

The Vicar & Churchwardens of Clunbury Parish and the President and Officers of the Clun & District Branch of the British Legion invite you to a

**Coffee Morning
on Saturday 24 July
10.30 - 12.30**

at the Lawn Farm, Beambridge Road
(by kind invitation of
Mr & Mrs J Whitehead)

In aid of the restoration of the
Purslow War Memorial

Admission £2 Raffle - Bring & Buy

Flood prevention around Twitchen and Clunbury

As a result of the flooding problems identified in the Parish Plan, Shropshire Council have been investigating the problems reported throughout the Parish. They are having difficulty identifying the flooding sites in Twitchen and Clunbury. If you are able to provide this information please contact Cllr. John Hoskins on 660192 or email j.hoskins@which.net with specific details so that these can be passed on to Shropshire Council.

Wanted - organist for Clunbury Church

Is there anyone who would be willing to help with organ playing at Clunbury? If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact The Reverend Barney Bell 660342.

If you prefer to receive The Parish Post by email please contact us at theparishpost@gmail.com
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David Hill

Shropshire Council needs your views on childcare

Under the Childcare Act 2006 Shropshire Council is required to ensure sufficient childcare to meet the needs of working parents and those parents returning to work, education or training.

They are currently seeking the views of local people on childcare provision in this area. This will help identify gaps in provision and develop an action plan to close these gaps.

This summer a questionnaire is being sent out to a random sample of households with children. Families who receive a questionnaire are being urged to take part in the survey. This will help to ensure that the views of all communities are taken into account.

If you do not receive a questionnaire but would like to contribute to the survey, please contact Penny Hall by telephone on (01743) 254367 or email childcaresufficiency@shropshire.gov.uk

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If music be the food of love...

Shakespeare wrote 'If music be the food of love, play on,' and that's exactly what professional musician Helen Wright of Twitchen Road, Clunbury does.

Helen, who will be performing live at the Assembly Rooms in Ludlow on 3 July has pledged half of everything she earns to the charity *Casa Alianza*, a charity that works with street children and homeless youngsters in Central America. Helen will also be releasing her new single at the Assembly Rooms called 'Beautiful Me'.

"I've always had an interest in the issue of homelessness and street children, plus I love the Spanish language," said Helen "so I went on the internet searching for a charity that I could support and discovered *Casa Alianza*. I like the way they work because they don't only give the children physical and emotional support, they also defend children's human rights in the courts and that is very important; just because you don't have a home doesn't mean that you don't have rights."

Helen is currently working on a song, called 'Open the Door', which is her take on the Live Aid song, 'Feed the World'. She is determined to produce and sell 100,000 copies at £1 each to raise money for *Casa Alianza* and, she says

with a grin "I will find someone who will get behind me on this so we can get professional equipment, support etc, and get it done fantastically for nothing."

However, Helen's talents are also used and enjoyed locally. She runs *The Nest*,

"It's a place for women where they can come, feel safe and both enjoy and explore their music. Sometimes it's just so they can get mic experience, sometimes someone comes up and says they've written a poem



that they think will sound wonderful with music. I help them do it and then I mix and master, and the final result is their own CD. *The Nest* is about learning confidence, achieving something that perhaps they thought they'd never achieve and yet all the time it is within them to do so. And it helps raise money for *Casa Alianza*."

Sue Horder-Mason

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Please send your contributions by the 15th of each month

Bank Holiday teas and crafts at Pool House Farm

Now we know for sure we've moved to the best village in Shropshire!

Wow, weren't we lucky? Saturday and Tuesday we had pouring rain and the two days in between when we held our teas and crafts afternoons stayed dry, even if it wasn't that warm.

Despite Duncan saying almost every day, as we worked 12 hour shifts to get tidy, "This is mad! Whose idea was this anyway?" it turned out to be really good fun and we thoroughly appreciated so many of you coming and making it so enjoyable and successful!



Lin Brown and sister, Sue

As Pippa Halliday said "it's good to have targets or you never get anything done."

By late Monday afternoon, we'd run out of chairs and teapots, but nobody seemed to mind. It was lovely to meet you all and thank you for making us feel so welcome in the village.

