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Welcome...

..to the fifth edition of the Kingswood Parks Voice magazine, which is produced by the Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC).

We have been busy getting out and about in the community to ensure that your latest edition is packed full of great stories, with some fantastic competition prizes up for grabs too.

With Autumn upon us and children being back at school, we have teamed up with WHSmith to offer some great prizes through our Kidz Corner competition on the back page.

We've also got a special feature on the winner of our last Kidz Corner prize. Lucky five-year-old Yung, who lives in Kingswood Parks, managed to win himself a Fujifilm camera. You can read all about this on page 3.

In this edition, we're also delighted to be able to offer readers the chance to win a free unlimited one year pass for Cineworld, which presents the ideal opportunity for film fanatics to see all of the latest screenings – without paying a penny.

Meanwhile, on pages 10 and 11, we have taken a look at how house sales are continuing to rise in Kingswood Parks, despite the recession. House hunters continue to make the development their first stop when looking for a new property.

In addition to this, we have found out everything you need to know about the new health centre in Kingwood Parks, see pages 4 and 5.

We've also been out in the development chatting to residents to hear their views on how the facility will impact their lives.

It's fantastic to hear that pupils at the Kingswood College of Arts secondary school are doing so well. We went along to the school's GCSE results day to find out more.

We hope you enjoy reading the magazine and continue to actively encourage feedback via our website: www.kingswoodparks.co.uk

We are also delighted to announce that we've given our website a bit of a facelift, incorporating a video about why people love Kingswood Parks so much. Log on now to watch it and see if anyone you know has been caught on camera in and around the development!

Best Wishes Kelly

[On behalf of KPDC]

Restaurant *spy*

Linze Holt, a resident in Kingswood, sent in her review of a meal at Chiquitos



FREE meal at sizzling hot Chiquitos!

for a bite to eat at lunch or even a celebration meal on an evening. I have enjoyed many birthdays and special occasions there and would recommend it for the atmosphere.

For all my neighbours in Kingswood Parks who are looking for a night of Mexican ambience, look no further than Chiquitos.

This authentic restaurant is my first choice every time when my partner and I are looking for somewhere nearby to eat out. We like the wide variety of both hot and spicy food, as well as some of the more traditional dishes that are on offer there.

With a menu including everything from spare ribs, salads and burgers through to Chiquitos' unmistakable fajitas, I think there is something on offer for everyone. It's great

Chiquitos has an excellent kids menu if you're planning to go along as a family, and they also give little ones a fun pack on arrival so that they can spend their time colouring in and doing puzzles whilst waiting for their meal. The staff are really friendly too.

Although there is a really wide selection of other great restaurants in Kingswood Parks too, I would definitely suggest that Chiquitos is one of the liveliest, with a bustling bar area and fantastic music. You can't go wrong here! On this occasion, I opted for the chicken fajitas and my partner had the Chilli Con Carne. It was really delicious.

The verdict: The perfect location for special celebrations in a lively atmosphere or even just a treat at lunch!

Opening times: Monday to Saturday, 12noon to 11pm and Sunday, 12noon to 10.30pm.

Total price: (including a bottle of red wine): £34.15

Contact: (01482) 821690

You review it and eat for free...

Send in your own Restaurant Spy review and the receipt from your meal to the address on the back of the Voice. If your review is printed in our next edition, you will get your money back.

Kidz Corner winner enjoys a new state-of- the-art camera

Thank you very much for all your entries, we got some brilliant pictures and stories. Keep your entries coming in for our next competition on the back page, which gives you the chance to win a prize from WHSmith

**See back page for the latest
Kidz Corner competition**



The lucky winner of the last Kidz Corner competition was Yung Wen Ho, aged five, who lives in Kingswood Parks.

Our competition asked young readers to send in a photograph of their favourite location in Kingswood Parks, as well as including a letter about what they love about the place it was taken.

