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Welcome to the Voice...

Welcome to the Kingswood Parks Voice magazine, produced by the Kingswood Parks Development Company (KPDC) to bring you updates on community life, new ventures and opportunities in our rapidly developing community.

News from the housebuilders

In this issue, Beal Homes gives us an insight into the modern building techniques that they employ to improve energy efficiency in homes on their new Westwood development. The impetus of housing development remains a dynamic aspect of life in Kingswood Parks and on pages 4 and 5, we take a look at the breathtaking new showhomes recently launched by Beal Homes, Charles Church Homes and Linden Homes. Our front cover features David Young and Kerry Wilson in front of their new Beal Canterbury home.

New Kingswood College of Arts building on track for January 2013

Kingswood College of Arts recently took the opportunity to show primary school pupils around the construction site of the college's brand new building, linking in with the pupils' spring term project on Arts and Buildings. See page 6 for this update on the college, which is well on course for its scheduled opening in January 2013.

Our Vision for Kingswood

By now, all residents in Kingswood Parks should have received a copy of our Vision Statement, which has been distributed to homes and all of the retail and leisure outlets in Kingswood Parks. If you haven't seen a copy, one is available to view on our website at www.kingswoodparks.co.uk

Find out more about the purpose of the document on Page 9 of this edition of the Voice.

Colours, coffee and compost

We speak to the winners of our last Kidz Corner competition (see page 2 below) and on page 8 the Kingswood Parks In Bloom 2011 competition winners tell us what they spent their B&Q vouchers on, while Lisa Dobson, our Costa Coffee competition winner, reviews one of her favourite coffee outlets on page 9. Why not enter our competition to win an overnight stay at the Premier Inn for your family and friends on Page 10?

Art enthusiast wins Kidz Corner watercolour set

The winner of our Kidz Corner colouring prize is five-year old Daniyar Guney, who lives in Halecroft Park. A keen participant in competitions, Daniyar loves colouring and painting, so his watercolour set, awarded to him by WH Smith, is perfect for this young enthusiast.

Daniyar used seasonal colours for the autumn scene in our picture and contrasted these against tones of purples and reds. He is thrilled with his prize and his Mum says winning this competition has really built his confidence in his abilities.

He enjoys tennis and recently started playing in formal competitive tournaments. He also swims and his interest in water sport is reflected in his preference for new facilities that he would like to see provided in Kingswood Parks - he suggests "boats and an aqua park"!



See back page for the latest Kidz Corner competition

Childs play at The Oyster Catcher

Local families have responded with delight to the Fuzzy Eds children's play area that opened at the Oyster Catcher pub in October last year.



Young visitors to the popular spot can enjoy climbing on tunnels, bridges, a three-metre drop slide, roll bar and lookout towers.

The Oyster Catcher provides bouncy balls and a toddlers' play area, in addition to a variety of interactive activities that encourage learning through play and craft. There is also an outside play area for milder-weather days.

The Oyster Catcher holds toddlers' 'Mini-Mover' sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9.30am to 3pm. Here, children and parents can enjoy creative sessions that include stories, singing, dancing and nursery rhymes, with juice and biscuits.

The play area can be reserved for birthday parties, whilst the restaurant also provides 2 for 1 offers on their main meals.

Jordan Jones from the venue says that the "Fuzzy Eds" play area has proved immediately popular, with local Mums welcoming it as an important part of community life in Kingswood Parks.



Win a Meal for Four!

The Oyster Catcher is offering one lucky local family the chance to win a meal for four in their restaurant. To enter the competition, please answer the following three questions:

1. When did The Oyster Catcher open its play area?
2. What is the drop length on the slide in Fuzzy Eds?
3. What days can you attend The Oyster Catcher's 'Mini-Mover' sessions?

Please send your answers to Mercury, 119 - 123 Marfleet Lane, Hull HU9 5RN. Remember to include your name, age, address, email address and a daytime telephone number.



