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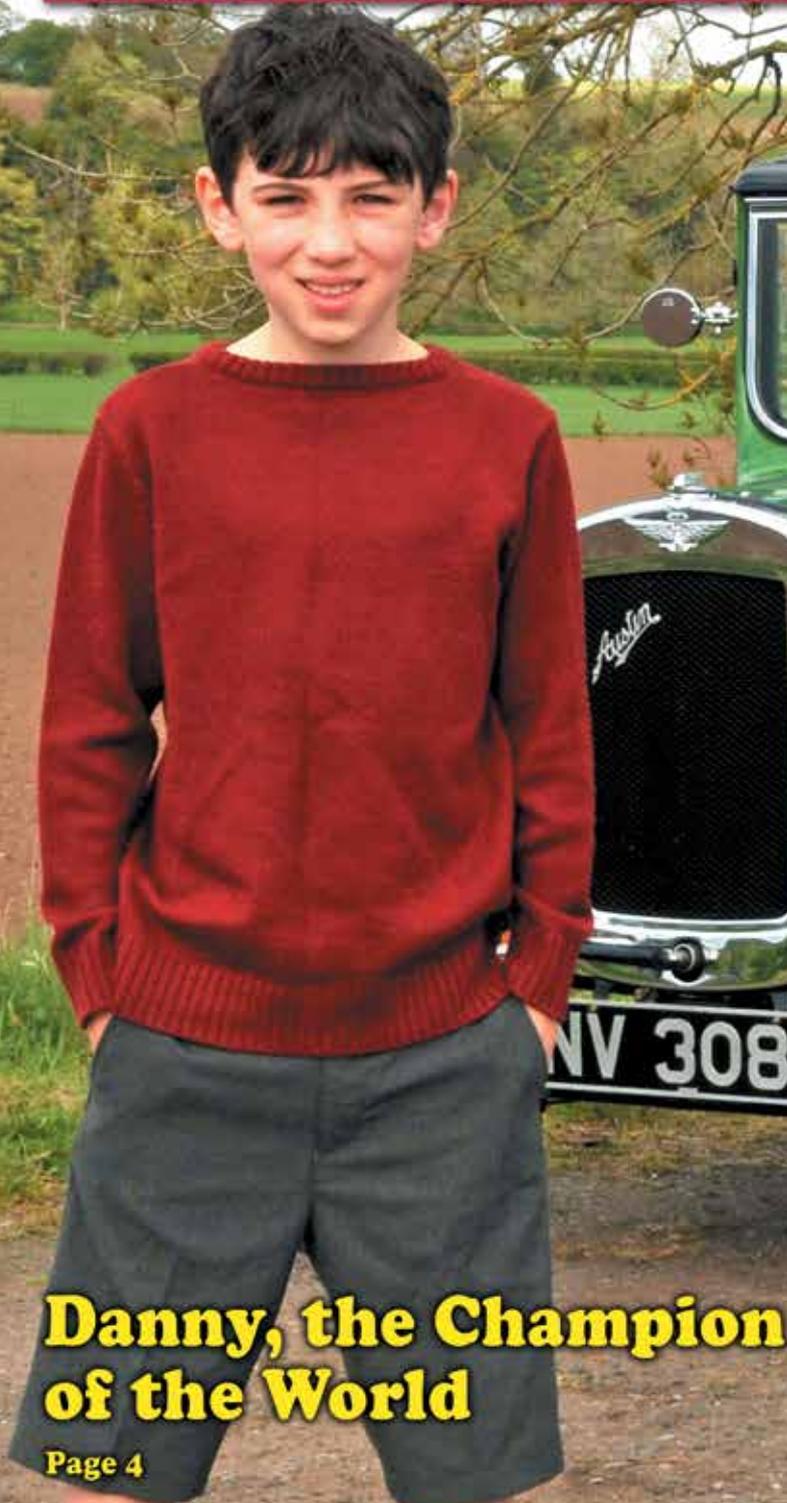
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Editor's Comment



READERS have our sympathy if they find our report on Town Council ceremonial badges confusing (see page 10).