The competition prize was a brand new Fujifilm digital camera, with a built in LCD screen and flash, as well as lots of other fabulous features.

After being inundated with entries, we finally chose the winner. Yung was thrilled to hear that he had won a new, state-of-the-art camera from retailer Comet to capture more of his favourite moments.

Yung enjoys many different activities outside of school. His picture shows him on his bike in Kingswood Parks. He said: "I enjoy weekend activities and I like biking around the park up and down hills in Kingswood."

Because all the entries were fantastic we also offered a runner up prize to William Sanford who will enjoy spending £20 worth of WHSmith vouchers on items for school.

**Congratulations to Yung, we hope he
enjoys taking lots of photographs!**



What inspired you to have your picture taken here?: ▲

"Because I like to ride on my bicycle in the park and I like to slide down on my bicycle on the hill. I like the park it is big and the grass is green."

**Congratulations to our runner up
William who enjoyed spending his
WHSmith vouchers**



**What inspired you to have your
picture taken here?:** ▲

"I took this photo because Frankie and Benny's is my favourite place to go on Kingswood for a posh tea; I really like the music in there."



Kingswood Health Centre opens its doors on October 14th - find out more...



Residents in Kingswood Parks can now register at the new state-of-the-art Kingswood Health Centre.

The £2.5m facility started on site in January this year and is now opening its doors to the public. The Voice has been busy finding out everything you need to know about taking advantage of this 1,232 square metre development that is just around the corner...

How to register

The new health centre will include a GP practice run by the Haxby Group, a successful company based in York, which will also be providing services in new health centres on Priory Road and in Orchard Park.

- Visit www.haxbygrouphull.co.uk and click on "how to register" – you can fill in a form online to express your interest in joining the surgery
- The easiest way to register is to go into the health centre from October 14th onwards

Key to Health Centre Access map

- Kingswood Parks development
- New health centre
- Proposed village centre area
- Proposed School
- Vehicle and pedestrian access
- Pedestrian access only
- Future development
- Ings woodland

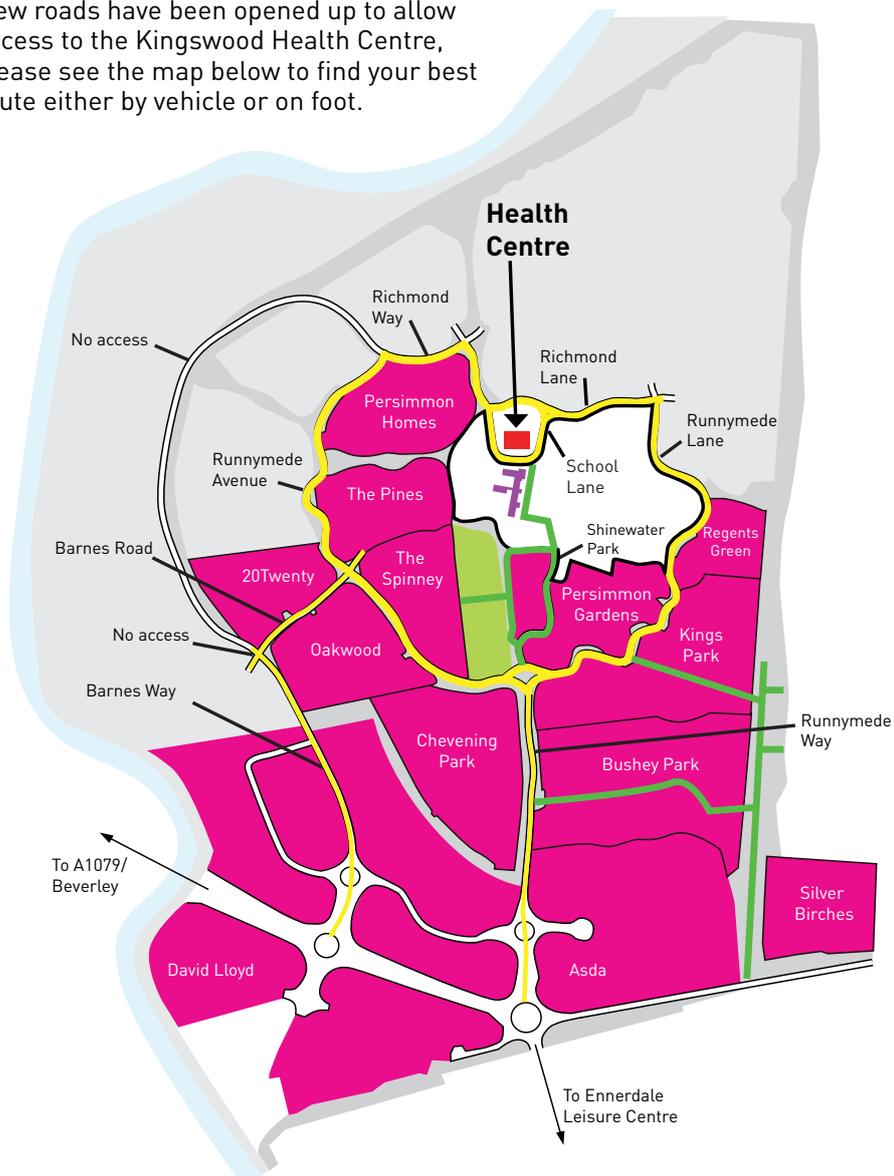
Are you in the catchment area for this health centre?

