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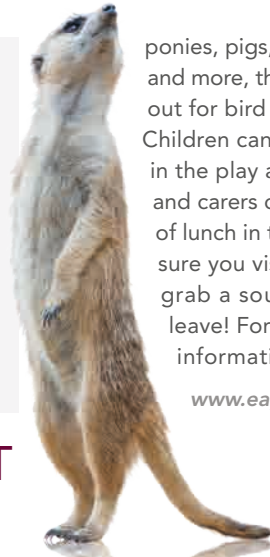
Welcome to the *Ryewood* newsletter. In this issue, we reveal the details on the latest property releases, discuss up and coming events in the local area and get to know your Customer Relations Manager. It's all in our quarterly newsletter, delivered straight to your door.

PLACES TO VISIT NEAR YOU!

One of the many pleasures of living at *Ryewood* is there is always so much going on in the local area. We've listed just a few places that are open throughout autumn which are well worth a visit.

EAGLE HEIGHTS WILDLIFE PARK

This small animal park is based in the beautiful *Darent Valley*, near *Brands Hatch* in Kent and is about a 20 minute drive away from *Ryewood*. With over 100 birds of prey plus a reptile house, meerkats, otters, goats, donkeys,



ponies, pigs, camels, cheetahs and more, this is the perfect day out for bird and animal lovers! Children can meet new friends in the play area, while parents and carers can stop for a spot of lunch in the tea room. Make sure you visit the gift shop to grab a souvenir before you leave! For prices and further information, please visit:

www.eagleheights.co.uk

Opening times
Summer
10.30am to 5.00pm
Winter
11.00am to 4.00pm

LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA

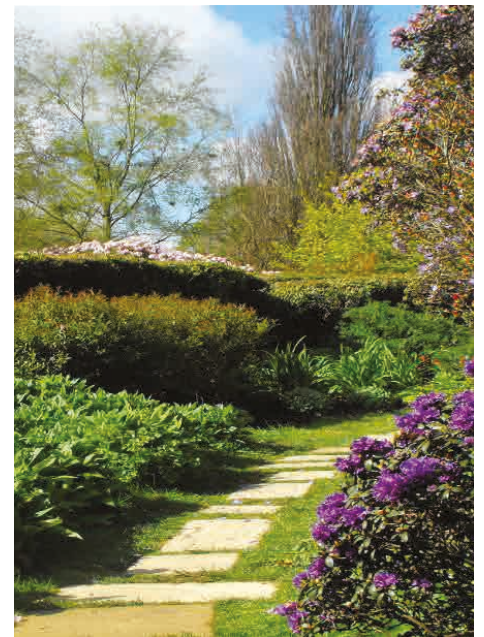
Consider yourself a keen historian? *Lullingstone* is among one of the most outstanding Roman villa survivals in Britain and provides a unique, all-weather family day out. Just over 20 minutes' drive away, the villa first began in about AD 100. Today, you can still view the spectacular mosaics and prints of the rare wall paintings, the heated bath-suite and the 'horse-church'. Children can go back in time, wearing the Roman costumes and playing traditional board games from the time period. Don't miss the display of artefacts, including two human skeletons!

Open daily 10am – 6pm
For prices and further information, please visit the website:
www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/lullingstone-roman-villa

EMMETTS GARDEN

The charming *Emmetts*, once owned by Frederic Lubbock, can be reached in under 15 minutes by car and is well worth a visit if you are a lover of the great outdoors. Considered 'a garden for all seasons', there are a variety of different gardens, views and events held throughout the year, great for the family and friends alike. *Emmetts Gardens* welcomes dogs on short leads too, so the entire family can enjoy the day out. Don't miss the spooky Halloween Pumpkin trail running throughout the month of October, starting from Saturday 22nd – 10am until 4pm. There are prizes to be won too! For prices and further information, please visit:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/emmetts-garden



THE LAUNCH OF WOODLAND AVENUE

On Saturday, 10th September, we will be launching *Woodland Avenue*, the latest phase of apartments at *Ryewood*. *Woodland Avenue* comprises a collection of contemporary one and two bedroom apartments, each with an enviable specification, bespoke design and many with private terraces or balconies. The phase offers a communal sensory garden and the convenience of underground parking. To find out more ahead of the launch, please visit our website www.ryewood.co.uk or call one of our Sales Consultants on **01732 740402**.



