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Gardeners' questions

WEST DORSET: A gardener's question time is being held at Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

The event is on Thursday, September 22 from 7.30pm with Cyril Whitlock from the Groves Nurseries.

It is raising funds for a local school girl's trip to Ecuador and there will also be a garden themed raffle.

Party in the garden

WEYMOUTH: Chipmunks Day Nursery is holding a garden party to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

The party is at the nursery on Buxton Road on Saturday, September 24 from 10.30am until 1.30pm.

There will be a bouncy castle, stalls and games with percent of the proceeds going to Julia's House.

Restaurant support for quake victims

A WEYMOUTH restaurant has raised £200 to support the victims of a devastating earthquake that killed nearly 300.

At least 290 people were killed in August in the earthquake that hit the town of Amatrice in Italy and the surrounding area.

To support the relief effort, Al Molo, on the Pier Bandstand in Weymouth offered a pasta dish called all'amatriciana.

The dish comes from the region that was devastated by the quake and isn't usually served on the Al Molo menu.

Every time the dish was ordered, the restaurant donated £1.40 to the British Red Cross to support its relief effort.

People also donated without ordering the dish while dining at the restaurant.

Tim Newton, one of the owners at Al Molo met with Jayne Wood from the British Red Cross to hand over the cheque.

Mr Newton said the reaction had been really good to the dish and a lot of people coming in to the restaurant had been donating even though they didn't order all'amatriciana.

Ms Wood thanked staff at Al Molo for their support.



THANKS: Tim Newton from Al Molo presents the cheque to Jayne Wood from the British Red Cross

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HIGHLIGHTING Dorset as an attractive place to work and addressing workloads are two of the main focuses for ensuring Dorset has a sustainable number of GPs in the future, councillors have been told.

The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's director of design and transformation Dr Phil Richardson was addressing members of the health scrutiny committee at Dorset County Council on the future commissioning of GP services in the county.

He said that with 16 per cent of Dorset's 560 full time GPs over the age of 55, it was clear that there would need to be some changes to ensure that the primary care service is sustainable in the future.

Dr Richardson said: "We need to look at how we can help



CHALLENGE: Dr Phil Richardson

recruit people into Dorset."

He added that another area to look at was how to use the wider workforce in the county's health services more appropriately so procedures that did not have to be carried out by GPs were instead done by an appropriate trained professional.

In terms of the recruitment, Dr Richardson said the CCG needed to look at training and why many who train to be-

come GPs do not actually end up going into a practise.

He added: "It's also about how we can make the role more attractive."

However, Dr Richardson said that there would be a "long lag" before the work being done now resulted in any real impact on the number of GPs in the county.

When asked by chairman Ron Coatsworth whether he could guarantee sufficient numbers of GPs could be recruited, Dr Richardson replied: "I cannot guarantee that will be solved."

"What I think we will solve is getting the appropriate workforce in place where we can deliver services which are sustainable and safe."

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