If you live in the area within the boundary shown by the pink line on the map on the right, you are eligible to register with Kingswood Health Centre.



How to get to the Kingswood Health Centre

New roads have been opened up to allow access to the Kingswood Health Centre, please see the map below to find your best route either by vehicle or on foot.





The new team at Kingswood Health Centre



How to make an appointment

- Patients at the Kingswood Health Centre can request to be seen at any of Haxby Group's surgeries, including Kingswood, Orchard Park and Priory Road
- Appointments can be made in person at the surgery, by telephone or online if you are over the age of 16 and have registered for this service at reception

- You must be a registered patient to book an appointment at the health centre

What services can I access at the new health centre?

- Haxby Group GP practice
- Pain management
- Community gynaecology
- Ear, nose and throat/audiology
- Neurology
- Mental health

Haxby Group will take up the entire ground floor initially with other services being developed on the first floor by NHS Hull, the city's primary care trust, including:

- Diabetic services from November 2009 onwards
- A midwife will be based there
- Other services are still being confirmed

Meet the Practice Manager

Neil Hewson, Practice Manager, is delighted that the new Kingswood Health Centre is opening and is keen to encourage patients to sign up.

He said: "Patients can either register their interest to join the practice on our website or simply come into the surgery to register fully with us."

"Our local staff are looking forward to working with the community

and we'll be conducting full, new patient checks at the centre because it's not just about getting patients mended, it's about keeping them fit."

Neil has big plans for the centre, which will be open from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, and is looking to recruit an active community patient user group, to represent a cross section of Kingswood to voice what services they would like provided in their area.



Neil Hewson

What do you think about the new health centre?



"It looks brilliant. It's kind of made the development like a proper village now."
Liam Carter, 17,
Linn Park



"It's a wonderful idea and it's going to help serve the community and make Kingswood Parks even more self sufficient."
Cherie Weir, 22,
Hornscroft Park



"It's helpful for me at the moment because I'm expecting twins, so it will be a bonus having the centre nearby hopefully for midwife appointments."
Caroline Davey, 30,
Knightley Way



"It's an asset to Kingswood Parks. My doctor is in Cottingham so I am very tempted to change to somewhere local."
Mike Coulsey, 59,
Knightley Way

Business focus

Taking a closer look at the businesses in Kingswood Parks. This issue we talk to Shaun Boanas, Chief Executive Officer of the Bonus Group...



