

Chevron



Following the road closure in August, in the week of September 7th, the East Anglia Daily Times will publish an **8 page supplement on Clare**. We will receive our copy inside the Sudbury Mercury on Friday 11th. National Grid is paying for most of it, with a contribution amongst others from Clare Town Council. It will describe the unique charms of our town from its historical past to the present day: its shops, its pubs, the Park, the Ancient House Museum, the churches.....all of our community.

On Saturday 12th there will a **“I Love Clare” day** during which local shops and businesses will display their offers and make visitors welcome. An information booth will be set up to display leaflets, guides and local material, plus badges with the logo.

On Sunday 13th there will be a **Pop-up Picnic in the Park** from 1 to 4pm, open to all residents. There will be music and barbecue food plus a bar in the Social Club. Please bring your family gazebo and put it up in the outer bailey of the park, and join in the occasion. Alaric Pugh, our district councillor is supporting this event from his locality fund; local firms are also donating.

Mary Evans, our county councillor has played a key part in bringing this about.

Swimming

Many thanks to the Swimming Pool Committee and Stour Valley Community School for continuing the tradition of swimming throughout the summer.



There is a new **free** messaging service passing on the latest policing news for your area via email, text or phone. Register online at suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect

Hawkers

Young men may be seen in our area, selling from door-to-door. They often say they are on a training course or are young offenders making their way. They are usually not local. They should show any inquirer their hawker's licence; this may have been issued in another part of the country but it entitles them to trade anywhere.

There have been issues of badgering and bad language. Should they knock on your front door and behave in such a way, dial 101 and report the event promptly to the police.

Welcome to new residents

Two new estates have opened recently in Clare: Aragon Court, just off Westfield, behind Lupus Close; east of the Granary, new roads called Pask Way and Maxim Lane, just off the Stoke Road. This edition serves as an introduction to the community of Clare.



Combined Halls of Clare

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Old School in Callis Street becoming Clare's Community Centre. CHOC will be holding an event on October 3rd to commemorate this. Were you a pupil at the Old School? Do you have any photographs, school reports or other memorabilia or artefacts that we can borrow or copy to include in a display of the school's history? Please contact Olive Smith on 01787 277 082 or any other CHOC Trustee.

C.L.A.S.P. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The objectives of CLASP are to provide help and support for people in need from whatever cause and to provide social and recreational facilities to improve the quality of life in Clare and surrounding villages.

To further these objectives CLASP has organised a regular day centre, a visiting group, transport for visits to clinics and hospitals and a minibus service for charitable and similar groups.

Transport

One of the services that CLASP offers is to provide transport for those people who do not have a ready means of transport to hospital, doctors', dentists' and other medical appointments. Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take people to and from these appointments; a mileage allowance is paid.

CLASP provides a minibus service for charitable and similar groups in Clare and surrounding villages, including transport for those attending its own Senior Centre. Drivers with a 'helper' provide transport as and when required - training for drivers is provided.

Senior Centre

Every Wednesday the Centre provides morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and social activities for in excess of 30 elderly people.

Friendship Group

Volunteers visit people in need of support in their own homes as and when required.

Fundraising Group

Regular table sales throughout the year and an Autumn Lunch are the main fundraising events.

None of these activities can be run without the support of volunteers.

We need your help now - if you think you are able to provide a few hours a week, or a month, to help with one of the following:

driving the minibus or your own car

assisting at the Senior Centre

joining the Friendship or Fundraising Groups

please get in touch with one of us for more information:

Chairperson Christine Little Tel: 01787 277 743

Secretary Val Blake 01787 277 335

Footpaths

A number of people have raised concerns over the state of footpaths across the parish. These are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council, either through its contractors or the landowners. Please report issues on their website: <http://publicrightsofway.onesuffolk.net/contact-us/>

At the present time, Clare Town Council has no responsibility for footpaths, but we maintain a watching brief.



Clare Commemorates World War I

On **Saturday November 7th** 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 for adults; £5 for under 16s (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 were otherwise involved in WWI will ransack their memories and their cupboards, and contribute recollections, diaries, pictures, letters or indeed memorabilia 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 277 747 Email: randjdraper@btinternet.com

The 100 year anniversaries of three of Clare's fallen were marked by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. Paul Long, deputy lord lieutenant resident in Clare, attended with Clare councillors. Half-muffled bells were also rung. The next occasion will on 31st May 2016.

Defibrillator

From September 14th the defibrillator in Clare Library will be moved to the Co-op. The opening hours there will allow better access.

Council website

A new website is being constructed: clare-suffolk.co.uk. This will replace the previous one over a period of time. It will contain far more of the council's documentation than in the past. Councillor Phil Gryce is assembling the new site.

Precept: the Town Council's budget for 2016-17

This is the time of year when the Council assembles requests for expenditure next year. By the end of the month, all groups who wish to be included in the budget submit their bids, whether they are a council committee or a community group. This is always a rigorous process, even more so in a time of continuing public cutbacks.

We have a number of statutory duties as a council, such as keeping our public spaces in good order, as well as running our own cemetery.

Clare Calendar

We will be publishing a calendar of local events which will appear on the Clare website and be placed on the Town Council noticeboard in Pashler's Alley.

If you are organising such an event and you would like it to go on the list, please contact Claire Ebeling, the Town Clerk (clerk@clare.uk.com) with details. The calendar will then be updated regularly.

