

THIS ISSUE - could we be three times a winner? teaching in a fun environment, making an impact on the housing market, what was the site container turned into? Higgins staff praised, who has left 3 decades?, who has started, been promoted, reached a milestone birthday or had a baby?

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Triple praise for Considerate Constructor Awards 2011



The Quadrant

What a way to start the year, we have just been advised by the Considerate Constructors scheme that we have been nominated for awards on three schemes.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to these schemes, and we look forward to hearing positive news when the winners are announced at the awards ceremony later on this year - will keep you updated!

The nominated schemes are...

- Brockley PFI
- Braintree Decent Homes Phase 2
- The Quadrant

Ivor Goodsite at Emmanuel School

Prior to starting demolition of the site, which holds the footprint to the new Emmanuel School, Higgins Construction took over the Assembly at Emmanuel Primary, in Hampstead!

Speaking to 105 pupils we took the opportunity to teach the children about "the dangers of a building site".

The Higgins Team used 'Ivor' who is larger than life to highlight the tools



used on construction sites, the hard hat and boots, first aid kit, safety goggles, high vis vest... the kids absolutely loved it.

"what a great Assembly, the children sat quietly and listened intently to what was being said, the Ivor goody pack is a great souvenir to remind the children of today's message"

commented John Ashton, Contracts Manager
...but who is Ivor?????



Higgins



An exciting start to 2011 as Higgins Homes plan to launch four sites. Each of these sites will open a show apartment at the same time to further confirm the exceptional standard and quality detail that is continually developed within our new homes.

Block D Ice, Stevenage

Launching 19th February

'Ice' will launch its final phase, 'Diamond' including 52 x one, two and three bedroom apartments and penthouses, to complete this stunning ultra cool, ultra modern development.

Affinity, Chingford

Launching 26th February

'Affinity' includes an exclusive collection

of one and two bedroom apartments and penthouses in Chingford, backing onto attractive parkland. 'Affinity' offers a fantastic location, combined with a new home incorporating top-line specification, important elements that are perfect for relaxed living.

The Pavilions, Loughton

Launching April

'The Pavilions' is located adjacent to Loughton Cricket Club and provides six luxury two bedroom apartments and a pair of unique two bedroom, two storey semi villas. With Higgins Homes' signature stylish quality interiors and views across the cricket green these properties truly are a testament to our 'Award Winning Developer' status.



Affinity, Chingford

Hill Top House, Epping

Launching April

And last, but in no means least - 'Hill Top House' a development of 13 one and two bedroom apartments in Epping offers a quality traditional home which is only a stroll to the station - giving the best of both worlds for relaxation and work.



The Pavilions, Loughton

For further information please contact Amanda Fookes on 0208 502 8399

Higgins Construction Mill Farm Estate Christmas Grotto

Understanding that communities play a major part in our developments is key to the work we carry out. We take every opportunity to develop our relationships with residents we work with, and during December, Higgins Construction and Catalyst Community Housing brought Christmas to the children of Mill Farm development in Pinner.

A container was transformed into a "Grotto" with a Christmas Tree, decorations, snow machine, presents, food, drink and refreshments and of course Father Christmas.

Residents from Mill Farm came along to meet the team and presents were given to children. At this festive time of year we didn't want to leave the adults out, so they had the chance to enter a free prize draw for Tesco gift vouchers, going a little way to help buy in the extra mince pies!



"It was a great event and good to see so many residents turn up; it was an ideal opportunity to meet the families and spread some Christmas cheer"
Dave Dorrington, Senior Project Manager

RLO shines at Stockwell Park



We are always proud of the service that we deliver, but it is especially nice to receive thanks from someone who has received it. Network Housing Group took the time to write to say a big thank to Maureen Gallagher, RLO at Stockwell.

It is great to hear that all the effort that our staff make is appreciated - well done Maureen and the Stockwell team.

"Maureen has provided me with information that has saved me a huge amount of work and she also has a complete picture of what is happening on defects on the various buildings. Both Maureen and the other members of the Higgins's team are such approachable members of staff".

WELCOME

As we start a New Year we would like to extend our best wishes to **Michael Owen** who joins us as Customer Services Manager, **Robin Capstick** as a new Project Manager and **Alexander Holt**, Print Room and Document Control Trainee. We hope that 2011 will bring you many opportunities within your new roles.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are sent to the following on achieving promotions, which reflect their hard work and dedication.

Kevin Horner is now a Senior Buyer, **Nick Walton**, **Tom West** and **Russell Brooker** have all been

promoted to Assistant Contract Surveyors, **Steve Quinn** is now a Senior Contract Surveyor and both **Ross Blakemore** and **George Lloyd** have been promoted to Assistant Site Agents.

RETIREMENT

At the end of last year we said a fond farewell to **Sue Daniels** after working for the Higgins Group for 31 years.

Sue says: "You says there wasn't enough time to get bored with the job as it was constantly changing and so were the surroundings. It has been so good to see the changes that have occurred and the progression and developments made during my time with Higgins.

While working at Horn Lane and Hawke House it was my pleasure to provide holiday relief to Derek Higgins'

secretary and one time at Hawke House working for Mr. Higgins for 6 months. I'm very happy to have had this experience and remember him for his kindness to me on both a personal basis and at work level.

I think the thing that has impressed me most during my time with Higgins has been the staff. Thank you all for your professionalism, kindness and help - a great team, and I wish you all every success in the future."



LONG SERVICE

Congratulations to **Dave Dorrington**, Senior Projects Manager, who has completed his 30 year service with Higgins. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - HISS QUIZ NIGHT

Lets start the year with a good turn out - get a team together and join in the fun!

This will take place on Wednesday 16th February at Loughtonians Hockey

Club, with a chicken and chip supper provided.

Please contact Laura Williams or Mandy Cruden with your team of 6 by Friday 4th February to enter



CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes and congratulations are sent to **Sam Norton** who recently celebrated her 21st Birthday. She enjoyed this special day with family and friends at home but also has a fantastic trip planned with her boyfriend to New York to carry on the celebrations!



NEW ARRIVAL

Riman Dlay Is very proud to announce the safe arrival of her gorgeous baby daughter. Baby Avni was born at 10.20am on 15th December 2010, weighing 6lb 3oz. Many congratulations Riman, and we hope that you don't have too many sleepless nights



UPDATE ON THE GOSSIPING LEAGUE

Following lots of 'gossiping' we are delighted to announce the winners for the Tender Gossip League 2010, who will all enjoy a celebratory lunch.

Well done to **Nathan Fookes**, **Graham Pepperdine**, **Jeff Joseph**, **John Ashton**, **Ray Barton** and **Kevin Horner**.

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	36	Surveying	40	9
Pre-Con Design Mgmt	64	66	Procurement	16	4
CSR	12	13	Site Mgmt	36	4
Contracts Mgmt	32	6	Support	4	0
			Total	234	138

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