The Bonus Group of companies is a family-owned business with its head office and main distribution centre on the Kingswood Parks business estate. Bonus Plug In Systems moved into the site this year, to join the Bonus Electrical team, who have been there for the past six years.

Established in 1962 by Eric Boanas, the business has firmly established itself as one of Yorkshire's leading independent electrical distributors – with a reputation for offering a convenient, efficient and friendly service.

With other businesses throughout the UK, Bonus Plug In Systems and Bonus Electrical Ltd remain at the centre of the business and are led by Shaun Boanas.

He said: "The Bonus Group consists of manufacturing, wholesaling, commercial and cable divisions, our products and services are used extensively in manufacturing caravans and motorhomes, the leisure home industry, building industry, and the electrical contracting and installation market. We have numerous trade counters around the region and notably we moved into the retail market five-years-ago when we opened the Bonus Electrical Superstore in Willerby.

"We have always delivered a comprehensive range of products, and we can offer individual, combined or tailored services to meet the needs of any customer anywhere in the UK."

Excellent personal service is something Bonus prides itself on, Shaun added: "We go out of our way to offer the best care and attention a customer should expect and that philosophy is what drives the business forward and keeps us a strong player in the marketplace."

www.bonuselectrical.co.uk



News from Kingswood College of Arts



Kingswood College of Arts' high achievers – congratulations to you all!

Kingswood College of Arts makes the grade

The atmosphere was tense at Kingswood College of Arts this Summer as students anxiously awaited their GCSE results. The students had mixed thoughts of what they were going to achieve.

This soon changed as relief and excitement hit the school and they were rewarded with the results that they had spent all year working for.

Kingswood College of Arts boasts some outstanding success stories amongst the students that attend the school. The majority of students excelled, achieving a high standard of 8 to 10 GCSEs with grades A to C (including Maths and English).

One pupil was diagnosed with glandular fever at the most critical time of his GCSE studies, but this didn't hinder his performance as he came out with a fantastic 10 GCSE grades including an A* in Physical Education.

A large proportion of students even achieved between 10 and 15 GCSE results – the school had seven male and eight female high achievers who achieved more than 11 A to C grades. One student even achieved 13 GCSEs, which included six A* grades and three A grades including Maths and Further Maths. He was more than happy with his results and it shows that all that revision does pay off.

The heart of the success at the school was the students with Special Educational Needs (SEN), 22% gained at least five A* to C grades, one particular student on the SEN register gained 12 A* to C grades and two other female students got 10 A* to C grades.

Overall, the school has more than exceeded previous years, the students have worked extremely hard and this school is pulling out all the stops to give the students of Kingswood College of Arts the best education possible, encouraging them to progress onto higher education.

Cinema's education scheme is a winner



Kingswood Parks' popular cinema has been getting involved with community projects, setting up a unique reward scheme for students at the local secondary school.

Cineworld, which works closely with Kingswood College of Arts, has been offering pupils the opportunity to win 10 pairs of tickets each week during term time for various achievements.

The unmissable incentives are on offer in exchange for areas of merit within their studies, including higher academic achievement, attendance and timekeeping, higher levels of improvement shown, enthusiasm and commitment.

Despite the fact the scheme has been up and running for just

over seven months, the team at Cineworld and the school have already seen it become a huge success.

Gary Cotton, who is General Manager at the cinema, says he is pleased to be running this community-focused scheme and he is eager to contribute to the pupils' advancement.

"It's a great opportunity to be involved in such a worthwhile scheme," he said.

"Cinema is a source of family entertainment and we can contribute by ensuring that achievers at Kingswood College of Arts can celebrate their success by visiting the cinema.

"We aim to give a high level of support to the school and this

partnership means we can give a positive contribution to the local area."

The team at Cineworld is keen to get involved with similar projects and organised a screening for around 70 school children aged over eleven from St Andrews School, in Sutton Park.