We would suggest they listen to the audio podcast of the debate on the Frodsham Town Council website for further clarification, but for the fact that it is likely to leave

them even more confused.

In fact we submit that the only conclusion they are likely to reach is that this was not the Town Council's finest hour.

Whether or not it is a proper function of the council to be buying ceremonial badges for councillors is not the issue. Enough to say that in 2014, it was decided to do so but, apparently, that councillors, ex-councillors and ex-Mayors who wanted one should pay for it out of their own pockets. Seems straight forward enough.

We were around at the time and don't recall any decisions about different coloured badges for different categories of person, but we were not privy to everything

that went on, so we must accept that there were.

However we can't see why arguments about someone wearing the wrong coloured badge at the wrong time should take up such an inordinate length of time at a council meeting. Possibly when there were much more important matters to decide.

To be fair, most members of the council probably thought the same. One went so far as to describe the debate as a waste of time and money. Several appeared frustrated at the time it went on.

Others appeared to be pursuing personal vendettas.

The worrying thing is that at the end of the day, no decision was made. Which means we might have to go through it all again!

Exhibitions at Castle Park

A SERIES of varied exhibitions is running at Frodsham's Castle Park Arts Centre until June 24.

Force of Nature is a collection of oil and mixed media seascapes, landscapes and abstract water paintings by Sarah Morley.

Meriem El Alami – a Journal of a Diaspora is a visual documentation of existing in Diaspora and its daily challenges.

Drawn from the Weaver is a visual exploration of the River Weaver by Pamela Field, Pauline Leaver and Celia Rowlands.

Frodsham Shops through Time is an exhibition of posters, collected by Frodsham and district History Society, showing the development of shops and services in Frodsham over more than 150 years, reflecting changes in livelihoods and fluctuating economic prosperity following the arrival of the railway in 1850.

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Broadway comes to Frodsham



Frodsham Community Centre came alive and was transformed to the West End and Broadway when pupils from a number of local schools took part in "Come Alive" - a show inspired by the film "The Greatest Showman."

It was the first performance by Broadway Bound's Frodsham-based theatre school, run by Kayleigh Ann Strong, who has previously co-directed musicals at the Community Centre.

There are classes for infant, junior and senior children and one specifically for pupils of Frodsham Manor House Primary - and they all joined together to present the sell-out show.

Full lighting and special effects

gave a very professional effect and there were excerpts from musicals including Chicago, Rent, Wicked, Greatest Showman, Legally Blonde, Les Miserables, Hairspray, Matilda and Annie.

After the show, some of the younger performers went straight into rehearsals to be ready for their next show which will see them in a combined youth and adult production in August.

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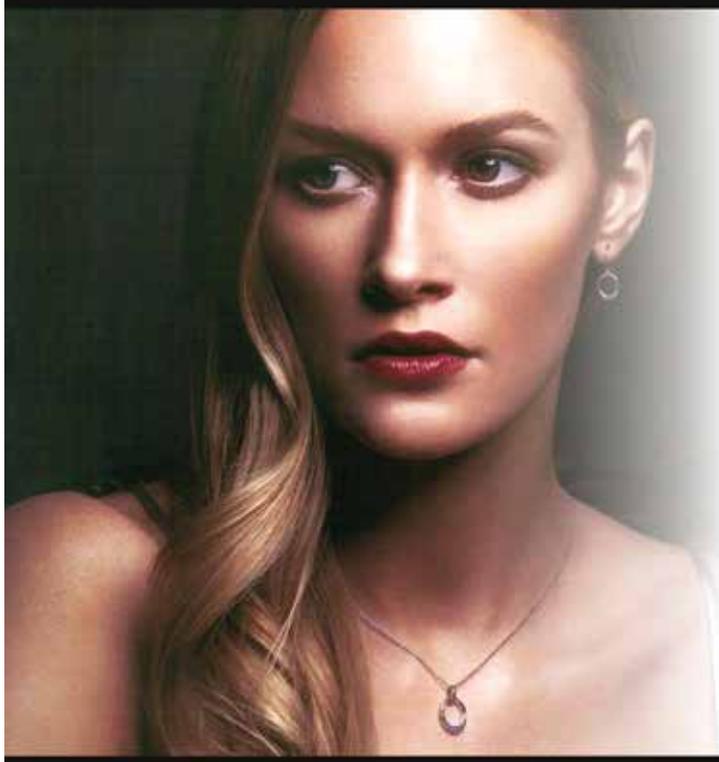
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Danny, the Champion of the World – in Frodsham

FRODSHAM Players will be going outdoors with their next production – weather permitting.

