

# New vet brings world of experience to Westbury Veterinary Centre



THE newest addition at Westbury Veterinary Centre has been from exotic Peru and Paraguay to exciting Bolivia and Brazil, before finally coming back to Bristol to become the practice's new veterinary surgeon.

Clare Morgan graduated from The Royal Veterinary College in London in 2005 and worked as a vet in Clevedon and in Weston-super-Mare.

She then travelled to South America for several months before coming to join the team at Westbury Veterinary Centre in July.

Clare's not only well-qualified to carry out routine operations, but as the owner of an energetic 18-month old West Highland Terrier knows only too well the hard work that goes into caring for a pet.

Clare said: "In my spare time I am kept busy by my dog who enjoys going for long walks and shredding things. I am hoping he'll calm down soon - he certainly keeps me on my toes."

And Westbury's new vet has a rather odd fascination for animal skin irritations, an apparent common problem with a lot of pets.

"It's one of my specialist areas, so if your itchy pet is driving you mad, book an appointment to pop in and see me," she laughs.

After all her travelling, Clare is very happy to be back in her home city and plans to get Westbury Veterinary Centre much more involved in the community.

She commented: "I am really keen to

make the practice a central part of the community at Southmead. Westbury seems to be well known in the area as a vaccination centre but we can do much more. We are able to do routine operations and give lots of practical advice on everything from worming and flea treatment to nail cutting."

Since Clare's arrival the surgery has also extended its opening hours and now offers late morning and early afternoon appointments and puts on monthly promotions bringing welcome discounts on veterinary supplies. Plus, Clare has some more ideas in the pipeline.

"I want to continue to build up the range of services on offer at Westbury Veterinary Centre, I'd definitely welcome any suggestions. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone in the local area, and of course, their pets too."

Visit Westbury Veterinary Centre at: 2 Concorde Drive, Westbury.

or call 0117 959 2111 for further details.

Monday to Fri 8.30am to 6.30pm, Saturday 8.30am to 11am.

## Where am I?

"PLEASE can anyone out there tell me where I live? Our address is Charlton Road Westbury on Trym, but for the past two years we have a sign put up saying our house is in Goddard Way, which is St. Monica's.

I find the Highways Department and St. Monica don't seem to work together. Did St. Monica's have permission to put the "Goddard Way Sign?"

I have had visitors come to Bristol and can't find my house, also I have a lot of my mail go into St. Monica's and People bring it back to me, even private mail and my address is plain enough for anyone to read. Any replies are welcome in your paper."

Fine what she has missed is that they were promised in writing by St. Monica's last year that it would be sorted out. And that some of their personal mail has been opened which has worried them.

As the local councillor I wrote to Planning and Highways on many issues for them on the 11th May 2006, but the sign was a very important part of this letter.

The reply dated the 24th May 06 says item 4) Moving the "Goddard Way" Street Sign. I have passed this comment to colleagues in Neighbourhood and Housing Services for them to respond directly to you.

I wrote to St. Monica's on the 3rd October 2006 pointing out that their post, and visitors are still thinking that there is no number 6 Charlton Road but actually live in Goddard Way.

On the 6th October 2006 St. St. Monica's complained that I had written to Highways without their knowledge. Seems someone should by then have raised the issue with them in the local office.

On the 6th October 2006 I have another letter from St. Monica's which was sent to Mr and Mrs Bridgeman although addressed to me! This says that the road sign is a new issue to me. I wonder who you raised it with originally? We will, of course, look at it and endeavour to move it further down Goddard Way towards the gates".

Under the Court of Human Rights articles it is illegal to interfere with anyone's post. I wonder if St. Monica's know that. But still the situation has not been resolved.

**From Mrs Bridgeman**  
6 Charlton Road

## Calling all students of the Greenway Secondary Modern

AS part of the refurbishment of The Greenway Centre, the Southmead Development Trust would like to celebrate the history of the building and the achievements of its former pupils.

Having spent many hours one weekend we have been able to locate some photographs and memories of those old school days as well as finding out that at least 4 of the students went onto become famous!!

In fact, many of our current staff have tales to tell!!!!

We are looking for photographs which we can have copied, certificates and items such as old school badges,

magazines and school reports, which the Trust can use as part of a display of its heritage.

Did you go on any of the Camping trips? Did you take part in the play that caused controversy? Were you one of the schools sporting heroes?

We would love to hear from former students, teachers and heads about their memories and we are planning a school reunion, once the refurbishment has been complete.

Anyone interested in coming to the reunion and would like further details, or has anything for the display should contact:

Dan Boulter on 950 3335.

## A new face in Southmead

SOME of you will already have met Sam Townend, when he chaired a meeting at the church in Wigton Crescent about our local buses. He had heard many complaints about route changes and high prices and wanted to give Southmead people a chance to have their say and get answers from First Bus about what was really happening.

Originally from London where he was a councillor, Sam moved to Bristol at the beginning of the year and has been chosen to be Labour's candidate at the next election when local MP Doug Naysmith retires. He said, "Everyone has been very friendly and I look forward to meeting many more Southmead residents. I hope they will carry on telling me their views, ideas and problems. As Doug once said, 'I can't work miracles but I'll always do my best'."

Sam can be contacted on 962 2038 or on samueltownend@hotmail.com.



## Man of the year

Sunday 1st July 2007

I set off for Alfreton, Derbyshire at 5.30 a.m. at the invitation of Slimming World to take part in "the Man of the Year" Finals.

I arrived early for the 9.30 a.m. start. After being weighed, height and waist measurements, I had my photograph taken with Linda Lusardi (the former Page 3 girl) now an actress in Emmerdale.

At 10.30 a.m. we were split into six groups of 11 or 12, where we drew lots to decide in which order we would relate our slimming stories.

We had five minutes each in which to impress the three judges (Slimming World Consultants or Managers).

After an extended lunch period a group photograph was taken of all 67 entrants, and then it was on to the presentation of the awards.



We were all presented with a framed certificate and a bottle of champagne with our names engraved on a plaque.

The 12 finalists were then announced and to my surprise and amazement I had impressed the judges as I had made it into the finals.

Lots were again drawn and I was last to be given another five minutes to impress.

It seemed hours before the Man of the Year was announced.

Paul from Sunderland was announced the winner.

I came away feeling as a winner and £500 better off (my reward for being in the final), and 8 stone lighter and 13 inches off my waist.

The following evening it was back to earth and back to my slimming group in Westbury-on-Trym.

**John Waines**

## Operation bulldozer Southmead



DURING September and the first week in October g4c along with our partners will be running the last community clean up. This will be the last Neighbourhood Renewal funded clean up which will take place on the pre war estate in Southmead

This will possibly be the final opportunity for residents to be able to dispose items of bulky waste from gardens, in to a free skip. All residents

will receive a leaflet a week prior to their road having a number of skips placed for the morning. If you are physically unable to remove your own rubbish please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange assistance on 0117 969 3815

As there have been changes in the law any electrical items from hair tongs to fridges can no longer be put in the skips. Any items items that need

main power must place besides the skips, not in them. In order for us to run this day we need a number of volunteers who can be skip monitors.

We can offer you a free lunch and some high street vouchers in return for your help. If you would like to be a skip monitor please give me a call (places will be limited). Any questions please give us a shout on 0117 969 3815 or email.