News from Clare Town Council

Gas Mains Upgrade - Closure of Cavendish Road for 7 Weeks

July will mark the start of an essential gas mains upgrade in Cavendish Road, Clare, that will keep gas flowing to local homes and businesses until the end of the century. National Grid will be renewing nearly half a kilometre of iron gas mains in Cavendish Road. The work is due to start in mid-July with the bulk of the project taking place during the school summer holidays to reduce the disruption to local communities and the road network. The work is expected to take seven weeks. To safeguard engineers and road-users, it will be necessary to close Cavendish Road from Church Street to Harp Lane while the work is being carried out.

National Grid is inviting businesses and residents in Clare and surrounding villages to find out more about the project at a public meeting on Tuesday 2nd June, at Clare Town Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Access to Cavendish Road will be maintained for pedestrians and businesses in the town will remain open as usual. Traffic management measures will also be necessary for Church Lane for three weeks during August. Details of these are being confirmed with the Highways Authority and are likely to include temporary traffic lights. Appropriate traffic orders will be in place throughout the works to enable National Grid to adapt traffic management to alleviate congestion and reopen the road as quickly as possible to vehicles in a safe manner.

Vince Doggett of National Grid said: "It is essential that we replace ageing gas mains so that local residents and businesses can continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for decades to come. We would urge people to attend our information event so we can discuss the work with them, answer their questions and address any concerns. We have explored every option but unfortunately a road closure of Cavendish Road in this case is unavoidable. Every effort will be made to complete the work as soon as we can and minimize disruption to local people."

Businesses affected by the work may be eligible for compensation for loss of business under the Gas Regulations 1996. National Grid representatives will be visiting local businesses to discuss the work and provide information about the compensation scheme. Businesses can also find out more by going to www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas

If anyone has any queries or concerns they are welcome to attend the public information event. They can also contact National Grid customer services on 0800 096 5678.



Magna Carta Festival in Clare

Clare Castle Country Park Saturday 13th June 2015

Entry is free!

09.00am Car Parking opens at Clare Playing fields (£4 for the day). Park and ride available. 09.30am Costume competition. 09.45am: judging for children aged 8+ years. 10.00am: judging for children 7 years and under.

11.00am Medieval costumed procession around the town. In the vanguard, a drummer and jester followed by invited dignitaries and local schools carrying their own specially designed banners. Church bells will ring.

12.00pm Official opening then explore the Medieval village, watch displays of archery, combat and dance. Take part in 13th Century-styled games (for every age). Sample delicious foods, enjoy a glass of Pimms or visit the beer tent. Explore a wide range of local crafts and stalls run by local charitable organisations. Lots of activities for children!

Celebrating Clare's 800-year association with Magna Carta.

A community event for all the family!

www.magnacartafestival.org





Clare Library is currently proposing to change its times of opening on Fridays to 12.30pm - 5.00pm instead of 2.00pm - 6.30pm. If you would like to take part in the consultation please visit the library and complete a survey. Closing date for the survey is Sunday 31st May.

Magna Carta Films Tickets on sale NOW! Book now to avoid disappointment!

6th June	2.30pm	The Advantage CD 11 11	
6th June		The Adventures of Robin Hood (Errol Flynn)	£5
	7.00pm	Henry V (Kenneth Branagh)	£5
7th June	7.00pm	The Lion in Winter	£5
8th June	3.30pm	Napoleon vu par Able Gance	
9th June			£10
	7.00pm	King John	£5
11th June	7.00pm	Monty Python and the Holy Grail	£5

Doors open 30 minutes before screening Tickets in advance from Clare Library Wine and Nibbles Bar

PS Come to the Library for the great Magna Carta Jigsaw from 6th June!!

The Clare Ancient House Museum has as its main display for 2015 an exhibition entitled "A History of Education in Clare."

It tells the story of the earliest school starting in the 14th century, and how Clare eventually had more than twenty buildings acting as schools over the centuries.

Come and find the answers to these questions:

How were developments influenced by government policies?

How were the schools organised?

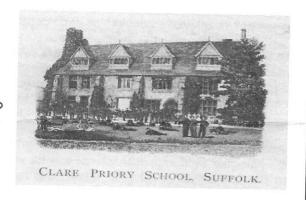
How was schooling financed?

What was teaching and learning like?

Why was Clare declared to be famous for its boarding schools?

What was emphasised in the curriculum?

How did the various schools of all sizes, from just 12 to over 500 pupils, struggle to raise the standards of education in this small attractive rural town?



Clare Christmas Lights Fundraising Events

Our next event is The Grand Summer Fete on Sunday 7th June, 1.00pm - 5.00pm at The Cock and the Globe Public Houses, Callis Street, Clare. Having lots of nostalgic and fun stands, with Morris Men, BBQ and bars. Once again we look forward to your support at this fundraising event. Other events coming soon are our popular general knowledge quiz on Friday 24th July and the nine hole golf challenge on Wednesday 12th August, both have limited spaces available so book now to avoid disappointment. Call Vicki on 01787 278105

A New Town Council for Clare.

The new Council came into being on May 21st at the Annual Meeting. We have 9 members who were elected (uncontested). Your Town Councillors for the next four years are:

Cllr. Paul Bishop, Cllr. Margaret Godwin, Cllr. Phil Gryce, Cllr. Stephen Kimminau, Cllr. Gayle Mallows, Cllr. Christopher Marchant, Cllr. Alan Parsley, Cllr. Loveday Perceval-Maxwell, Cllr. Bob Verguson

At the Annual Meeting the Council elected Paul Bishop as Chair and Alan Parsley as Vice-Chair for the coming year.

The dates and times of Town Council Meetings are published on www.clare-uk.com and a notice placed on the town notice board in Pashlers Alley.