They are currently busy rehearsing for their production of "Danny, the Champion of the World" – a delightful Roald Dahl story, adapted by David Wood, which both children and adults will enjoy.

It will be presented in the open air at St Laurence Church green on Thursday and Friday, June 28-29 at 7.30pm, with matinee performances on Saturday June 30 and Sunday July 1 at 4pm.

Members of the audience are invited to bring a chair and a picnic.

If the weather is wet, the show will move into the church.

Set In 1950s England, the story tells how young Danny lives in a motor home with his father, William, next to the garage that

William owns and operates just outside a small village.

Local businessman Victor Hazell has quietly been buying up the woods surrounding William's garage to develop into a housing estate, but William refuses to sell. When Hazell organizes a pheasant shoot to woo the local upper crust in aid of his plans, Danny and his father plot their revenge.

The play will be directed by Michael Mills and the part of Danny will be played by Charlie Ashbrook, who is making his debut with the Players.

Tickets are £5.00 and can be purchased by ringing the Box office: 07754 455809 or online at www.frodshamplayers.com or from Dandelion in Church Street, Frodsham.



Pupils stage their own 'Royal Wedding'

CHILDREN from Frodsham CE Primary School staged a mock wedding at St Laurence Church to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

There were lots of volunteers to be "Harry" and "Meghan" and the two children drawn out of the hat were Penelope (Y3) and Austin (Y4). Year 2 teacher, Miss Sue Riddiough, "officiated".

Each class took part in the preparations, from making invitations, decorations and bunting, to writing poems to be read during the service, and also practising singing and playing musical instruments to perform at the wedding.

The service was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Groom Austin said: "I really enjoyed it and thought it was fun being 'mock' married. It was funny

trying to find the right finger to put the ring on – I got the wrong hand at first."

Bride Penelope said: "Getting married was strange and fun as I experienced what it will be like when I'm older and get married. The best bit was when Miss Riddiough said 'you are husband and wife' as it made me realise that is the exact moment the whole celebration is about. Everyone was happy."

Catering Supervisor Mrs Weedon provided a "Wedding Breakfast" for pupils when they returned to school, with a wedding themed Royal picnic.

A school spokesperson said: "Everyone at Frodsham CE Primary would like to congratulate the new Royal couple and hope they enjoyed their day as much as we did!"



New show site opens



YOUR Choice are proud to announce their brand new show site at Housing Units in Failsworth.

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All set for Disability Awareness Day 2018

WORK is well underway for Awareness Day which takes Warrington, on Sunday, July 15.

Founder and event co-ordinator Dave Thompson (pictured), now Chief Executive of Warrington Disability Partnership, said: "In 1992, who would have thought that a disability information event organised by a very small, then unknown disability group, would grow in size and stature, and would influence the development of a now internationally-recognised Disability Awareness Day.

"This year sees the '27th Anniversary event', which has inspired people from all over the world and provided advice and support to 100,000's of disabled people, their families, friends and carers<" added Dave, who helped co-found Warrington Disability Partnership after breaking his neck in a sporting injury.

More than 25,000 visitors are expected to attend this year's DAD, the world's largest not-for-profit, voluntary-led, pan-disability exhibition, which will once again be hosted at Walton Hall Gardens on Sunday, July 15 with the support of joint principal sponsors St George Healthcare Group and St Mark Universal Copts Care.

