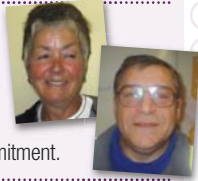


## NEW STARTERS

We would like to pass on our best wishes and welcome **Leigh Almond**, who recently joined us as a Senior Liaison Office and **Daniel Mulvey**, who has taken up the position of Trainee Surveyor. We wish you both every success in your new careers.

## LONG SERVICE

A double celebration of 15 years this month as **Jan Broad**, Administrative Assistant and **Paul Pavlou**, Maintenance Plant, both celebrate this milestone. We would like to pass on our sincere thanks and best wishes for your hard work and commitment.



## PROMOTIONS

Following on from last month's announcement in Link we would also like to send our congratulations to the following on their recent promotions **Cole Sutton**, Assistant Site Agent, **Steve Boreham**, Construction Manager and **Sandra Titterton**, Payroll Administrator.

## PAINT BALLING

A gentle team building day? - not if some of the bruises were anything to go by... but a real fun time!

Many thanks to HISS for arranging the paintballing event at Mayhem recently, where the Red Team took on the Blues. After a tiring and demanding 8 games there was a final shoot-out at the end. It was a close call but the Reds were victorious!



## CONGRATUATIONS

Birthday wishes are sent to **Kelly Walton** as she becomes the age that most of us, who are older, would still like to be! Happy 21st Kelly - we hope you celebrated it well!

## RACE THE SUN

Paul Lewellen and Mark Francis recently completed their "Race the Sun" team challenge. This involved a cycle - 50 miles, hike to the summit of England's second highest mountain - Helvellyn at 3,116ft and a canoe challenge - 2.5 miles. Starting the challenge at sunrise and attempting to finish by sunset - racing the sun!

They were delighted that they beat their target time, finishing in 9 hours 36 minutes, which is a fantastic achievement.



They would like to thank all those who have helped to raise over £4,000 for Action Medical Research. Your support for this magnificent charity, which funds research to save and change the lives of babies and young children, is really appreciated.

## A SUMMER BABY

Many congratulations are sent to Paul Gulliver and Gill Siburn on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Jessica Clare Gulliver on Saturday 14th August, weighing 6lb 14oz.

We also hear that another celebration is due next April when Jessica's mummy and daddy will be

getting married - double celebration! **"So far, Jess seems pretty contented: very lively and alert when awake, but does enjoy her sleep. We're even having to wake her up on occasions to feed! All good fun".**



## UPDATE ON THE GOSSIPING LEAGUE

If you wish to email your future tender gossips please send to the following email address [tendergossip@higginsconstruction.co.uk](mailto:tendergossip@higginsconstruction.co.uk)

Department	Target	Tot	Department	Target	Tot
Pre Con Cost Mgmt	30	8	Surveying	40	14
Pre Con Design Mgmt	64	16	Procurement	16	4
CSR	12	18	Site Mgmt	36	0
Contracts Mgmt	32	12	Support	4	24
			Total	234	96

If you would like a copy of 'link' in large print, Braille, on CD or in your language, please contact Laura Williams, [laura.williams@higginsconstruction.co.uk](mailto:laura.williams@higginsconstruction.co.uk)

THIS ISSUE - refurbishments reaches another milestone, delivering a great place to live, working together to save lives, a new approach to selling, a messy day out, who has celebrated a key birthday? and who has beaten the sunset?

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

## Forest Gate 300th home



An important milestone was recently reached on the Forest Gate PFI contract, where Higgins is working with Swan to improve 1,000 properties in the area to meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard.

Derek and Phyllis Scott were presented with flowers when their home was the 300th property to be refurbished as part of the 20-year £150m contract, the couple have lived in their

home for more than 60 years. The refurbishments have included the whole house being rewired, a new kitchen and bathroom as well as a new boiler.

Since work began, more than 336 kitchens and 328 bathrooms have been replaced and we have received positive comments and praise from residents - Well done to everyone involved in this project.

## Supporting the community

Higgins Group has supported West Ham United - Community Sports Trust to run two free summer holiday football clubs on the Craylands Development, where they are working with Swan Housing Group.



The sessions included:

- Classroom activities
- Leadership skills
- Ball skills
- Football coaching and awareness
- Football games

The children who are affiliated to the Basildon league will now play in their new blue & white kit; branded "Swan & Higgins Construction PLC - Working in Partnership."

We are very proud of our commitment to supporting the communities we work with.

At the end of the course everyone who took part, received a West Ham achievement certificate and were presented with the official Friends of Craylands - Football kits.

# Higgins

# Higgins Homes £9.25M worth of sales in twenty days



With the UK housing market still facing challenges, concerns about the economy and the lack of mortgage finance, Higgins Homes has embraced new ways to secure advance sales and has developed a fresh approach to the marketing of Aqua Vista, Bow, E3 development in the Far East. Aqua Vista is being developed by Higgins Homes and constructed on their behalf by Higgins Construction.

With property sales 'cooling off' in the UK Higgins Homes recognised the potential of markets in Singapore, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur as a unique opportunity to achieving an early level of income generation. This proved an extremely successful strategy that has resulted in a massive 37 plots being reserved, with most contracts already exchanged, in less than three weeks.

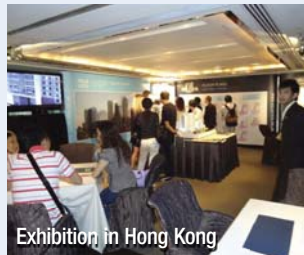
With over a third of the site already sold Higgins Homes are in a fantastic position to formally launch the site in the UK on the 9th October.



Seminar - Kuala Lumpur



Computer generated image of Aqua Vista, Bow Common Lane



Exhibition in Hong Kong



Exhibition in Singapore



Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur

## Higgins Construction Completions

### 1. Manorfield Primary School



Many thanks are sent to everyone involved in the recently completed successful projects.

#### 1. Manorfield Primary School, Tower Hamlets

A new build extension and partial refurbishment of a busy, inner city primary school providing new, modern education facilities, including a new library and larger more flexible classrooms. **Client:** London Borough of Tower Hamlets

#### 2. Success House, Southwark

The redevelopment of a brownfield site occupied by a disused three storey Victorian factory building into a new build residential development. The scheme consists of 46 apartments over 7 storeys of accommodation with a Youth Centre and Commercial Unit at ground floor. The development is a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes for both social rented and intermediate/shared ownership.

**Client:** Peabody Trust



2. Success House, Southwark



3. Ebony Court

#### 3. Ebony Court, Brent, London

A partnering contract to build 27 high spec apartments in a 4 storey block for 100% social housing. Ebony Court forms part of the regeneration of Church End in Neasdon. Achieving Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3.

**Client:** Catalyst Housing Group

## Working well together



Every year thousands of construction workers in the UK are killed, injured or have their health damaged. The 'Working Well Together' campaign aims to stop the suffering. The safety of staff is paramount to Higgins Construction and we are committed to providing training and information to ensure that our sites are a safe place to work.

We are a member of the 'Working Well Together' campaign, which aims to improve health and safety in the construction industry.

The Alberta House site was fortunate to recently have a visit from the White Van Tour. The aim of these tours is to promote good health and safety practice amongst workers on site by giving short interesting presentations, discussing products and talking to the workforce about any concerns or issues.