New showhomes delight househunters

We have taken a look at some of the new showhomes popping up in Kingswood Parks to give househunters a brief overview of the new types of properties becoming available. Watch out in future editions of the Voice for profiles on other housebuilders' showhomes opening their doors!

House builder: Beal Homes

Showhome: The Carlton, 4 bedroom detached

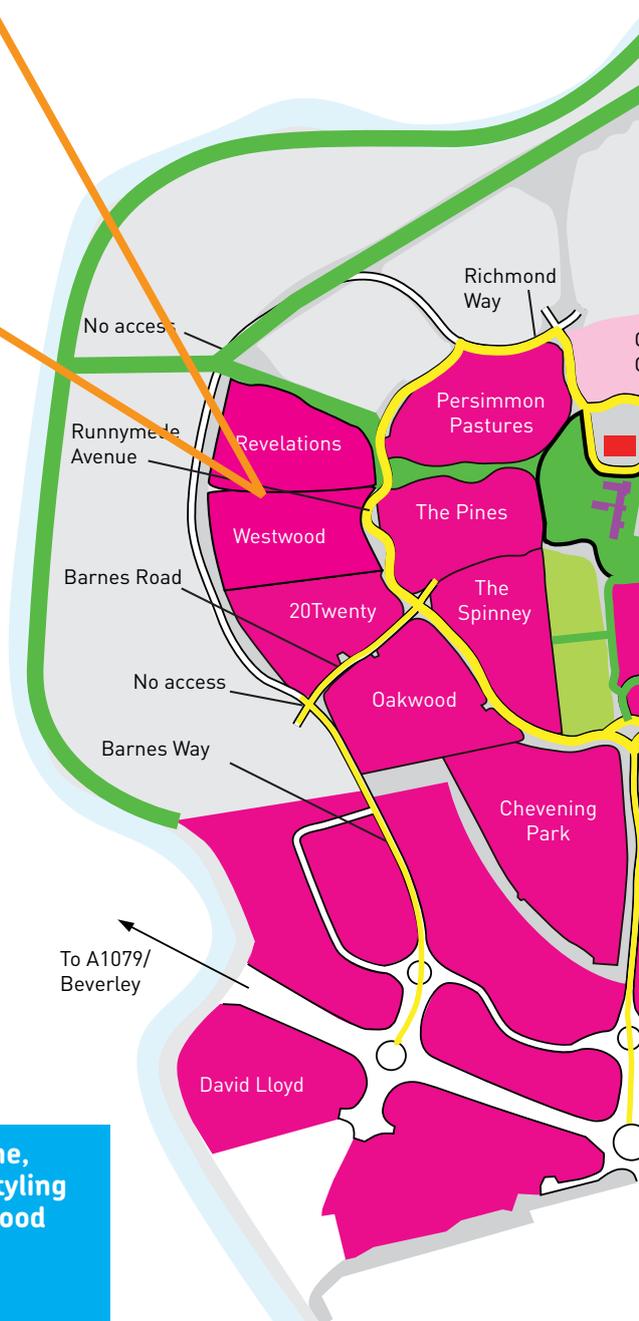
Development: Westwood

Price range: £129,995 to £279,995

House types: 2 to 4 bedroom coach house, semi-detached and detached

Contact: Freephone 0800 6121216

or visit www.beal-homes.co.uk



When David Young and Kerry Wilson wanted to buy a larger home, they were keen to remain in Kingswood Parks. With attractive styling and landscaping, their Canterbury house on Beal Homes' Westwood development is a super place to live.



Commenting on their move, David said: "We lived at Beal's Poolsbrook Park development in Kingswood and have really enjoyed living in this area so, when we were looking for a larger home with a purpose-built study for me to work from, we were keen to buy again at Kingswood. The variety and style of the Beal properties here, the build quality, attractive landscaping and great amenities just a walk away make Westwood and Kingswood Parks a super place to live."

