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Plans revealed for 150 new homes and school in village

Chef joining the team at resort

AN AWARD-winning chef has arrived as the head chef at the Lion Quays Waterside Resort near Oswestry.

Sumit Chakrabarty has an outstanding collection of awards and nominations and has moved from a four-star hotel in the Scottish Borders, where he and his team were nominated a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence in May 2011.

Other awards include Scottish Hotel Rising Star Chef of the Year and Best Chef's Team 2010.

Looking forward

Nick Dulson, general manager Lion Quays Resort, said: "This is a very exciting time for the Lion Quays Resort and we are really looking forward to working with Sumit and his new team who will be cooking at both of our restaurants and will be responsible for all weddings and functions on site."

Sumit has worked alongside award-winning Michelin Star chefs and restaurants, including Gordon Ramsey at Claridges, Mark Sargeant and George Blanc on Carnival Cruise Lines Miami.

He was charge chef at the two Rosette Cameroon Restaurant at Hilton Glasgow.

Sumit said: "I am very pleased to be joining the team and looking forward to producing food which reflects the quality of the facilities and service at Lion Quays Resort."

"I will be launching new menus in July with the introduction of some new dishes to complement the existing traditional home cooked food. I'm looking forward to making sure both of our restaurants make their own mark in the gastronomic world."



Pleased to be joining the team - chef Sumit Chakrabarty

PLANS which could change the face of a village near Oswestry have been unveiled by developers. Up to 150 homes and community facilities are planned.

Plans show a school, playing fields and bowling green could be built in West Felton over the next 10 years.

But there is concern that so many new homes would alter its character.

More than 80 people attended an exhibition in the village organised by the developers Balfours Property Professions on behalf of the Tedsmore Estate.

Potential site

The preliminary proposals which were on display showed 150 homes phased over a 10-year period with a range of community facilities on land north of Tedsmore Road.

Karine Swanson, head of planning at Balfours, said the scheme incorporated a potential site for a new primary school.

She said: "The current school is significantly over capacity and unable to cope with those wishing to attend."

Additional community facilities illustrated included a village green, playground, junior sports field, bowling green and pavilion.

"The meeting was an opportunity for local people to tell us how the scheme could be improved," she said.

However, one villager, who did not want to be named, said she and many others were concerned about the proposed number of homes.

Rory Galliers, of Balfours, said: "Those attending the consultation received a questionnaire so that, as agents for the Tedsmore Estate, we can understand what is important to residents and can take account of what they tell us in formulating the best possible design solution for this site."

Cabaret helps hospice

MORE THAN 100 revellers raised over £1,000 for Hope House Children's Hospice on Saturday at a successful Starlight Cabaret Ball.

They packed into Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel and, after a three course meal, were entertained by the Very Nice Production Company delivering clever tribute style acts.

The black tie event, which ended with a disco, raised the cash through ticket sales, raffles an auction and a guess teddy's name contest.

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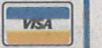
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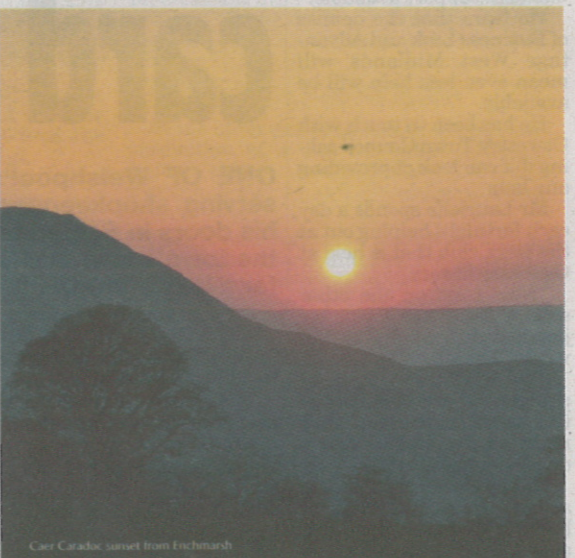
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