You will be pleased to know we raised £176.65 for Clunbury School and had the best time doing it.

I must add thanks to my sister Sue, up from Surrey for the weekend, who did a wonderful waitressing job; to Barbara Freeman for donating so many lovely plants, jams, muffins, etc; to other ladies who made cakes and to Trevor, for allowing us to put up the tables in his field, so we had teas with a view.

We were touched by people's kindness and enthusiasm and some people even came on both days, though we were a little worried when several people said they'd be back same time next Sunday. But seriously, we'd love people to drop in any time — the kettle is always on here (and there are still scones in the freezer).

Lin and Duncan Brown
Pool House Farm

Summer Cheese and Wine 7.30pm Friday 2 July at The Orchard, Clunton

by kind invitation of
Pat and Alex Harding
Tickets from the Church Committee
£7.50 (and £1.50 for pudding)

Will it rain?

Clunbury Parish Church is dedicated to St Swithin, a former bishop of Winchester. Legends tell us that if it rains on St Swithin's Day (15 July), it will rain for 40 days because, on that day, Swithin's coffin was moved from its grave in the Cathedral churchyard to a splendid tomb in the Cathedral. It rained for 40 days and people said it was the Saint showing his displeasure at being moved from the churchyard where he had expressly asked to be buried.

From the WI archives of 1980

Songs of praise for St. Swithin's Day

Join in a special service at Clunbury Church, 6.00pm on Sunday 18 July. Please come prepared to offer your choice of favourite hymns to sing during the service. Between hymns there will be a selection of readings from Ida Gandy's 'An Idler on the Shropshire Borders'. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be provided free after the service.

Knot a problem

It is here, in my next but one neighbour's garden: the dreaded Japanese Knotweed. It grows through the toughest hard surfaces and multiplies at the rate of knots (is this why it is called Knotweed?) and stifles everything else. People have been refused a mortgage because of it. What shall we do? Move? Perhaps not: my gardening magazine (*Garden Answers*) tells me it can be killed; so war is declared. It can be dug out, provided the roots are disposed of safely: soaked in water so that they rot, or left to dry out on a hard surface, but neither on the compost nor in the green bin. In July, when the leaves are fully out, it can be sprayed with glyphosate (Roundup). If it is too tall, cut it all back and then spray the regrowth when it is about 3ft tall. Or, after August, Roundup can be applied directly into the stems, following the instructions below:



- Cut the stems off 8 in high just above a node
- Push a screwdriver down through the node
- Pour in 10 ml of a 20% solution of Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer, using a pipette or a very small funnel

For more information a leaflet 'Guidance for the control of invasive plants' which covers Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed, is available from the Environment Agency in Shrewsbury tel: 01743 272828.

Have you seen it somewhere near you? Watch out, you could be the next victim. Good luck!

M C, Kempton

Report on Kempton Village Hall AGM

The AGM took place on 2 June. A committee of seven members was elected (more volunteers welcome). A grant application for a new cooker and urns was approved and future events discussed (Bonfire Night on 6 November being the only firm date at present). Any enquiries, please contact the secretary, Lizzie Potter, on 660418, or Richard Bright on 660250.

Clunbury 100 Club

Subscriptions are now due for the coming year. Anyone new interested in joining please contact Mary Jones on 660316 or Maddy Matveieff on 660458

What's in it for you?

Well — here we are already in June and true to form the sun only seems to show its face on the odd day or so, before scurrying behind the clouds again. When the weather is less than clement then it's time to reach for The Parish Post and catch up on local news and views.

It seems like no time at all since the first copy rolled off the presses in January and the support we've received to date has been more than encouraging — but we do need your continued input. Let us know what you want to see in the Post — share your gossip and advertise forthcoming events.

We need to know about local news and events, anything interesting that's happening near you or outings being organised. You may have some gardening tips — perhaps someone knows of an easy way to rid the garden of the scourge of rabbits who find the tender young shoots of your finest plants so very tempting — you do? Then please share it — we could all benefit from your knowledge!

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