Key

- Kingswood Parks development
- Health centre
- Proposed village centre area
- Proposed School
- Vehicle and pedestrian access

House builder: Charles Church Homes

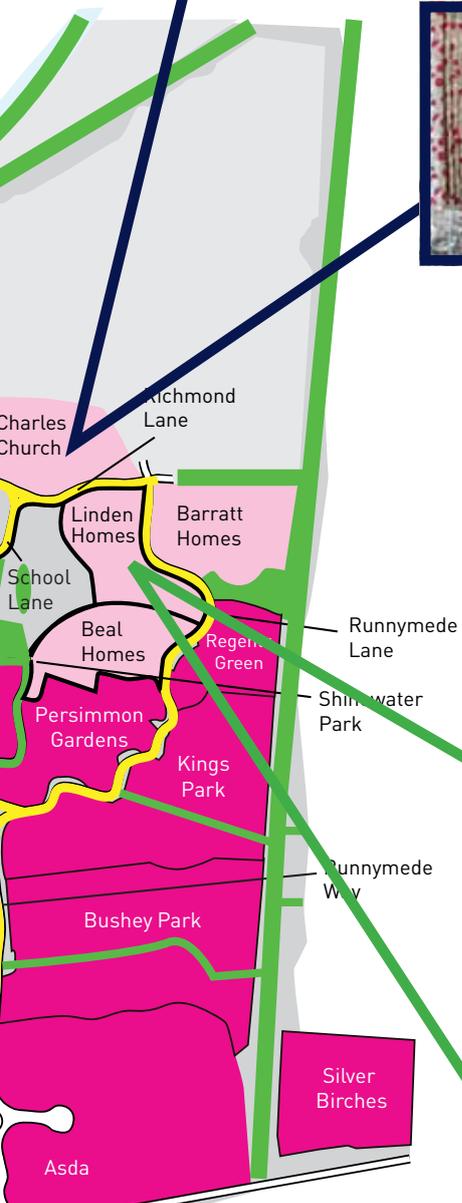
Showhome: The Burton, 5 bedroom detached

Development: Charles Church Meadows

Price range: £169,999 to £274,999

House types: 3 bedroom semi-detached, 3 to 5 bedroom detached

Contact: Call 01482 829654 or visit www.charleschurch.com



House builder: Linden Homes

Showhome: The Somersby, 3 bedroom detached

Development: Lindenwood

Price range: £109,950 to £189,950

House types: 1 to 4 bedroom, semi-detached and detached

Contact: Call 01482 821426 or visit www.lindenhomes.co.uk



Kids get advance viewing of Kingswood College of Arts

Staff and students at Kingswood College of Arts are delighted that building work is well underway and on schedule for its January 2013 opening. Primary school pupils who will eventually move up to the school have been given the opportunity to have a tour of the development work so far...



The whole community at Kingswood College of Arts has invested massively in helping to define the vision for the new school and is convinced that the project will be one of the most successful Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programmes in the country, bringing them a new and improved school building that they can be really proud of.

Students have enjoyed a unique opportunity to contribute to the design and build of their new school. They have been able to watch it taken through from the initial concept as it rose up from the ground, to its completion and scheduled opening in January 2013.

Kingswood College of Arts has been selected by Hull City Council as a site for additional multi-agency provision, which will include a range of community support services, as well as a business enterprise academy. The school's Learning Centre is already well known as a community hub and has





a tremendously successful programme of adult and family learning. These additional facilities will mean that the school will be able to provide even more support and services for the local community.

Kingswood College of Arts' determination to include the local community's ideas and preferences in the provisions for its new state-of-the-art premises, bore creative results during a recent visit by 90 pupils from Bransholme-based Highlands Primary School.

The Year 5 and 6 pupils visited the site – a development which is part of Hull's £400m BSF programme designed to transform learning in Hull – in preparation for their spring term project on Arts and Buildings.