A huge tented village housing approximately 250 exhibitors – including equipment suppliers; transport; holidays; leisure and employment providers; and support groups and services – is set to attract visitors to travel from all over

the 27th annual Disability Awareness Day takes pace at Walton Gardens, Warrington, on Sunday, July 15.

the UK and beyond. Inclusive Arts is just one of the highlights of the event – with a number of disabled artists including nationally recognised performers such as the Ella Performance Group and Carly Ryan. The Main Arena will offer visitors a range of family entertainment including guide dog display teams, falconry displays and a number of marching bands. Also on-site will be the fully accessible Sports Zone with have-a-go events including Scuba Diving in the temporary pool, climbing wall, shooting, archery, basketball and much more.

A free, accessible Park and Ride service is available from Wilderspool Park; plus a free bus service every 30 minutes starting at 9.30am from Warrington Bus Interchange; British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters; trained assistants; and a scooter / wheelchair loans service promises to ensure DAD is fully inclusive to all.

"The background story to DAD is a great example of just how far a 'can do' attitude can take you," says Event Founder and Co-ordinator, Dave Thompson MBE DL.

"What started out as a one-off event is now one the highlights of the international disabled community's calendar – inspiring similar events as far afield as India, Cameroon, Uganda, Gibraltar and Thailand. Our team is also working

closely with one of our sponsors St Mark Universal Copts Care teams based in the UK and working in Egypt and Sudan."

The big day on Sunday July 15 from 10am to 5pm – will be a fitting finale to a week comprising a variety of complementary events to savour, which are guaranteed to attract many more visitors to

events aimed at disabled children and young people, mental health, learning disability, carers and a cultural diversity evening.

For more details on DAD and 'DAD Week' and all the events listed, please contact Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064 or visit www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk



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All Change as Frodsham Town council elect 'Lord' Mayor

Pictures: Lynda Haney

IT was "all change" at the annual meeting of Frodsham Town Council, with a new Mayor, a new Deputy Mayor and a new chairman.

Father-of-the-council, Cllr "Lord" Frank Pennington was elected as Mayor and Cllr Liam Jones was elected as his deputy- meaning that the oldest and youngest members of the council now hold the posts.

Being Mayor will be nothing new for the veteran councillor who has served for 43 years and was, in

fact, Frodsham's first Mayor.

He was also the first individual to be awarded the Freedom of Frodsham and, on the occasion of his 83 birthday earlier this year, friends presented him with a Lordship title which, as he has joked, means he is Frodsham's first Lord Mayor!

Cllr Jones, the youngest member of the council, has been a councillor for just over three years.

Earlier this year he completed the inaugural Chester 10k race, raising money for the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Cllr Pennington succeeds Cllr Alan Oulton as Mayor - but Cllr Oulton is the new chairman of the council.

In a secret ballot of members he ousted sitting chairman Cllr Judith Critchley.



Chairman Cllr Alan Oulton.



Deputy Mayor Cllr Liam Jones with Mayor Cllr 'Lord' Frank Pennington.



Mayor Cllr 'Lord' Frank Pennington with Chairman Cllr Alan Oulton.

Auditions are coming for Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves

THE Frodsham Panto Group are holding auditions for their new production Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves.

Several dates are planned and these consist of 'Meet the Production Team' on Wednesday June 13 at 7.30pm followed by Principal auditions on Friday (June 15) with registration from 6pm and auditions at 6.30pm.

On Sunday, June 17 Chorus and Dancer auditions will be held starting with Dancer registration at 9am followed by auditions at 9.30am. Chorus registration is at 1pm followed by auditions at 1.30pm.

All auditions will be held at Frodsham Community Centre. For further details please phone 07974 560640.



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Harmful 'sleep myths' debunked following shock survey findings

NEARLY half of all Brits are following harmful 'sleep myths', such as thinking you can 'catch up' on missed sleep.

More than a quarter of those surveyed (28 percent) think that an alcoholic tipple guarantees a deeper slumber, while 35 percent believe watching television helps you to nod off.

The shock findings were revealed by Land of Beds – official local stockists of the world's number one bed brand, Sealy UK, who carried out the new nationwide research.

"Avoiding cheese, exercising before bed and watching TV are all things people commonly think they should do to get a better night's sleep," said Mike Murray, Managing Director at Land of Beds.

