

THIS ISSUE - who needs a new name to get a celebrity status? where are we providing further community facilities? who is very impressed with us? what has a school been transformed into? who has retired? who celebrates a half a century? a silver anniversary celebrated and who passed their driving test?

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the monthly Higgins Group news update

# We need you!



**At Higgins the awareness of health and safety for clients is paramount to our work.**

To help get key messages across we have developed our very own costumed character mascot. This will help to engage with younger audiences in explaining about safety on and around construction sites and promoting positive messages.

**We need your help to name him...**

Once he is named he can be used in many ways to promote the excellent work that we are doing.

He can visit school assemblies, attend openings, be involved in charity events, even run a marathon and be used in poster campaigns. With your help he could become our own celebrity.

This could be your 'claim to fame' - you could be the person who named the Higgins Mascot.

We would ask that you complete the form (right) with your suggestions, or alternatively, you can email Laura Williams - [laura.williams@higginsconstruction.co.uk](mailto:laura.williams@higginsconstruction.co.uk)

Your name:

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Department/site:

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Telephone:

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I would like to name the new mascot:

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Please return to Laura Williams at Head Office

# Higgins

## Higgins Construction Impressing our clients at Mill Farm Estate



We recently arranged for the Group Director of Development for Catalyst Housing Group, and her team, to visit Mill Farm to see the work that has been carried out so far by Higgins and to talk through the scheme delivery. They were extremely impressed with what they saw - congratulations to the great team working on this development.

### Key facts

**Project:** Demolition of the existing estate and phased construction of 158 dwellings comprising 94 flats, 62 houses, 1 bungalow and 1 maisonette **Value:** £22M

**“It was so good to see the new homes coming out of the ground; to see such a well organised, clean and safe site; to see all the thought, care, and preparation that has gone in to this first phase to set us up well for following phases; and to see the fruits of your investment in getting the team to work well together. The fact that you have had so little in terms of complaints from residents is a miracle, given the close proximity to their homes and the disruption of the roadway and services etc, and it is a credit to the team that they have managed this so well - it can't just have been the bingo lunch! Also great to meet the trainees (and to see that there are so many of them), and to see how motivated they**

**are by the opportunity to get qualified and get the work experience they need - very impressive all round”.**

**Julia Moulder**, Catalyst Housing Group

**“There is something quite special happening at Mill Farm in terms of a community partnership between the various facets of Catalyst, Higgins, the design team, the Council and residents. Its going to produce some really excellent housing but one can also see the way that it is invigorating an already strong community so the legacy will go way beyond bricks and mortar. Hats off to you for leading such a resourceful and inventive team. I can't wait for the first handovers”**

**Rod Cahill**, Catalyst Housing Group

## Providing community facilities



Lambeth Planning Applications Committee recently approved the planning application for the Community Centre for Mostyn Park on our Myatts Field project. Providing community facilities is key to the delivery of our projects to make sure

that a community is developed along with the new homes.

This is another milestone towards getting this project off the ground we would like to thank everyone involved for making it such a smooth process.

## Higgins Homes first new build housing development in Redbridge for over 25 years

The former Redbridge site of the iconic Royal Jersey Laundry is set to be transformed into a stunning new residential development, the first of its kind in the area for 25 years.

The Redbridge, IG4, site will feature nine exclusive detached and semi-detached family homes, including 1 three-bedroom house, 5 four-bedroom houses and 3 five-bedroom houses. Scheduled for occupation from the end of November, each two-storey property will be finished to the highest specifications and will feature modern kitchens and bathrooms, an individual parking space, a garage or carport and a private garden with both a paved patio and lawn area.

Redbridge is extremely well connected, a gateway between the City of London and the rolling Essex countryside. Both Redbridge and Gants

Hill Underground stations on the Central line are near to Royal Jersey Place and frequent services to London Liverpool Street take approximately 20 minutes,\* while the development is just four stops from the new Westfield in Stratford. Motorists will also enjoy easy access to the best of the capital via the A12 and M11.

**“The houses at Royal Jersey Place are environmentally sensitive designed to Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, whilst still catering for 21st Century family living. These houses are light, bright and spacious, they come with top of the**



range fixtures and fittings. Royal Jersey Place will offer homes of unrivalled quality in Redbridge and we expect these properties will be snapped up quickly by buyers looking

to take advantage of the first new build housing development in the area for a quarter of a century!”

**Jeremy Marcus**, Sales and Marketing Director, Higgins Homes

For further information please contact Higgins Homes on **020 8550 4367** or visit **www.higginshomes.co.uk**

## WELCOME

This month sees **Geoff Hollis** and **Dale Johnston** start their careers with Higgins Construction as a Senior Site Manager and Site Manager respectively. We would like to welcome you both and wish you every success in your work.

## RETIREMENT

After a dedicated 17 years of service to Higgins, including 12 years on site and a further 5 years office based, **Peter Johnson**, Cost Manager has retired. Peter has many plans to keep himself busy throughout his well earned retirement and he is looking forward to making good use of our gift to him of a National Trust Membership. Our best wishes and thanks are sent to you Peter for a very happy retirement.



## LONG SERVICE

**Kath Hughes**, Senior Secretary, is celebrating her 15 years service with Higgins. Congratulations Kath and many thanks are sent to you for your hard work and commitment throughout your career.



## JOB VACANCY

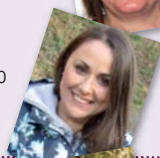
Job title	Department	Homes/construction	Contact
Admin Assistant	Finance	Construction	Elaine Ward

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Joan Borzak** recently celebrated the wonderful milestone of 50 years young. She was joined by her family for a birthday meal and will be jetting off with her husband to Las Vegas for a week to continue the celebrations. Have a wonderful time Joan.



Enjoying tearing her 'L' plates up is **Karolina Matusik** who has just passed her driving test - congratulation Karolina and enjoy your new sense of freedom!



## 25 YEARS ON

**Colin Chatfield** recently celebrated his 25th Wedding Anniversary with his wife Joanne and spent a lovely weekend in Venice. They were also able to celebrate this special event on their return with their 3 children and 2 grandchildren.



## A MINUTE WITH... LINDA HOLIDAY, SENIOR PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR PRE CONSTRUCTION

**Career highlight?** Being involved in the Schools Foundation Regeneration project providing new schools in the rural areas of South Africa

**Worst moment of career?** Watching Peter Barber Architects unroll 50m of paper to use as a template for building a curved façade on site

**Professional inspiration?** Antoni Gaudi

**Development/project you would have liked to have been involved with?** One World Trade Centre (WTC)

**Best advice?** For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction - so you better move fast!

**Favourite film?** Dead Poet's Society

**Favourite book?** The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend

**Favourite building?** Sagrada Familia - Barcelona by Gaudi

**Favourite song/album?** Depends on the day - Nellie the elephant comes to mind!

**First song/album ever bought?** Electric Youth - Debbie Gibson

**Favourite restaurant?** Nandos

**One luxury you will keep despite the credit crunch?** Our flat in Bulgaria - even though I've never seen it...

## 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	Department	Target	Tot
Pre Con Cost Mgmt	30	14	Surveying	40	6
Pre Con Design Mgmt	64	94	Procurement	16	0
CSR	12	36	Site Mgmt	36	4
Contracts Mgmt	32	36	Support	4	32
			Total	<b>234</b>	<b>222</b>

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