The project requires the pupils to study the three dimensional aspects of buildings and sculpture as a reference point for making their own models. So, donning hard hats and luminous vests, the pupils enjoyed the privilege of an advance viewing of the contemporary facilities currently under construction at Kingswood College of Arts, including a professional theatre, state-of-the-art science laboratories, a sports hall, a hairdressing salon and manufacturing and construction workshops. In preparation for beginning secondary school next year or the year after, they were shown the Year 7 areas, including the outside terrace and the range of dining areas.

The flagship new build is being delivered by national construction company Morgan Sindall, part of Hull Esteem Consortium.

Tony Hammond, Director of Resources, said: "From day one, we pledged that our new building would respond to the needs of its users. We have consulted with primary school pupils many times, in addition to seeking the views of our own students and staff – and we know that the new Kingswood College of Arts will be a truly inspirational place, and a source of great pride.

"The Highlands visit allowed us to gain further insight into what our future students want from their new building, as well as giving them the exciting opportunity of having a site tour. I would like to say a huge thank you to Steve Parks and other Morgan Sindall staff, who helped us ensure the pupils had a fantastic day."

The Highlands pupils also visited Kingswood College of Arts' current art and IT facilities, including the gallery and the Learning Centre, where the children could access digital plans and images of the new school and write blogs of their impressions and suggestions. Over the following four weeks, the classes took turns to return to the college for further training in creating their 3D models and the college arranged an exhibition of their work.



Wildlife and Winners Enjoy Revamped Garden

Kingswood Parks In Bloom 2011 Winners



The 2011 winners of our Kingswood Parks In Bloom competition, Angela and Neil Jennison invited us to see the marvellous transformation which they have made to their back garden, using the £1,000 voucher prize we gave them from B&Q.

Their stylish and imaginative front garden won first place in the Kingswood Parks In Bloom 2011 competition and now Angela and Neil Jennison have used their prize to completely make over their back garden. Investing their £1,000 voucher from B&Q in pavers, limestone chippings, trellis panels, arbour seats, edging, solar lighting and paint, they have created a haven of relaxation where they can enjoy the wildlife attracted to their fauna-friendly garden,

for which they have also purchased new birdfeeders. They are enjoying entertaining their friends on their new patio area adjoining the freshly painted summer house, varnished garden furniture and new hanging basket brackets.



The prize coincided perfectly with the couple's plans to transpose their raised vegetable beds to their new allotment. Accordingly, they invested in equipment which could be used here too, such as cordless power tools, a hosepipe, plant food and compost.

Angela describes the shopping trip to B&Q as a thoroughly enjoyable experience. She said: "It was such good fun, because we could never in our wildest dreams have anticipated winning such a generous prize.

"The changes we have made with our winnings meant we could do everything in a few weeks! It would have taken us an awful lot longer to save up the money to do everything we wanted."



“I grew Kingswood’s tallest sunflower!”



Scarlett Jameson is walking tall after winning our Tallest Sunflower competition last summer, with a prize trip to take a friend to Flamingoland. Scarlett had a wonderful time on their visit to the theme park, where they particularly enjoyed the pirate ship ride and seeing the giraffes. The green-fingered 7-year-old was very proud of her 9 foot 5 inch tall sunflower.

Our Vision for Kingswood



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If for any reason you haven't seen a copy, one is available to view on our website at www.kingswoodparks.co.uk. Simply click on the link on our homepage.

The document tells residents about Kingswood Parks Development Company's vision for the future and how potential improvements to the development could be funded.

We believe that local people will find it very informative in terms of the future of their local area and how they can play a part in shaping it.

We really want to hear residents' views about the vision, so please send us your feedback via the website or on the form provided at the back of the vision document.

The Kingswood Pub is one of my favourite places

We offered readers the chance to win two free coffees every week for a year at the popular Costa Coffee outlet that opened in Kingswood Parks last year.

Coffee lover Lisa Dobson was our lucky winner and we have asked her to regularly report back on other popular places where she enjoys drinking coffee. In this issue, she tells us how much she enjoys the coffee and ambience at The Kingswood pub.

