

CHEVRON



NEWS FROM CLARE PARISH COUNCIL

- ⤴ A Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the second edition of the Chevron. If you missed the December issue then you can find it on the website. Please email parishclerk@clare-uk.com or telephone 01787 277559 if you would like to be sent an electronic version of Chevron OR if you would like one delivered to your home OR if you would appreciate having a large print version.
- ⤴ The **Parish Precept** for the year from April 2012 to March 2013 has now been forwarded to St Edmundsbury Borough Council. As mentioned last month, we are planning a small increase so that we can support community activities that are under pressure because of a reduction in grants from elsewhere. One of these is the Christmas lights and tree. It was wonderful to see the centre of Clare looking so festive over the Christmas and New Year period – the lights are something we can all share and they bring joy to everyone who sees them. We are determined that the lights will feature again next year and so have increased the amount allocated to ensure that this happens.
- ⤴ **Clare Country Park** : Parishioners should have received a letter from the Parish Council recently regarding the Country Park. We hope that you have found this helpful. A copy is posted in Pashlers Alley and is also on the website. Please contact Claire Ebeling, our parish clerk, if you have not yet received a copy and would like one. 
- ⤴ **Jubilee Celebrations** : This June, the country will celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with many events taking place across our area. As part of the celebrations, the Woodland Trust is planning to plant 6 million trees across the country and is giving over 100 trees to Clare. Our trees, which will include one sapling from either the Windsor or Sandringham Woods, will be planted mid-Spring. Planting trees is a great experience for families to take part in, so if you would like to be involved, please contact Phil Gryce on 01787 278 192 or at phil@gryce.co.uk.
- ⤴ **The Community Action Plan Group** is also working hard to arrange events in Clare to celebrate the Jubilee. These promise to be exciting events and if you would like to play a part in the organisation of them, then please contact Phil Gryce (01787 278 192 phil@gryce.co.uk)
- ⤴ **Clare Library** We expect a representative of Suffolk County Council to explain plans for Clare Library at the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 19th January at 7pm. You may wish to join us for this.
- ⤴ **CHOC** : The Combined Halls of Clare continues to improve the facilities in the Old School Community Centre and the Town Hall. A grant from St Edmundsbury has been used to purchase a fixed projector with sound for Hall 2 in the Old School, with the Parish Council and CHOC meeting the remainder of the cost. This will enable local groups to run powerpoint presentations or to show films. We anticipate that the system will be installed soon. A sound system has been purchased for the Town Hall which features a hearing loop and wireless microphones. In addition the Town Hall foyer has been decorated and new lights are due to be installed in parts of the Old School. More improvements are planned for the future and we hope that 2012 will see an even greater use of the halls. If you would like to be part of our success, consider becoming a CHOC Trustee then email choc.clare@hotmail.com or phone 07500 642001. Further information on CHOC is available on <http://combinedhallsof1.onesuffolk.net/welcome/>. Thank You
- ⤴ The Highways Committee of the Parish Council is researching **Parking in Clare**. We are currently reviewing all of the comments that were made during the 2009 Parish Survey but we know that residents and visitors will have new or additional views to share. We would like to hear from you if you have a view, an opinion or a suggestion about Parking in Clare. Email us via Peter Phillips (Chair of the Parish Council Highways Committee) on parkinginclare@gmail.com or contact us via the Clerk of the Parish Council, The Old School, Callis Street, Clare. Thank You

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