

# Chevron

## Clare Country Park

You should receive a separate letter about the Country Park with this copy of Chevron.

## 'Friends of Clare Library' is launched!

The Friends group for Clare Library held a successful open weekend on 15 and 16 June to inform library users and to recruit members. Over and above the basic lending library service, the aims of the group, which is a charitable trust, are to improve the existing services and increase the services offered as well as promoting the use of the libraries throughout the community.

Members receive a bi-monthly 'frienzone' electronically with articles, diary date, quizzes, competitions and challenges. Membership is open to everyone aged 18 or over who holds a library card, and your enthusiastic help and suggestions are actively welcomed, so do join by visiting the Library or by speaking to any of the Trustees. **The next challenge is to design a logo for the Friends. It is open to all ages with a fee of 50p per entry. The closing date is 7 July; as well as the kudos of seeing your design on all Friends' literature, there will be a prize for the winner. Email: [members@friendsofclarelibrary.co.uk](mailto:members@friendsofclarelibrary.co.uk)**

## 800<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Magna Carta 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The Magna Carta is one of our country's most important, historic documents and four of its clauses are still relevant today - the freedom of the English Church, the privileges of the City of London, the right to trial by jury and 'To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice.' There were 25 "rebel barons" appointed as sureties of the Magna Carta in 1215. Two of these were de Clares and their seat was Clare Manor!

Recently a meeting was held at St Edmundsbury Cathedral to bring together all the towns that were the seats (caputs) of the barons who signed (or sealed) the Magna Carta, with the purpose of asking the towns to agree to do something to commemorate the anniversary of the signing on or around 15 June 2015. The Town Council feel that this is a really important occasion for Clare to celebrate. We are very grateful to Peggy and Richard Smith for representing the town at the Cathedral meeting and for guiding us on possible options for what could be included in the festivities. Plans are very much in the initial stages, but if you have any ideas please email [clerk@clare-uk.com](mailto:clerk@clare-uk.com).

## Naming of new roads on land East of the Granary development

The Town Council has been invited to submit names for the two roads in the new development east of the Granary estate. Currently the developer is using the name: Chilton Place, which he has agreed is inappropriate. Name proposals: these suggestions are based on historical connections to Clare; the roads in Clare Heights were named by the same principle.

**Elizabeth & Lionel:** Lionel of Antwerp (1338-68), 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Clarence, son of Edward III, married to Elizabeth de Burgh (1332-63); they were buried together in the Priory.

**Castile & Aragon:** Eleanor of Castile (1241-91), wife of Edward I, mother of Joan of Acre and grandmother of Elizabeth de Burgh; Catherine of Aragon (1485-1536) who granted the Common Pastures to the poor of Clare.

**Aluric/Aelfric & Emma:** Aluric or Aelfric, Thane of Clare holding lands on behalf of Queen Emma (985-1052), King Canute's wife.

**Cubitt & Ramsome:** Designer and manufacturer of the Ashen Bridge. [Objection: both names are still commercial enterprises today]

**Parishioners are invited to send their opinion as to the best choices to Cllr Phil Gryce by July 15th**  
**[[phil@gryce.co.uk](mailto:phil@gryce.co.uk) or by a note into the Clerk's Office].**

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### Historic Buildings at Risk Survey

English Heritage, together with the Stour Valley based conservation project 'Managing a Masterpiece', is funding a base-line survey to identify listed buildings which are most at risk of erosion, damage or decay. Volunteer recorders from the local community will be recruited and trained to undertake visual surveys of the historic buildings of the Stour Valley. Anyone interested in finding out more about the project should register their interest with [stourheritage.atrisk@essex.gov.uk](mailto:stourheritage.atrisk@essex.gov.uk).

### Cellars in Clare

We know that there are a number of cellars in Clare that extend out under the pavements. If you have any photographs or information regarding them, then we would be very grateful to have copies. Please contact Cllr Margaret Godwin by emailing [clerk@clare-uk.com](mailto:clerk@clare-uk.com). Thank You

#### **Borough and County Councillor Surgery Meetings:**

**Library: first Saturday of each month: 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Please note that Cllr Alaric Pugh will be holding his July surgery on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and not Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Cllr Mary Evans will be joining him at the Surgery meetings from September onwards.

They look forward to meeting you.

### Crime Reports

Fortunately Clare does not experience a high rate of crime due to the vigilance of our local police officers who regularly patrol the area. There were 5 crimes of note last month - the attempted theft of BT cables, theft of diesel from a building site, a garden tool stolen from a shed, the attempted theft of heating oil, criminal damage to a motor vehicle and to a light. Note the following to help prevent crime:

- Burglaries tend to be very "item specific" - jewellery is often targeted in houses but other high value items left. Keep items of value out of sight from windows and doors.
- Many outbuildings are targeted using a jemmy type tool. Items taken tend to be power tools, lawn mowers, and garden machinery. Keys for items such as ride on mowers etc. should be kept away from the machines.
- Thefts of catalytic converters are high in Suffolk. Ensure all vehicles where possible are locked away. Make access to the vehicles as difficult as possible. Park in well-lit areas. Have your catalytic converters security marked (not a preventative measure but could be a deterrent).
- Oil theft is the biggest problem locally. Ensure that your tank is hidden away as well as possible, check on it daily to ensure that no damage has been caused and that your oil levels look right.
- Remain on your guard and report any suspicious behaviour or persons or vehicles within your area to the Police straight away using the 101 number.

#### **FREE BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR START UP & EXISTING BUSINESSES**

MENTA, the Suffolk enterprise agency, based in Bury St Edmunds provides **free** business support and advice sessions. This is part of the Rural Action Plan and has been commissioned by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

MENTA's impartial, confidential business advisers provide **free**, one hour sessions to Suffolk based start-up, emerging and existing small businesses. They work with a wide range of people - some have been made redundant and are looking at being self-employed as an option. Others already run their small business as it enables them to fit work around family commitments. There are many different types of circumstances and if you are considering going in to business or are already running a business MENTA can help.

If you know of someone living in your village or in one of the surrounding villages who would like further information or you wish to book a business advice session, call Leanne Castle at MENTA on 01284 760206 or email her on [leanne@menta.org.uk](mailto:leanne@menta.org.uk). Each person seen for a one to one meeting living in the rural St Edmundsbury areas receives a **£15 MENTA business training course voucher**. For further information regarding MENTA's business courses and business events go to [www.menta.org.uk](http://www.menta.org.uk)