“I am fortunate enough to live in Kingswood Parks which offers everything you could possibly need on your doorstep or within walking distance.

One of my favourite places to go, especially on a weekend, is The Kingswood pub. It is a great place to meet friends or just to have a meal with your loved ones.

They have a great food menu with something on that everyone should like. The prices are reasonable and they have offers on Monday to Friday, 11.30am to 6.30pm where main meals are only £4.99.

The atmosphere is relaxed with music on in the background and the staff are always polite and friendly.

The decor is modern with plenty of tables for everyone and lots of outdoor space for the summertime. This is great for kids to play or sit outside with the dog, when you have made a slight detour on the walk.

I love the coffees there as they have a Costa Coffee machine. They may not have the full selection of what a Costa bistro may sell but it is still a good selection to choose from. I personally love the Latte in the tall glass cups, sitting in one of their comfy chairs and catching up with friends.

It's a place I would highly recommend and I will continue to visit myself.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Dobson'.



Hull North Premier Inn attracts international guests to Kingswood Parks

Our local Premier Inn is one of a group of companies within the Whitbread plc, but there is a family-owned feeling to this hotel and restaurant that is situated in the heart of Kingswood Parks



The hotel and its onsite Table Table restaurant, has seen a steady increase in business clients over the last three years, with companies seeking high quality premises and an excellent standard of service, at cost effective prices. This, says Deputy General Manager Chris Holmes, is a result of their business model, which has been to provide a three and four star hotel experience at a one and two star budget.

Regular visitors to the hotel include national and international directors of locally-based companies, training delegates and, more recently, contractors for the new Kingswood College of Arts development. The hotel also attracts business visitors from the city centre, whose numbers are expected to continue increasing in the wake of enterprise development in the city.

The variety of national and international events that take place in our region is well represented amongst hotel guests, including Beverley Racecourse and Bishop Burton College's dedicated equestrian centre. Premier Inn last year hosted Canadian, French and Italian guests who were members of polo teams that were competing at the college. Sports events organised at David Lloyd fitness centre and the Ennerdale leisure centre also attract visitors to the area.

The facilities are designed to separate the pub celebrations from the quieter restaurant, however, so guests can still enjoy a relaxing dining experience during these occasions.

Originally a family-owned business, Whitbread Brewery started the UK's first purpose-built, mass production brewery in 1750. Whitbread became a public-owned company in 2001.

The Hull North Premier Inn has retained much of the family character of the original parent company. A number of its members of staff are relatives and repeat visitors to both the hotel and the restaurant, contribute a warm familiarity to the venue. Chris said: "Although we work within a corporation, we feel like we are working in a family business."



www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/HULKIN/hull-north
www.tabletable.co.uk

The hotel is a perfect venue for accommodating visiting family and friends and it remains closely involved with the Kingswood Parks community. The hotel and restaurant supports local schools and charities and staff are planning a Charity Auction to raise funds for the Intensive Care Unit at Hull Royal Infirmary's Maternity Unit soon after Easter.

The Table Table restaurant and Kingswood pub next door cater for seasonal events, with budget offers on meals and drinks. Music is often provided by local DJ and Kingswood Parks resident, Mark Harrison. Two television screens in the pub and restaurant provide TV coverage of events such as the Clipper races, the Hull Freedom Festival and football tournaments.

Invite Friends or Family - Win a Family Room for Four!

Win an overnight stay in Kingswood Parks for visiting friends or family. The Hull North Premier Inn is offering a lucky resident the opportunity to win a family room for four, available on any day of the week.

To enter the competition draw, just answer the following two questions:

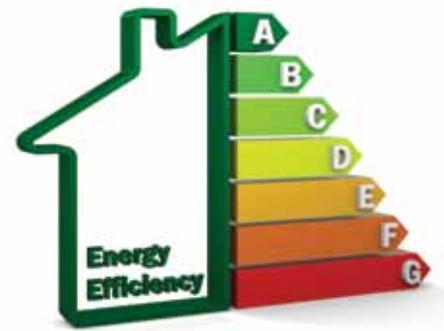
1. Name two local events that have attracted visitors to stay at Hull North Premier Inn in Kingswood Parks.
2. In what year did Whitbread Brewery set up business?