"As our in-store bed experts will tell you, these 'sleep myths' are, at best, only partly true; most are false and potentially harmful. For example, lying in at the weekend to try and make up for missed hours of sleep has been linked with an increased risk of heart disease.

"Drinking wine before bed may make you drowsy, but it interferes with your sleep rhythms; blocks the most restorative level of sleep; can aggravate breathing problems; and can lead to extra trips to the bathroom!

"The publication of this latest research from our partners Sealy UK is, therefore, a helpful opportunity to separate 'sleep fact' from 'sleep fiction'."

More than a third of people questioned across the UK (39 percent) said they felt it was possible to train yourself to get by on just four hours' sleep, while more than half (53 percent) believe that the older you get, the fewer hours of sleep you need.

Mike added: "Debunking 'sleep myths' and offering genuine advice based on the latest sleep science is something our bed experts are trusted to do – having completed appropriate training with the National Bed Federation.

"If your sleep quality is poor, forget the myths and go back to basics: choose a comfortable and supportive bed; create a relaxing and consistent pre-bedtime routine; and ensure your bedroom is calm, quiet and free of any distractions from electronic devices."

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Photographic Society prepare for Heritage Open Days at historic church

WORK is in hand in the preparation for Frodsham Photographic Society's Exhibition at St Laurence Parish Church during the Heritage Open days on two September weekends – 8/9 and 15/16.

It will cover a large number of members' photographs from the

season and include those which feature in the 'Image of the Year' Competition and those entered in the Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union's various competitions.

Projected digital images will also be rolling on large screens

throughout the day.

Visitors are welcome to visit the Grade 1 listed church, dating from Anglo Saxon times and one of the few mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, while at the same time admiring a set of beautiful and interesting photographs.

You never know – you may be inspired to join the club at the start of next season.

An image of the St Laurence Church, taken by Lynda Haney, is shown here.

For more details on the society visit www.frodsham.photos





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Council debate on ceremonial badges 'a waste of time and money'

THE future of ceremonial badges for councillors, ex-councillors and ex-Mayors of Frodsham remains in doubt following a lengthy but inconclusive debate at the monthly meeting of the Town Council.

The debate ended after Cllr Paul Martin suggested it was a waste of time and money to continue the discussion and the Mayor, Cllr Lord Frank Pennington, who was in the chair, had moved progress.

New chairman Cllr Alan Oulton – who had earlier suggested the council should get rid of the badges altogether – vacated the chair during the debate and said he "could not believe" how long it had gone on.

The debate started with complaints that a former councillor was wearing a yellow badge – the

colour used for serving councillors.

Members heard that a council decision in 2014 indicated that ex-Mayors who wanted a ceremonial badge should buy their own badge and that it should be worn at appropriate civic functions and events.

No decision was made about how future badges would be ordered or acquired.

A number of councillors were concerned that a badge appeared to have been acquired without permission. But others thought this was immaterial.

The meeting was told the badge in question had been purchased by a then serving councillor from the council's suppliers.

A proposal that existing badges should be withdrawn was seconded and an amendment that the badges should be used as ex-Mayor's badges was lost.

A further amendment that there be an option for existing councillors to purchase a badge was agreed but an amendment that existing badges be withdrawn but that current councillors should have an option to purchase a badge was lost.

There was further discussion about the original decisions, the contract with the supplier and copyright – but no decisions were made.



Chairman Cllr Alan Oulton.

Pre-school's 'outstanding' from Ofsted

FRODSHAM'S Applebees Pre-school are celebrating the outcome of their first-ever Ofsted inspection resulting in them being judged "Outstanding" in all areas.

Ofsted inspector Lauren Parson said after visiting the pre-school, in the grounds of Frodsham Manor House Primary: "The provider has extremely high expectations for her

staff and the children attending.

"Children are exceptionally confident, happy and self-assured. Older children are confident communicators who approach challenges with a positive can-do attitude."

"All children are exceptionally well prepared for their next stages of learning and the move on to school."

Sonja Pearson, owner and childcare manager said: "We are delighted with our result. We have worked hard to achieve this, setting high standards for ourselves and the children".

