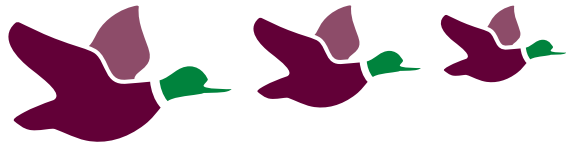


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RELOCATION: DAVID WILSON DEVELOPMENT HAD THEIR IDEAL HOME

A dream move for family

Relocating can be a worrying time, particularly for parents, but the Maher family have no regrets about upping sticks and moving from Essex to David Wilson East Midlands' The Chestnuts development in Syston.

David Maher, 39, was offered a new position in Whetstone that was just too good an opportunity to turn down so he and his wife, Sandra, 37, and their two children Shannon, 10, and eight year-old Daniel, made the decision to move to Leicestershire.

Housewife Sandra said: "We thought long and hard about moving so far from home but the offer was just too good to pass up. Of course, we had the usual concerns like whether we would settle into the new area but our main concern was the children and their happiness."

The Mahers started their hunt for a new home and after considering a range of different new build developments,

they found their dream new home at David Wilson's The Chestnuts in Syston.

Sandra added: "We've only ever lived in new build properties so knew from the outset that we wanted a brand new home.

"There are many benefits to buying new - you get a 10 year NHBC guarantee, you can move straight into your new home without having to do any DIY and with David Wilson you are covered by its five-year fixtures and fittings guarantee.

"We looked around a number of David Wilson developments but fell in love with the Linford-style home, so when one became available at The Chestnuts, we didn't hesitate in snapping it up."

The Linford is a five-bedroom family home which includes two en suites, a study, utility room and a double detached garage.

The Chestnuts is located off Barkby Road in Syston. It has a range of two, three and four-bedroom homes with prices starting from £134,994.

To find out more, call the sales hotline on 0844 811 5544 or visit: www.dwh.co.uk



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PERFECT BUY
New home is bought with a low-deposit mortgage

Regional housebuilder gears up for Christmas with festive community event

THE weather outside may be frightful but visitors will find something quite delightful at Barratt East Midlands' Stephenson's Place development in Coalville today.

The housebuilder is getting into the Christmas spirit by

hosting a special festive event between 4pm and 6pm, and is inviting everyone along to help celebrate the countdown to the big day.

Mince pies and festive drinks will be on offer and those who attend will also be treated to

some traditional Christmas carols from Coalville Male Voice Choir.

Mark Wright, managing director at Barratt East Midlands, comments: "With just three weeks until Christmas, we're gearing up for the fest-

ive season by hosting this special Christmas event at our Stephenson's Place development in Coalville.

"Residents are being invited along to enjoy a selection of carols from Coalville Male Voice Choir as well as being

treated to some festive drinks and mince pies.

"We thought it was the ideal place to hold an event like this. We're hoping that the residents of not just Stephenson's Place, but of Coalville too, join us to help celebrate."

The Christmas event is being held between 4pm and 6pm at the sales office of Stephenson's Place.

To find out more, call the sales hotline on 0844 811 3377 or visit:

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BARRADALE COURT, LEICESTER - 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND 3 BEDROOM HOMES - COMING SOON!



Barradale Court opening January 2011

David Wilson homes are soon to open a fantastic new development in Leicester: Barradale Court will offer a selection of 2 bedroom apartments and 3 bedroom homes, all of which will have generous kitchens and bathrooms, intelligently designed living areas and built in David Wilson quality.

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Trainees are the kids from frame

Construction students from Leicester College have visited one of the biggest low-cost homes schemes in the city to learn about timber frame as part of their studies.



LEARNING: Construction students from Leicester College

A total of 13 trainee bricklayers and two lecturers from the college's Freemans Park campus visited the £15m project on Ross Walk, in the Belgrave area of Leicester, where 119 new affordable homes are being built by Westleigh Developments using timber frame construction methods.

The students, all working towards their Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying, of which timber is one of the modules, were shown around by Westleigh senior site manager Jason Mann, who talked them through the various stages of timber frame construction.

Lee Merry, lecturer at Leicester College, said: "We are grateful to Westleigh Developments for taking the time to

welcome the students to the site on Ross Walk.

"Jason and his team were able to answer the many questions that the students asked about timber frame construction.

"Practical visits like this are vitally important. Later that afternoon the students took their end of unit assessment and all passed with flying colours."

Senior site manager Jason Mann says, "It was a pleasure to welcome these students to Ross Walk. They were all attentive, keen and asked intelligent questions. We were happy

to pass on our experience and hope they benefited."

Ross Walk is the first phase in redevelopment of the former British Union Shoe Machinery works, a 30-acre site beside the River Soar and is carried out in partnership between Westleigh Developments, Leicester City Council, landowners Trafalgar Global Ltd, architects Marchini Curran, the Homes and Communities Agency and two associations. To learn more about Westleigh GreenHouse, call 0116 277 3324.

www.westleigh.co.uk



AVAILABLE: New homes ready to move into at under £105,000 at the Coalville development.

Homehunters' chance to bag a bargain

HOMEHUNTERS can snap up a new three-bedroom house for under £105,000, as Stamford Homes takes away the hassle and cost of moving.

The award-winning new homes builder is offering an even better way to save money on a new dream home, thanks to a shared equity scheme that no longer charges interest on the loan element.

Through the EasyStart incentive, a three-bedroom home at the Ashby Heights develop-

ment in Coalville will cost just £104,996 - with a number of new homes ready to move into now.

EasyStart is a simple solution to buying 100 per cent of your ideal home at just 75 per cent of the asking price. Customers can reserve the home of their choice, ensuring that legal completion is within the specified timescale, and Stamford Homes will pay the remaining 25 per cent through an interest free loan for up to 10 years.

Stamford Homes' marketing manager Juliana Russell said: "This is fantastic news for our customers. EasyStart at 75 / 25 is an incentive for Coalville and without interest being charged, this will be hard to beat in terms of value."

The showhome and sales and marketing suite is open from Thursday to Monday from 10.30am until 5pm.

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