 5:00pm.



New River Mews, Broxbourne



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Charles, 42, comments: **"My wife Sara and I decided to visit New River Mews because a friend**

had advised that Broxbourne was a lovely rural community and not far from London. The location is lovely and green and you get a lot more for your money, but I had expected the journey to the City to be a nightmare. I couldn't believe it when I first investigated the commute, because it is over 10 minutes faster than it was when we lived in Wandsworth."

For further information please call: 01992 465452

Higgins Construction Project Completion



Fun on Exmouth Estate supported by Higgins Construction

Exmouth Estate, London Borough of Tower Hamlets

We are delighted to let you know that we will continue our involvement with the residents of Exmouth Estate on the next phase of the regeneration programme. One of the first things that we will do is look at design works for the new communal door

entry system so that problems currently being experienced can be resolved. We will also erect scaffold around some of the blocks to enable works to start as soon as possible.

We have developed an extremely good working relationship with the residents and continue to support their community activities.



500th Home Completion



Higgins Construction recently completed the 500th refurbished property on the Brockley PFI. To mark this milestone completion a small presentation, in partnership with Pinnacle was made to the 88 year old tenant of 52 Fossil Road who has found the whole experience very rewarding, despite her initial fears. She told us that each and every operative was fantastic and she also said

that as a result of the works she had actually made some new friends!

"I would just like to congratulate you all on a job well done!"

Resident commented

Well done everyone involved in this project - it is stories like these that make it all worthwhile.

Welcomes

We would like to say welcome to **Alex Miller** who has taken the position as Engineering Co-ordinator and **Samantha Norton** who joins as a Management Trainee, both in pre-construction. Also joining us on one year placements at The Quadrant are **Alaa Galgal** and **JJ Gordon-Irving**. Welcome to the team and we wish you success in your careers

Vacancies

Job title	department or site	Homes or Construction	HRA
After Sales Operative	Office	Construction	Debra Green

Long service

Congratulations to **Joe McGhee** on completing 20 years service with Higgins.



Happy 30th Birthday...

...to **Mark Freeman** who recently celebrated his 30th birthday in the Peak District enjoying nature's finest hillsides and mountain ranges.



Congratulations...

...to **Matt** and **Jo Hilson** who recently married at Gaynes Park - our best wishes are sent to them both for future happiness together.



See you on site...

Client: Presentation Social Investment Agency
Value: £32 million

This month we visit the team at The Quadrant who are developing a 271 unit mixed tenure scheme. This includes apartments which rise to nine storeys, retail units and a basement car park.



Peter Crane, Senior Project Manager said:
This is a very exciting project with great design and it also involves 40% of the hot water demand being achieved by solar panels to meet the sustainability brief

Did you know?

Mark Francis of Higgins Group PLC connected two of the world's most chic capital cities as he completed a challenge for charity.

Mark rode his bike from London to Paris for 280 miles over 3 days to raise money for the Royal British Legion. He encountered historic towns, sleepy villages and rolling countryside en-route... which was really hard work! So if you would like to support Mark's achievement please see him at his desk.



Staff conference

The next Staff Conference is on the horizon and plans are pushing forward. The dates are 1st, 2nd and 3rd December. Further information will be available soon.

Feedback form

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