

# Chevron

We are delighted to report that after more than 4 years of protracted negotiations with Suffolk County Council, agreement has been reached on the transfer of ownership of the Country Park to Clare Town Council. The transaction comes with a financial "dowry" from SCC of £317,500 that will enable the station buildings to be returned to a good state of repair and catch-up work to be undertaken in Park. The day-to-day management of the Park will be entrusted to Clare Castle Country Park Trust, which will work with St Edmundsbury Borough Council to return the Park to its previously high standard of care.



## CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

We would like to thank the key negotiators, particularly Keith Haisman, Derek Blake and Geoffrey Bray, who have worked tirelessly and with great care, skill and tenacity to achieve the best possible outcome for the Park and the people of Clare.



### MAGNA CARTA FESTIVAL

June 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. With generous support from Clare Town Council a series of exciting, community-led events have been organised which we hope you will enjoy, including:-

- Sat 25 April** - Magna Carta Walk from Clare to Castle Hedingham
- Sat 16 May** - Magna Carta Concert in Clare Parish Church
- Sat 6 June** - Study Day at Stour Valley Community School
- 6-11 June** - films and Magna Carta Jigsaw in Clare Library
- Wed 10 June** - Tastes of 1215 in Clare Town Hall
- Fri 12 June** - Medieval Banquet in Clare Town Hall
- Sat 13 June** - Costumed procession for schoolchildren through Clare followed by a Medieval Fair in Clare Castle Country Park

Further information at [www.magnacartafestival.org](http://www.magnacartafestival.org)  
Contact us at [info@magnacartainclare.org](mailto:info@magnacartainclare.org)

### Magna Carta Medieval Fair

Combat Society: combat, archery display & encampment  
Owl Sanctuary Display, Craft Displays & Stalls, Story Teller Tent, Exhibitions & Art Activities, Medieval-themed Sports, Plant Sales, Hog Roast, Delicious Food, Magna Carta, Ale, Wine, Pimms, Tea Tent



**A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

### MAGNA CARTA WALKS

The Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Clare start with the inaugural Magna Carta Walk between Clare and Castle Hedingham on **Saturday 25 April**.

All are welcome to join this walk which will start from the Country Park car park. We meet at 9.30am. The route, which is on byways and footpaths for most of the way, comprises some 8 ½ miles of relatively easy walking and makes for a very pleasant way of seeing some lovely North Essex countryside. It will take between 3 and 4 hours to complete, dependent on how energetic one is feeling. Thanks to Stour Valley Community School and CLASP, minibuses will be available to transport people from Castle Hedingham to Clare before the start, or back to Clare at the finish, the latter on a shuttle bus basis. People are of course welcome to make their own transport arrangements if they would prefer. Children are welcome, provided parents are confident they can walk the distance, as are well-behaved dogs on leads. A certificate of participation will be handed to everyone involved on the day.

### AND A SPECIAL BONUS.....

For those who are unable to undertake the walk on 25 April (or even if they are!), we shall be doing the reverse walk from Castle Hedingham to Clare, on **Sunday 14 June**.

Please register **for one or both walks** with Derek Blake on 01787 277335 ([derek.blake@dbassocs.demon.co.uk](mailto:derek.blake@dbassocs.demon.co.uk)) so that transport arrangements can be made (rather than simply turn up on the day).



**Clare Town Council Reduces Budgets by £5,000 to ensure 0% increase in Council Tax following second round of Grant cuts by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.**

Over the last two years, St Edmundsbury Borough Council has reduced the Support Grants given to Clare by over £5,000 per year. Similar reductions are likely for the next two years as these grants are completely phased out. By working together with some of the local organisations which benefit from Precept funding, the Town Council has been successful in reducing the impact of these cuts while maintaining the services and much-loved activities which Clare residents and visitors enjoy. Clare Town Councillors will therefore continue to investigate methods of reducing costs through shared services such as grass cutting, insurance and maintenance which have been so successful in impacting on budgets for the coming year.



## CLARE COMMEMORATES WORLD WAR 1

It is easy, after the nation marked the beginning of World War 1 last year, to forget that the conflict - far from being "all over by Christmas" as the politicians promised - dragged on through four winters. Imagine it: four winters of dread and anxiety, of propaganda and patriotism undercut by rare letters home from the front which told a very different story.

On **Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>** in Clare Parish Church, there will be an evening of words and music to commemorate the Great War. The contribution of local people will be especially highlighted. Tickets will be £7 (to include a complimentary drink) and the evening will include community singing of songs from that era. Two charities, the **Royal British Legion** and **Combat Stress**, will benefit. Please put the date in your diaries.

The organisers are hoping that family and friends (of those who fought, died or was otherwise involved in WWI) will ransack their memories and their cupboards, and contribute recollections, diaries, pictures, letters, or indeed anything from that time. They will, of course, take the greatest care of anything entrusted to them. If you can contribute, please get in touch with:

**Julia Draper, 12 Clarence Road, Clare, CO10 8QN**

**Tel: 01787 277747**

**Email: [randjdraper@btinternet.com](mailto:randjdraper@btinternet.com)**



**Clare Town Council** intends to lay a wreath at 11.00am at the War Memorial on the anniversary of the death of each of the 33 fallen. A notice will be placed in Pashler's Alley a month before so that relatives and descendants of the fallen may be reminded of the occasion. For 2015 the dates of the fallen are **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** (Herbert Pask) and **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August** (Harry Martin & James Dearsley).

Additional commemorations include the naming of the two streets on the new Stoke Road development after Herbert Pask (Pask Way) who was the first to fall in WWI and Bennett Maxim (Maxim Lane) - the last to fall.

## POLICE NEWS

Please look out for unlicensed pedlars in the area or people calling from door to door offering to work on your house or garden. If they call on you and you think they are trying to talk you into allowing them to do work for you, or if you have concerns that pedlars or unlicensed builders are spending time with an elderly or vulnerable person then please call 101. Police are following a number of leads on this issue.

There have been a number of thefts recently including jewellery stolen from a home at Highfield between February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. In another incident, an engine was cut and stolen from an industrial pressure washer at a site on Stoke Road on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please help the police to keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity by phoning 101 or passing on useful information to Suffolk Police at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/reportacrime/tellthepolice.aspx>

**IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE RING 999.**

## *ciné clair at the Library*

**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:

Thursday 26 March	<b>Mr Turner</b> (12) Timothy Spall as J M W Turner	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Sunday 29 March	<b>Mr Turner</b> (12) Timothy Spall as J M W Turner	
Thursday 23 April	<b>The Imitation Game</b>	
Thursday 28 May	<b>The History Boys</b>	

**Magna Carta 800**

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

Saturday 6 June (p.m.)	<b>The Adventures of Robin Hood</b>
Saturday 6 June (eve)	<b>Henry V</b> (Kenneth Branagh)
Sunday 7 June (eve)	<b>The Lion in Winter</b>
Monday 8 June (pm + eve)	<b>Napoleon</b> (Abel Gance) - 'Le Pique-nic' also available
Tuesday 9 June (eve)	<b>King John</b>
Thursday 11 June (eve)	<b>Monty Python and the Holy Grail</b>



Although our street cleaners look out for problems with our pavements, pot holes, lighting, flooding etc., it is often residents who see them first. Fixmystreet.com is a very easy and useful way of reporting problems directly to the departments that need to know about them at Borough and County Level. Please report problems online as a high number of reports is more likely to lead to swift action.  
Many Thanks

**March 2015**