

THIS ISSUE - Higgins Construction helps break the mould, framework for a new beginning is completed, good news on the work front, who has been working together with great results? half a decade and jumps from the sky! who has been rewarded for their hard work? who got 'on their bike'? and what two couples tied the knot?

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

With Higgins support local teenager wins Apprentice of the Year

Jay Bridgen, 17, from Essex won the Basildon Apprentice of the Year working on the regeneration of the Craylands Estate. He is the first to win from the construction industry for 18 years and beat off stiff competition from four other finalists from other industries.



Jay is one of seven apprentices employed on Craylands site, as part of our commitment to employing local labour and offering opportunities to young people. This achievement shows

CSR and Regeneration at its best; Jay was recruited via a jobs event, which took place on the Craylands Estate, organised and managed by Higgins Construction.

As a result Jay was interviewed, recruited, commenced his placement at Prospects College and started his Apprenticeship. It is good to see this young shy lad mature into a construction worker and within 10 months walk on stage to collect the Award of "Apprentice of the Year" for Basildon.

"I knew Craylands was getting regenerated and that Higgins were at the local Consultation Shop. I spoke to them about doing an apprenticeship. They were offering to pay me, give me on-the-job training and send me to college for one day a week.

I've been an apprentice for ten months including the six weeks college course they sent me on to start me off with the basics.

I didn't know anything about construction to start with and now I'm a Chippy, doing carpentry. I'm getting money and an education."

London to Paris for charity

Paul Lewellen has just completed an amazing charity challenge... starting from the UK's capital he cycled through the English countryside over to rural France and on to the heart of Paris, finishing under the Eiffel Tower!

He covered 320 miles over four days raising £3,000 for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, an organisation that provides complementary therapy for cancer patients who are going through chemotherapy and radiotherapy... a fantastic charity that helps many. Well done Paul.



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Higgins Construction the framework of care



Higgins Construction recently celebrated the completion of the frame for a new care facility, with Gateway Housing Association, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and PRP Architects. Councillor Abdul Asad and Gateway's Chief Executive, Sheron Carter marked this event by planting the first tree in the roof top planters.

The project has involved the demolition of a decommissioned 1960's four-storey care home and the construction of a six storey extra care

facility that will consist of 40 self contained flats plus communal areas.

Sustainable feature
Photovoltaic arrays on the roof to generate electricity from the sun's energy

The completed project will offer residents a full independent living space with 24-hour care staff on hand. All flats within the scheme will be wheelchair accessible with level access shower rooms allowing a degree of

independence. There will also be a number of communal facilities including an activities room, communal lounge, garden, hairdressing salon and two roof top terraces with stunning views across London.

Sustainable feature
Green Roof to reduce the amount of water run-off into the existing storm drains and to enhance bio-diversity of the area by encouraging pollinating insects.

Future work secured

Over the last few months we have seen a significant reduction in the number of tender opportunities but despite this we have been successful on the following tenders:

- **A2 Dominion Framework**, a share in £500m of opportunity



- **Lady Eleanor Holles School**, £7m School of Governors
- **The Beeches Care Home**, £13m Signature



- **East Thames Decent Homes** Phase 2, £2.5m ETHG

Thank you to everyone involved in securing these projects.

Higgins Homes and Higgins Construction working together to deliver great results

With the skills and experience in both Higgins Homes and Higgins Construction, working together always means that exceptional service and homes are delivered. Aqua Vista is the newest joint venture that has completed.

With great communications and the same drive to deliver to the high standards of the Higgins brand these properties were delivered on time and 81 apartments were completed and handed over to their new owners over a four day period.

Aqua Vista is a development of 157 apartments within easy reach of Canary Wharf, the Olympic Village and the City of London with a high level of specification and private outside space, panoramic City skyline or water views.

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2 Bed Apartments from **£277,500**
3 Bed Apartments from **£334,500**

For further information call **020 7537 3714** or email aquavista@higginshomes.co.uk



Celebrating with a skydive for charity



Caroline Dunning from the Aqua Vista Sales Team, recently had a very special birthday and celebrated in style by doing a sky dive for charity, raising over £400 for Myasthenia Gravis, a neuromuscular disorder that involves the muscles and the nerves that control them. Caroline is still collecting so if anyone would like to donate please get in touch with her via Aqua Vista.

"It truly was an amazing experience and would recommend it if you are feeling daring!"

Caroline Dunning

WELCOME

This month we would like to welcome **Karl Payne** who joins us as Senior Contract Surveyor, **Martyn Fennell** takes the role of Senior Project Manager, **Ghassan Hems** is a new Project Manager and we welcome back **Bob Thurgood** who is returning in the position of Senior Projects Manager - best wishes are sent to you in your future careers.

LONG SERVICE

Owen Butcher, Handyman, celebrates 15 years service to the Higgins Group this month. Many congratulations and thank you for your hard work throughout your career.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to everyone listed who have recently been recognised for a promotion - well done and thank you for your hard work.

Kwame Aino, Assistant Site Manager, **Andy Brooks**, Contracts Manager, **Tom Dring**, Project Co-ordinator, **Nathan Fookes**, Senior Estimator, **Alan Green**, Senior Projects Manager, **Nick Koster**, Contracts Manager, **Luke Lawrence**, Assistant Buyer, **David Lucas**, Assistant Group Safety Manager, **Tony Maguire**, Senior

Site Manager, **Ryan Manning**, Assistant Estimator, **Sam Norton**, Assistant Project Co-ordinator, **Carole Pridmore**, CSR Co-ordinator, **Michael Rolfe**, Senior Projects Manager, **Glen Smith**, Plant Manager, designate, **Paul Smith**, Buyer, **Ivaylo Tishkin**, Assistant Site Manager, **Stuart Tomlin**, Site Manager, **Laura Williams**, Marketing Co-ordinator, **Mark Francis**, Director of Higgins Group Services and **Martyn Waller**, Director of Higgins Group Services

A MINUTE WITH... PETER CRANE

Career highlight? Still having the appetite today for work as I did when I started 47 years ago.

Worst moment of career? When childhood employer Ashby and Horners went into liquidation

Professional inspiration? My Wife

Development/project you would have liked to have been involved with? Bow Common Lane from the start.

Best advice? Take advice, learn every day

Favourite film? The Godfather

Favourite book?

Norman Wisdom Biography

Favourite Building?

The Mosta Dome, Malta

Favourite Song/Album? Ray Charles

First Song/Album ever bought?

The Dave Clark Five - Bits and Pieces

Favourite Restaurant?

Alec's, Kelvedon Hatch

One luxury you will keep despite the credit crunch? My wife



WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to **Amanda Dixon** who married Richard [1] on Saturday 25th June at Uplands House, High Wycombe after getting engaged earlier this year. They spent an idyllic honeymoon at The Paradisus Rio de Oro Resort and Spa in Guardalavaca, Cuba.

On the 24th July **Dave Herrett** married Lisa [2] at Three Lakes, Hertfordshire. The day was made even more special with their gorgeous

children, Freddie and Yasmin, being bridesmaid and page boy. As this was a true family affair they will all be jetting off to Florida next year for a belated honeymoon.

We send our best wishes to you all for very happy futures together.



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**

| Department | Target | Tot |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Pre Con Cost Mgmt | 30 | 16 |
| Pre Con Design Mgmt | 64 | 124 |
| CSR | 12 | 30 |
| Contracts Mgmt | 32 | 30 |

| Department | Target | Tot |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Surveying | 40 | 26 |
| Procurement | 16 | 4 |
| Site Mgmt | 36 | 0 |
| Support | 4 | 0 |
| Total | 234 | 230 |

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