PLASTIC: HERE TODAY... STILL HERE TOMORROW!

UPDATE FROM SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR,
ANTHONY BARRON

Approximately 8 million tonnes of plastic end up in our oceans every year. The majority of this plastic will never biodegrade. Instead, it breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, ending up in the digestive systems of fish and other aquatic life, sea birds and even us.

Plastic is such an integral part of our lives that banishing it entirely is unlikely to happen anytime soon. That said, we can all do our bit to reduce this waste. Here are just a few ideas for reducing your plastic waste and doing your bit for our oceans.

1. Face off

A lot of the plastic in our oceans is micro-plastics, commonly added to face creams, toothpaste and other cosmetics. These little beads are intended to be exfoliators, but many wastewater treatment facilities aren't able to stop them. There are a number of biodegradable alternatives, so avoid items with "polypropylene" or "polyethylene" on the ingredients list.

2. Kick the bottle

Not buying bottled water and re-filling bottles is an easy way to cut plastic waste.

3. Bring your own

Take your own re-usable coffee mug or thermos when you visit a coffee shop. Disposable coffee cups might look like paper but are usually lined with plastic resin. Some coffee shops even offer a discount for bringing your own. Starbucks offers 25p off your drink!

4. Re-use shopping bags

Not only will this save you the 5p bag tax, but with some sources estimating around a trillion plastic bags are used annually around the world, this will cut down your plastic waste considerably.

5. Switch your razor

Instead of throwing a plastic razor in the bin every month, switch to a razor with a replaceable blade.

6. Store food sustainability

Instead of using plastic bags and wrapping food in cling film, use re-usable Tupperware or paper bags.

Want to learn more about living a more sustainable lifestyle? Please contact our Sustainability Advisor:

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GET TO KNOW JOANNE GODDARD



Jo, formally known as Joanne Goddard is the Customer Relations Manager at Ryewood, your dedicated point of contact, who

is on hand to answer any questions and queries and to help you with all aspects of the customer journey, from exchange to completion. Jo will assist with the exciting task of choosing the selections for your new home and will update you throughout the build progress, with photographs to accompany. Jo can take you on site to visit your property throughout the build stages and will discuss completion dates with you, before finally carrying out a home demonstration of the property, prior to you moving in. So, take the time to get to know Jo!

1. How long have you worked for Berkeley Homes?

Three and a half years.

2. What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I love seeing people's faces when they come to view their property once the tiles and kitchen fittings have commenced and their new home has started to take shape. It's that moment it all seems to become real for them.

3. How long have you been working in the Customer Care industry?

I worked in the motor industry for 14 years prior to working for Berkeley

so I have been in a customer facing role for a long time.

4. What's your favourite part about the Ryewood development?

Ryewood has a real sense of community which continues to grow as more and more phases complete. If I am walking round the development, I feel like a celebrity as everyone waves and wants to chat!

5. Why is it important to have a dedicated Customer Relations Manager for each development?

Having one dedicated person provides purchasers with an individual experience which is far more personal. I think it's helpful for purchasers to have someone who is experienced in the industry to share their expertise and to offer them advice when needed.

6. Is there anything that you can help with that customers may be unaware of?

You can use our new *My Home Plus* service, which is an online resource to manage key aspects of your home. This includes; a step-by-step guide of the buying process, updates on the construction progress, viewing the buying and living guides and choosing your options and choices in your new home.

7. If you could pass on a message to the customers of Berkeley, what would it be?

Enjoy the whole customer journey with Berkeley Homes!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BY ANDY LEWIS, PROJECT MANAGER

Aspen Place and the *Mulberry Collection* are both on target for completion with occupations progressing steadily.

The construction of the latest phase, *Woodland Avenue* continues to gain momentum and we are happy to report that all concrete works are complete and brickwork has now commenced. In the upcoming months, we will be continuing with the superstructure to this phase which will include the erection of scaffolding.

WE WILL GIVE YOU £500*

Why not recommend a friend with our *Recommend a Friend* scheme? If you refer a friend, family, colleague or acquaintance and they go on to successfully purchase at Ryewood, we will give you £500! If you want to find out more, call one of our Sales Consultants today on 01732 740402.

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

*Subject to terms and conditions. Please speak to our Sales Consultants for further details.



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