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## CLARE COUNTRY PARK: Geoffrey Bray

By the time you read this newsletter the decision the Town Council made on 13th August to take on the Park will be very old news. In the consultation process many people had expressed concern about the level of cash that Suffolk County Council had offered as a 'dowry' (£230,000). This was made very clear to Councillor Mark Bee (the leader of Suffolk County Council) at the well-attended public meeting on 7th August. The end result was that, following that meeting, SCC increased their offer by £87,500 (spread over 3 years) and this enabled the Town Council to vote unanimously in favour of the transfer.

Keith Haisman and Derek Blake are to be congratulated for not only the hard work they have put in to reach this conclusion but to achieve a financial result that was far better than many of us ever expected. They proved to be masters at detaching their emotional feelings of the benefits of the Park being in the hands of Clare from their hard-headed negotiating stance; the Town Council's original decision to split the lead of the negotiating responsibilities (by Town Councillors) from the planning of how the Park would be run (by the Trustees-elect) has proved so far to be outstandingly successful. It is now up to the Trustees to show Clare can run the Park successfully.

With most of the 'due diligence' process now completed satisfactorily there are two particularly important legalities that have to be completed before the deal is 'put to bed'; the drawing up of the legal documentation that deals with the transfer from SCC and the establishment of the Charitable Trust that will manage the Park. This will inevitably take time but we hope the park will be in the hands of Clare before the end of the year.

## YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Clare Town Council currently has a vacancy for a councillor which the Town Council intends to fill by co-option.

We are looking for local people who are interested in helping to sustain our thriving but traditional town.

If you would like to join a friendly and active team, live or work in the town or within three miles of the parish boundaries and are over 18, please get in touch with the town clerk, Claire Ebeling, on 01787 277559 or email her at [clerk@clare-uk.com](mailto:clerk@clare-uk.com)



[www.clare-uk.com](http://www.clare-uk.com)



In just 37 weeks' time, Clare will be celebrating the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.

Already plans are in hand for a festival that has something for everyone to enjoy including:

**Exhibitions** at the Museum

**Education** - material and ideas for use in schools

**A study day** at Stour Valley School on Saturday 6th June with contributions from noted academics

Events at the **Library** throughout the week

**A walk** between Sible Hedingham and Clare

**A 'Taste of 1215'** evening on Wednesday 10th June in the Town Hall with music, medieval mummings, mead, wine and ale...and a taste of medieval-style food!

**A Medieval Banquet** with entertainment on Friday 12th June in the Town Hall.

**A festive day** in the Country Park on Saturday 13th June with a procession, fancy dress for the children (and adults!), music, medieval sports, crafts, a falconry display and a re-enactment group... plus good things to eat and drink.

This is a festival for the whole of Clare in our own historic park.

Why not put the dates in your diary now.



## OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, 21st October 2014  
'Drop in' anytime  
between 4 pm - 6.30 pm  
At Clare Town Hall

New Build properties in  
**CLARE**

Hastoe Housing Association is currently on site at Westfields delivering a small development of affordable housing for people with a connection to Clare.

The development comprises of 2 x 1 bed flats, 2 x 2 bed flats, 2 x 2 bed bungalows and 3 x 3 bed houses for rent and 2 x 2 bed houses for shared ownership. We are expecting the properties to be completed in Spring 2015.

They will soon be looking for applications for the properties and will be holding a drop in event at the Town Hall on 21st October from 4 - 6.30pm.

If you are interested in applying for the homes please call in to find out more. If you are unable to attend and would like more information please contact Hastoe Housing Association on 01799 532130 or [Eastdev@hastoe.com](mailto:Eastdev@hastoe.com)

(Please note that Clare Town Council have no involvement in house allocation.)

### Wanted

CLASP (Clare Liaison and Support Project) operates a community Minibus offering transport for charitable and educational groups from Clare and the surrounding villages. The bus is driven by volunteers from a panel of trained drivers. We are in need of further drivers to join our team and to help in this very useful and worthwhile community service. Training is free and consists of a day in Haverhill learning how to handle the bus, act appropriately with the passengers and how to operate the wheelchair restraints and wheelchair ramp. If you are interested, please call Mike Arnold, the minibus administrator, on 01787 278774 and have a chat about the bus and its commitments - we hope to hear from you soon.

### Press Notice



**St Edmundsbury**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### Application for a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

Name of Applicant The Friends of Clare Library

Name of Premises Clare Library

Postal Address of Premises (or description of premises)

Guildhall  
High Street  
Clare CO10 8NY

This application may be viewed at:

St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk House,  
Western Way, Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk IP33 3YU [www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk](http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk)

The Proposed Relevant Licensable Activities are:

Plays, Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Supply of Alcohol

Dates between which representations may be made to the Licensing Authority:

Start Date: 10 September 2014  
Closing Date: 8 October 2014

Representations must be made in writing to the attention of the Licensing Services Manager, St Edmundsbury Borough Council (as the Licensing Authority) at the above address, or by e-mail to [licensing@stedsbc.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stedsbc.gov.uk).

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

Nb: This must be published in a local newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the premises, on at least one occasion, not more than 10 working days after giving the application to the licensing authority, starting on the day following the day the application was given to the licensing authority.

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### Saturday 11th October

Volunteers are invited to attend a litter-picking event on Saturday 11th October, meeting by the War Memorial at 10.00am. Tabards, tools, bags and gloves will be provided.

In small teams, we will explore the various byways of Clare and remove whatever is found, particularly in areas that our excellent street cleaners do not cover.



**Please note that comments for this application need to be made before 8th October.**

