

## CONNECTED COUNTRY LIVING

### WELCOME

Welcome to the **Ryewood** newsletter. In this issue, we update you on Easter events around the area, reveal the details on the latest property releases with *Help to Buy* and learn some sustainable tips and tricks for travel. It's all in our quarterly newsletter, delivered straight to your door.

### WHAT'S ON



#### LINDT GOLD BUNNY HUNT!

Hop along to Easter at *Hever Castle* with the Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt from 19th March to 10th April. Join in with this Easter adventure in following the trail and discovering where the bunny has been on his magical journey. Spot the clues to find his missing friends, then hand in your answers at the end to receive a delicious Lindt chocolate treat!

Kids will have the chance to make and decorate an Easter bonnet at the daily craft workshop, then parade their creation in a friendly competition taking place twice daily (1pm and 4pm).

Don't miss out on entering the castle to take the Easter quiz where you can learn all about Easter traditions and discover the history of why we eat chocolate at Easter.

A visit to the restaurants is an absolute must for some tasty seasonal food and Easter treats, with a tempting variety of cupcakes and biscuits on offer for all. The *Hever Shop* is also stocked full with an array of mouth-watering Easter goodies, including dairy free options so there's something to tempt every chocolate lover out there.

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### ECO EASTER BIRDS

Use different techniques to create your own original printed Eco Easter Bird! Learn how to use stencils, potato stamps and collage to create your own original printed pattern of recycled card. Develop it into an Eco Easter Bird by drawing, cutting and folding to add features and make your bird truly unique!

The workshop is held at the *Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve* and led by local artist and experienced tutor, Elaine Thompson. Suitable for adults and children aged 6+. Children under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

One hour sessions – 10am, 11am and 12pm.  
Cost £6.00

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### MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

*Hever Castle* is giving you the opportunity to show your mum just how much you love her with a wonderful family day out on Mother's Day Weekend. Treat her to a delicious meal or simply enjoy some quality family time together.

Children can decorate a flower pot as a gift for mum on her special day in a free craft workshop. There's also a biscuit decorating workshop for those catering to mums with a sweet tooth!

For an extra special day, celebrate with a delicious lunch or afternoon tea in the elegant *Guthrie Pavilion* restaurant, situated in the Italian Garden overlooking the lake. Pre-booking is essential.

*Flower pot decorating workshop – free of charge*  
*Biscuit decorating workshop – £1.75\**  
*Pre-booked lunch – £29.50pp (£12/child)\**  
*Pre-booked afternoon tea – £19.50pp (£10/child)\**

\*cost is an addition to admission price

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### NEWLY DRESSED SHOWHOME NOW OPEN!

The last remaining 5 bedroom showhome, dressed by *Phoenix Interiors* is now available to view. This stunning five bedroom detached house boasts a superior specification, with garage, two parking spaces and a south facing private garden. The property is available for immediate occupation and priced at **£995,000\***. The showhome furniture can be purchased under separate negotiation. If you want to find out more, please call one of our Sales Consultants today on **01732 740402** or email [ryewood@berkeleyhomes.co.uk](mailto:ryewood@berkeleyhomes.co.uk).



Photography depicts the Ryewood showhome and is indicative only. \*Price correct at the time of going to print.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATE

Katrina Borrowdale



Congratulations to *Jo Teare* (formally known as *Jo Goddard*) who got married in December last year! We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jo and her husband who are expecting a baby boy in April!

Jo will be going on maternity leave in March and handing over to the lovely *Katrina Borrowdale*. Katrina has worked for Berkeley for over two years at our *Holborough Lakes* development as Sales Consultant and is now transitioning into her new role as Customer Relations Manager at *Ryewood*.

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL: SUN, SAND AND CO2

UPDATE FROM SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR, ANTHONY BARRON

The idea of travelling sustainably naturally appeals to the conscientious traveller, especially when our holidays can account for as much as 30% of our annual carbon footprint. But how do you travel responsibly whilst still enjoying your well-earned break? Well, it can be really simple and could even save you money.