Earlier this year, the children were treated to a preview of Ice Age 3 and entered into a draw to win an array of prizes.

Ice Age 3 was just one of thirteen 3D films scheduled for release in 2009 at Kingswood Parks-based Cineworld.

Visit www.cineworld.co.uk for full details of what's currently showing or to book tickets.



WIN a FREE 12 month cinema pass for Cineworld



Enter now for your chance to win

We are delighted to be able to offer our readers a chance to win such a prestigious, exclusive prize courtesy of Cineworld. The winner of this prize will be able to watch any film, any time, any day for a whole year!

Continue reading if you want to have access to all your favourite films on tap. All you need to do is read everything on this page and answer the question below.

Question

How much does Cineworld's Unlimited pass cost each month, giving unlimited access to all films?

Please send your answers to Mercury, Kingston House, Saxon Way, Priory Park, Hessle, East Yorkshire HU13 9PB.

Please include your name, age, address and a daytime telephone number with your entry.

All answers should be sent back by November 30th 2009.

Coming to cinema screens near you in October is the latest 3D film 'UP'

A young Carl Fredrickson meets a young adventure spirited girl named Ellie. They both dream of going to a Lost Land in South America. 70 years later, Ellie has died. Carl remembers the promise he made to her. Then, when he inadvertently hits a construction worker, he is forced to go to a retirement home. But before they can take him, he and his house fly away. However he has a stowaway aboard - an eight-year-old boy named Russell, who is trying to get an assisting the elderly badge. Together, they embark on an adventure, where they encounter talking dogs, an evil villain and a rare bird named Kevin.

Fact File

- The cinema changed from UGC to Cineworld in November 2005
- Cineworld claims to host the largest screen in Hull and has nine screens
- Cineworld's screens include digital and 3D capacity. You won't just be watching the film, you will feel like your part of the action!
- Cineworld Hull is part of the largest 3D estate of any cinema in the UK
- Cineworld uses the technology from RealD; the world leaders in 3D effect

Great packages for all to enjoy!

- Unlimited Cinema - £13.50 a month (minimum 12 month contract, terms and conditions apply)
- Movies 4 Juniors - £1 a ticket at selected screenings every Saturday morning (adults with the juniors also get in for £1!)
- Bargain Tuesdays - cheap tickets for everyone on Tuesdays
- Orange Wednesdays - Buy one get one free when you text film to 241 (Orange mobile network customers only)
- Early Bird Tickets - cheap tickets before noon
- Family tickets - cheaper deal for a family of four

What's on between now and Christmas

Here is just a glimpse of what you can watch this autumn/winter, to find out about these films in more detail or for full listings, visit www.cineworld.co.uk

October releases

- UP
- Saw 6

November releases

- A Christmas Carol
- 2012
- The Twilight Saga - New Moon

December releases

- Avatar

The winner will be drawn from all correctly completed entries and the Editor's decision is final. There is no cash alternative for the prize. Please see www.kingswoodparks.co.uk for the full terms and conditions.

Riding out the recession in Kingswood Parks



House sales in Kingswood Parks have continued to rise this year, despite the economic climate. So what is making people invest in the development in the middle of a recession?

It is clear that many of the housebuilders are keen to help out first time buyers by adopting government-led schemes which ensure the money worries, that usually come hand in hand with investing in a new home, are less of a burden.

It's either these generous incentives or residents' continually increasing sense of community pride and belonging in Kingswood Parks that makes it so appealing to buyers. In fact, figures from the housebuilders show that sales in the area are either the same or better than this time last year.

Persimmon Homes is a prime example, the company says it has already seen a significant improvement in the first half of this year with figures returning to what they had been in 2007 and house prices stabilising after the recent drop.

Karen Harrowell, sales director at Persimmon Homes Yorkshire, said: "At this time most buyers who need a mortgage will be required to put down at least a 20% deposit, which is proving difficult for some.