Please send your answers to Mercury, 119 - 123 Marfleet Lane, Hull HU9 5RN. Remember to include your name, age, address, email address and a daytime telephone number.



Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive offers and news from Hull North Premier Inn.

Smart Homes Rate High Energy Efficiency



Under pressure of high energy prices and the requirement to conform with government targets to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, Kingswood Parks residents can enjoy a measure of respite in the knowledge that their new-build homes are energy “smart”.

One local Kingswood Parks housebuilder, Beal Homes, has raised the standard even higher and recommends that house buyers check the energy efficiency ratings of a home before buying, to ensure savings of hundreds of pounds a year on energy bills.

Beal's new homes at the Kingswood Parks Westwood development have received a B-grade rating for their top-of-the-range Carlton home, which provides 84% efficiency on its four bedroom, detached houses.

Other home designs at Beal's Westwood are rated at 83%, a significant improvement on the average 78.3% C rating for comparative new-build homes in our region.

Richard Beal, Beal Homes' managing director, said: “The consistently good energy ratings of the homes at Westwood are achieved through careful design and building quality. New initiatives, like smart meters and two zone heating are also contributing to the B ratings.”

It is no wonder energy efficiency is now a key factor in choosing a home for Kingswood Parks residents like Daren and Stephanie Pinkney, who moved to a smart, detached Runswick at the Westwood development in October. Having built three of their previous homes themselves, the couple appreciates how modern construction methods save energy.

Daren said: “With new homes, everything – windows, insulation, heating systems – is to the latest specification. You need to spend a lot of money on an older house to bring it anywhere near the standards of a new one.

“Our home has a new generation of heating system with two zone programming, which means we can set the upstairs heating separately and we are not heating it unnecessarily to be warm downstairs. Stephanie has memories of living in big, cold houses, so it's great to enjoy the warmth here without the same worry about bills.

“House design is important too. The Runswick has been really well designed so that we get lots of natural light in the house.”

Warmth was also high on the list of ‘must haves’ for Charlotte Parker and Christopher Miles. They moved into a Windsor at Westwood in December.

Memories of growing up in a big Edwardian house were in Charlotte's mind when the couple were house hunting. “I love older houses, but eventually my parents left my childhood home because the bills were ridiculous”, she said. “New homes are less expensive to run – everything is new, including appliances, which are all A rated. It's brilliantly warm and, with a smart new meter, we can monitor and manage energy usage.”

Richard Beal added: “We set ourselves tough targets and are pleased that every one of our home designs at Westwood is achieving a B rating. However, we're not complacent and continue to explore ways of improving energy efficiency still further, keeping up to date with new technology and looking at how renewable energy can be used in future.”



Charlotte Parker and Christopher Miles in their B rating Beal Windsor home:

“It's brilliantly warm and we can monitor and manage energy usage.”

Kidz Corner

competitions



Win a £200 photoshoot for you and your family!

Simply write a Haiku poem for us to be in with a chance...

Haiku poems are short Japanese poems of only three lines. We like this seasonal one from the Primary Resources website www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/pdfs/00haiku.pdf

**Late showers falling
Tiny blossoms open and
Greet the new warm sun.**

We want readers of our Kidz Corner to send us their three line Haiku poems about life in Kingswood.

The winner of the competition will receive a free photoshoot for up to five people in Mercury Photos' state-of-the-art studio in Marfleet Lane, east Hull.

Following the photoshoot, the winner will be sent a DVD slideshow of all of their photographs, as well as all of the photos on disc with full copyright to print them.

To see examples of other lifestyle photoshoots that have taken place there, visit the company's website: www.mercury-photos.co.uk



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