She also praised the head and staff at Manor House Primary who had been "very supportive."

The Ofsted inspector added that

to further improve the quality of the early years provision, the pre-school should continue to enhance the excellent opportunities available for children who prefer to learn outdoors.

Applebees was first registered in 2016.

The full Ofsted report can be seen at www.ofsted.gov.uk



Cash grants up for grabs from the Town Council

ORGANISATIONS and individuals in Frodsham are being invited to apply for cash grants from the Town Council.

The grants will be awarded for projects which promote social inclusion, increase skills and activities to aid social inclusion, enhance the social, cultural or economic well-being of Frodsham or achieve excellence in their chosen activities.

Last year, the council awarded

grants totalling £8,060 to eight organisations. They ranged from £150 to £3,500.

An application form and further details are available from the Council's website (www.frodsham.gov.uk) or from the council office at Castle Park House.

Deadline for applications is August 1. Decisions will be made and payments issued by cheque in November.

Examples of activities that can

attract grants: Sports, recreational and play activity; Performing arts (theatre, music, etc); Visual arts (painting, sculpture, etc); Media, film and video; Museums; Literature; * Architecture, landscape and parks; Combined arts and festivals; sponsorship; Cultural heritage.

Applications will not be considered: for day-to-day running costs; retrospectively (where money has been already spent or committed); from organisations or

individuals who were awarded an FTC grant within the past two years.

Last year, grants were awarded to: Weavervale and Sandstone Cycle Forum; Frodsham Community Centre; The Zodiac Operatic Society; Frodsham History Society; Castle Park Arts Centre; Frodsham Parish Hall; 4th Frodsham Scouts and Weaver Words Literature Festival.

Apple Jacks Adventure Farm - fun for all the family

Review by Editor Gary Skentelbery

IF you are looking for something to do with the children at a weekend or during the school holidays Apple Jacks Adventure farm at Stretton, Warrington provides fun for all the family.

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areas, archery and even a haunted house to help keep you entertained whatever the weather.

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"When we visited the weather was not too clever but it didn't stop the whole family having fun, especially my granddaughter Olivia, who was not quite two at

the time of our visit.

"She had a great time and was rather reluctant to leave after more than a couple of hours of entertainment.

"In fact she has been back for seconds and spent half a day there

and was still reluctant to leave!

"It is certainly a place we will be visiting again over the summer.

"The go-karts and the soft ball play area with cannons proved a big hit with all the family!"





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Woman, 80, swindled out of £2,000 by bogus gardeners

POLICE are investigating an incident at Frodsham in which an 80-year-old woman was swindled out of £2,000 by bogus gardeners.

They are warning householders to be aware of the dangers of tradesmen calling at homes offering to do work.

In the case under investigation, a woman living in the Townfield Lane area received a leaflet through her door offering to do gardening work.

She wanted some ivy removing from a garage wall and called the mobile phone number on the leaflet. It went to voice mail and later someone called her back.

Two men came to inspect the work and quoted £2,000 – and said they would want paying in advance.

The victim, noting that there was a Helsby address on the leaflet, agreed and handed over the money.

The men left, promising to return, but failed to do so.

Subsequent enquiries have revealed that the Helsby address does not exist. The men took their leaflet away with them so the original telephone number cannot be traced.

A relative of the victim said: "She

is obviously very upset. She cannot afford to lose £2,000 but it seems unlikely she will get it back. But she wants to make sure other people are put on their guard and that the same thing doesn't happen again.

"We have heard there has been another case locally but we don't know anything about it."

Anyone with information likely to help police enquiries should call them on 101

Charity music festival aims for £100,000

THE eighth Frodsham Charity Music Festival takes place on Saturday August 11 – in the open air at Forest Hills.

Since the first festival in 2009, it has raised nearly £100,000 for local charities and other good causes – and organisers hope to reach the £100,000 target this year.

Among organisations to benefit so far are Mencap, Halton Haven, Claire House and the Scouts and Cubs in Runcorn, Helsby and Frodsham. Organisers very much want to hit the £100,000 mark this year and are very grateful to local businesses and fans of great music

who continue to support the event.