"The government backed HomeBuy direct scheme is proving to be successful for first times buyers or buyers moving back into the market because it allows them to purchase with the aid of up to a 30% deposit, which is made up equally from government funds and funds from the developer which will then be paid back at a later date. The other 70% can then be obtained via a mortgage subject to status. We also have other shared equity schemes which may help and we can also help with money towards the deposit."

Similarly local, family-owned company Beal Homes is satisfied that the recession hasn't affected its sales at Kingswood Parks, reporting that they remain buoyant with visitor figures up by 70% compared with last year.



Sue Waudby, Beal Homes' sales and marketing director, said: "Now that house prices are stabilising and interest rates are at an all time low, people are keen to get moving. Our development Oakwood remains as popular as ever with families and first time buyers, because Kingswood Parks continues to be very much the location of choice in the Hull area."

Meanwhile Barratt Homes has had a 13% increase in visitors since last year and the sales team is confident this will continue to rise throughout 2009. Sales director at Barratt Yorkshire East, Paul Hogan, said: "We have a strong reputation for building high quality homes in great locations throughout the region which has enabled us to perform very well despite the tough economic backdrop."

"We are continuing to see great results thanks to the talent and commitment of our team here in East Yorkshire and we look forward to welcoming many more satisfied customers into 2010 and beyond."

David Wilson Homes is seeing similar results at its Kingswood Parks developments and believes this is largely thanks to the HomeBuy Direct scheme, which it too has adopted. Nicki Daniel, sales manager at David Wilson Yorkshire East, said: "Both of the developments at Kingswood Parks are absolutely stunning and HomeBuy Direct is a superb scheme which makes owning a dream home an affordable reality."

"Magnificent homes with fantastic local amenities are proving to be a winning combination at the spectacular developments in Kingswood Parks."

George Wimpey has reported that it has nearly sold all of its remaining houses on the Kingswood Parks development. Sales and marketing director Anne Bagshaw said: "We've had a very positive number of houses sold this year at the 20Twenty development, so much so that we've nearly sold out."

"The development has a fantastic feel to it and has ticked all the boxes for a number of people who have decided to make a home here. Thanks to their contemporary design, our homes have had a lot of interest from families and young professionals keen to move into the buzzing Kingswood Parks area."



"We've found our ideal home here"

"Kingswood Parks is a great place for us. It's a lovely area - nice and quiet, but with lots of shopping and leisure amenities close by."

This is the view of first time buyer Stacey Tomlinson, who recently purchased a Beal Homes property at Oakwood with her partner James Cooper.

Beal Homes offers first time buyers like Stacey and James a helping hand in getting onto the property ladder with its First Step Scheme. The scheme allows buyers to purchase properties at 75% of their price, giving them up to 10 years, or until the time of re-sale, to pay off the remaining value.

"19 first time buyers now own their own home thanks to our First Step scheme," explains Beal Homes' managing director Richard Beal. "The scheme is enabling them to purchase our homes when they are struggling to meet the high level of deposits required under current mortgage lending criteria."

For more information about any of the developers featured in this article, visit Kingswood Parks at www.kingswoodparks.co.uk where you'll find links to all of their websites.

Kidz Corner

competitions

WHSmith

WIN cool stationery for school!

You could be in with a chance of winning the latest stationery to make sure your pencil case is the coolest in your class!

WHSmith is offering the chance for one lucky reader to win all the essential equipment for school including a fantastic geometry set, notepads, pens, files and a rucksack filled to the top with the latest stationery.

To be in with a chance of winning all these fantastic items, please find the words that have been mentioned throughout this magazine in the word search below and submit your entry along with the completed entry form to the address at the bottom of this page by November 30th, 2009.

The Kidz Corner Club



Cut along here

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ School: _____

Tel No: _____ Parent's email: _____

Where is your favourite place to shop in Kingswood Parks and why? _____

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Good luck!