

Chevron

PLANS TO CLOSE CLARE POLICE STATION

The Town Council was concerned to hear about the Suffolk Constabulary's plans to close the police station in Clare via rumours circulating in the community.

Inspector Ferrie was invited to a Town Council meeting on 20th November 2014 to seek clarification. He confirmed that a decision was imminent regarding the possible closure of the police station in January 2015, as part of cost saving measures, as this was when the lease was due to end.

Clare is a key local service centre currently with a fire station, police station, a bank, two doctors' surgeries, a Co-op store and a number of local retail businesses. We are a small town (population c. 1900) , probably the smallest in Suffolk, and continually struggle to maintain our service centre role for the surrounding villages. The closure of the police station would be a major loss to a town of our size.

The Town Council raised the matter with Tim Passmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk who has agreed to extend the lease on the police station for a further 6 months to allow for proper consultation with the community on the future of the policing in Clare and the surrounding areas.

**As part of the consultation Mary Evans, our County Councillor is hosting a public meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday 20th January at 7pm. In attendance will be Tim Passmore and Gareth Wilson, the Deputy Chief Constable.
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY – WE HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND**

POWERCUTS

As the bad weather closes in, then powercuts become more likely, although they are still rare.

Keep the following numbers in case you need to contact UK Power Networks 24 hours a day.

Text POWER and your postcode to 80876

Email ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut

Telephone 0800 31 63 105

WOULD YOU NEED EXTRA SUPPORT IF YOU HAD A POWERCUT ?

UK Power Network has launched a Priority Service Register for those who may need extra support during a power cut because of one or more of the following reasons -

- they are dependent on medical equipment >are visually impaired or blind > are chronically ill > have hearing impairment or are deaf >have a disability > are elderly > because there is a young baby in the household.

Being on the register does not necessarily mean that they can get your power on more quickly but registered people will receive-

- a priority number that can be called if a power cut happens > regular text or phone updates during a power cut > a welcome booklet > with your permission, extra support from the British Red Cross to visit your home during an emergency

To join the register, apply on line at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk OR email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk OR call in at the Clare Town Council Office to pick up a leaflet and post free of charge.

CLARE ANCIENT HOUSE MUSEUM is in need of volunteers. Could you spare a few hours each month during the summer period to help us out ? You don't need credentials of any kind but if you were interested you could, while helping to keep the Museum open, learn about Clare's remarkable past. You could also participate in the social activities, suppers, lunches, and outings organised by the Museum.

The Museum operates through a series of committees which deal variously with curatorial matters (care of the artefacts, exhibitions etc.), communications (presentation, publicity etc.) and finance. If you were really interested there could be a place for you on one of these committees.

If you would like to know more contact Tony Taylor on 01787 277421 or email a.taylor55@btinternet.com



PAVEMENTS, LEAKS & OTHER PROBLEMS

Clare Town Council is responsible for our green spaces, benches, the churchyard and cemetery, as well as sweeping the pavements. Some assets such as the playing fields and the town hall are run by trusts on our behalf. The Town Council is not responsible for the roads, potholes or broken kerbs; neither for water leaks, nor blocked footpaths; neither for uneven paving, nor for defective street lighting. Please don't assume that if you see a problem, that it has been reported. The best action is to report it yourself. Often more reports lead to faster action. Please contact the following if you know of a problem.

The main agencies are as follows:

- Water leaks: **Anglian Water** 0800 771 881 online: anglianwater.co.uk
- Roads, pavements & footpaths: **Suffolk County Council** 03456 066 171 online: suffolk.gov.uk
- Dog fouling, fly-tipping: **St Edmundsbury Borough Council** 01638 719000 or 01284 763233 online: westsuffolk.gov.uk/
- Defective street lighting: different authorities. Most have a reference and telephone number on the pole. Otherwise, email us at clerk@clare-uk.com or ring the clerk 01787 277 559
- BT Outreach - poles & inspection covers: 0800 023 2023

Keep a copy of any reference number you are given: you may want to call them again as persistent follow-ups make a difference.

Thank You

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Parishioners should have received a newsletter about The Magna Carta Celebrations with this copy of Chevron.

It outlines the main events that will be happening in the summer.

We want to involve as many people as possible in the fun.... and posters will be appearing in Clare over the next few months to

explain further how you can get involved.

The poster on the right is just one way.....

If you like quizzes, then a quiz will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Pavilion to raise funds for some of the essential things that will be needed – such as PA systems, St John's Ambulance.

If you like working with clay, or like the idea of it (no experience necessary !) then you may like to join one of the workshops being held at the Pavilion from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> February or 9 a.m. to noon on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Sessions will focus on using hand built techniques to make models of a Baron (head & shoulders).

Sessions will be led by Laurie Thomas

and supported by Time for Clay.

Cost of workshop - £10

All proceeds will go towards Magna Carta in Clare.

Please phone 01787 277446 to book a place.

## MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS 2015

### OPEN MEETING for performers & artists

In June we're producing two special events as part of the celebrations in Clare of the signing of Magna Carta - a play for the Medieval Banquet and a Mumming with a difference.

We need performers, ideas, costumes, singers, storytellers, thinkers, novices, helper-outers - mostly we want people to help make these celebrations **YOURS!**

The open meeting is on Thursday 29th January at 7.30pm at Clare Old School Community Centre, Callis Street, where they will be a presentation of our plans and a chance to discuss the ideas.

More details can be found online at

<http://beforeshakespeare.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/the-pride-of-life-other-adventures.html>

or contact: Robert Crighton

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Before Shakespeare  
Exploring Pre-Shakespearean  
British Theatre - Before & On Stage

Magna Carta in Clare is supported by  
Clare Town Council, Cllr Alaric Pugh,  
Clare Castle Country Park Trust,  
Clare Historical Society, Society for Music in  
Clare Church, Stour Valley Community School,  
Clare in Bloom, Clare Library,  
the Women's Institute, Clare Bellringers,  
Nethergate Brewery, Time for Clay, Budding Artists



## *ciné clair*

Every fourth Thursday in the month Clare Library is transformed into a cinema in order to bring films new and old to the residents of Clare. All of the films have been nominated by people from Clare as being ones that have been missed, would like to see again or feel would be enjoyed by all. **Tickets are available in advance only for £5 from the library.** There is a bar serving wine, soft drinks and nibbles. Doors open at 6.30pm and the film starts at 7pm. All films have an intermission.

The programme for the next three months is as follows:

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| 22 January          | <b>Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy</b> (15) with Sir John Hurt, Gary Oldman, Toby Jones, Colin Firth |
| 26 February         | <b>About Time</b> (12) with Bill Nighy and supposedly Richard Curtis' last film                |
| 26 March            | <b>Mr Turner</b> (12) Timothy Spall as J M W Turner                                            |
| <b>Coming soon:</b> | <b>The Imitation Game</b> Date to be announced                                                 |

### Magna Carta 800

In order to celebrate the sealing of Magna Carta (Clare provided two of the Barons), the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt and the bi-centenary of the Battle of Waterloo, Cine Clair is screening a week long film festival of 6 films strongly or very coincidentally linked to these events. They are: King John, The Lion in Winter, The Adventures of Robin Hood, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Henry V (Kenneth Branagh), Abel Gance's Napoleon.

**Tickets for these films are available from the Library for £5, or £25 for a ticket for all 6**