Here are my top tips for eco-travel:

### 1. Turn it off before you go

Travelling sustainably starts before you've even left home. Making sure appliances in your home are switched off, setting your heating to a lower setting or frost protection and making sure any food that might go off is finished, or even donated to neighbours or friends.

### 2. Go non-stop

If you are travelling abroad by plane try to choose a non-stop flight, as take-offs and landings are the most carbon intensive parts of the journey. The flight path is also likely to be more direct reducing the carbon emissions.

### 3. Look for a seal

Choose hotels, B&B's or holiday lets that have sustainable credentials. Look for logos like the *Green Tourism* logo, which has over 2,000 accredited accommodation options worldwide, or *Travelife*, that accredits over 1,500 hotels internationally.

### 4. Do not disturb

If you are staying in a hotel stick the 'Do Not Disturb' sign on your door for



the duration of your stay. This reduces the waste in having your room hoovered, towels changed and cleaning chemicals wasted every day.

### 5. Keep it local & responsible

Eat local food and buy local produce when on holiday. Not only will this cut out the air miles of imported goods, but also helps supporting the local economy. Make sure you avoid products that could be from illegal logging, the ivory trade or slave labour.

### 6. Offset the rest

Whatever you can't reduce offset. A number of major airlines now give you the option of offsetting the carbon emissions of your flight. If not, then why not calculate the carbon footprint and offset using sites like carbonfootprint.com.

*Want to learn more about living a more sustainable lifestyle? Please contact our Sustainability Advisor: Anthony.Barron@berkeleygroup.co.uk*

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BY ANDY LEWIS, PROJECT MANAGER

The success of the *Ryewood* development throughout 2016 culminated on 13th January 2017 at the *NHBC National Pride in the Job Awards* held at the *Westminster Plaza Hotel*. Although we narrowly missed out on the top award, *Ryewood* was recognised as the number 1 site in the South East and in the top 10 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. *The NHBC Pride in the Job Awards* is the benchmark for construction quality excellence and as such to receive this award 2 years running is a phenomenal achievement for all involved in the scheme. Next year we are hoping to go one better.

We have now entered the final phases of construction with the superstructure for *Woodland Avenue* and *Coppice Drive* having commenced in February 2017. For the first time on the development we are using a timber frame construction method for *Phase 8A* which brings with it a different set of challenges. *Phase 5B* will be the next set of units to be completed with a total of 35 apartments being released for occupation in quarter 4 this year. Currently we are on course to complete all phases on programme to achieve our project completion date in 2018.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any suggestions of your own – eateries you'd like to recommend, events you've enjoyed, or even groups you are involved in, please let us know. Similarly, if there is something you'd like to find out more about, please send us an email at: ryewood@berkeleygroup.co.uk



We are happy to announce that *Help to Buy* is now available on selected plots at *Ryewood*! We know it's not easy buying your first home or moving up to a new one. Large deposits can take a long time to

save for and sometimes it's difficult to secure sufficient mortgage finance. But help is at hand, thanks to Berkeley and *Help to Buy*. *Help to Buy* is the new scheme backed by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) which works with selected developers to make

it easier for you to buy a new home. Here are the facts...

- 5% deposit required
- 20% is covered by a HCA quality loan which doesn't have to be repaid until you sell
- You obtain a mortgage for 75% of the price
- Available to first time buyers and current homeowners who meet the qualifying criteria

- Exclusively for owner occupiers
- There's no upper limit on your household income

If you are interested in the *Help to Buy* scheme, please contact our Sales Consultants.

Don't forget, if you recommend a friend with our *Recommend a Friend* scheme and they go on to successfully purchase at *Ryewood*, we will give you **£1,000!**  
**Find out more today on 01732 740402**

\*Subject to terms and conditions. Referral to be announced at the point of reservation. Please speak to our Sales Consultants for further details.



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