Spokesperson Jenny McLaren said: "As in previous years no musicians, helpers or organisers associated with the event receives payment or expenses so all monies raised will benefit local good causes."

Bands appearing include Phoenix, Double Barrel, Take Phat, Just Hit Town, The Quayz, Days Above, Junction 12 and Last Chance Band.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Dandelion, Forest Hills or via mobile 07855 562 594



Air cadets seek new members

THE Air Cadets are looking for new members – and are targeting the Frodsham, Helsby and Kingsley areas.

Flt Lt JT Williams is the officer commanding 306 (Runcorn) Sqn RAF Air Cadets – the unit which covers the area – and admits the air cadets are the "worst kept secret" in the area.

He said: "We are a registered charity, we provide something exciting, fulfilling and life-enhancing for younger people to do, at a minimal cost. Uniform is provided free and is updated as the cadet grows. Camps are thrilling and provided at least possible cost, certainly compared to school camps.

"Monthly subscriptions are comparatively tiny. In Runcorn, we have a large, fantastic modern building at our disposal. We just need to let people know about it all!"

Activities available to cadets include flying, gliding, shooting, music, camping, sailing, archery, football, netball, rounders, etc.

They go on visit to RAF stations, undergo leadership training and adventure training.

The squadron meets at Crown Gate Barracks, Runcorn on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-9.30pm. They can be contacted on 01928 890200 or by email at 306@aircadets.org

Councils join forces to make town bloom

CHESHIRE West and Chester Council has been working with Frodsham Town and local parish councils during May to create the best possible floral displays in the area

Residents may have noticed planters have disappeared along routes into the Frodsham – but this was because they were being refurbished, their drainage was being improved and they were being filled with fresh soil.

Locations were then agreed for repositioning the planters to get the best possible results.

A CW&C spokesperson said in some cases this meant a small number of locations were no longer used, either because they were unsuitable for plants or

where watering was impractical or dangerous.

Flowers planted included citrus coloured Begonias, classic mixed and salmon-coloured Geraniums, cascading blue Lobelia, Fairy Queen Salvia and Verbena Bonariensis.

CW&C lead member for environment, Cllr Karen Shore said: "I'm delighted we are working with the Town and Parish Councils to create some wonderful floral displays in Frodsham.

"It's exciting that we will be working with the councils throughout the year to ensure these displays are well maintained and they could potentially be entered into the 2019 Britain in Bloom competition."

School's art work goes on show

AN exciting initiative called "Artsmark" has been launched at St Luke's RC Primary School, Frodsham – and the results can now be seen at the Castle Park Arts Centre.

Artsmark is an award given to schools that demonstrate their commitment to embedding arts and cultural provision at the heart of their school.

St Luke's kick-started the venture with an 'Arts Week' dedicated to enjoying Art, Music, Drama and Dance.

During the week, they had a visit from an artist who worked with each class.

There was a sculpting day, music and drama performances and dance workshops.

Reception and Year One classes did activities linked to their topic of "The Seaside" and "Pirates", while Class Two looked at the work of the artist L.S. Lowry and linked their work to their topic of "Victorians" and "Children's Games."

In Year Three and Four, work was linked to their topic of "Ancient Greeks" and Charles Darwin was the theme in Year Five and Year Six.

The children enjoyed a fantastic week and were very proud of the work they produced.

They set up their own gallery in school for their work to be celebrated and for all parents to view.

They are now very proud and privileged that their work is on display in Castle Park Arts Centre for a six week period.

Pupils were also invited into an art class being held at the centre and during the visit one artist said: "It's amazing that the children are being encouraged to come in - I have seen their artwork and it is putting ours to shame!"



Reception pupils crowding in to see their work on show at Castle Park Arts Centre.

Cycling group to survey dangerous road surfaces

FRODSHAM based Cycling North Cheshire (CNC) is to launch a proactive survey of roads in the area and report any dangerous surfaces to Cheshire West and Chester

Council (CW&C).

Members decided on the survey after reporting a dangerous pothole in Hollow Lane, Kingsley and noting that more than a month later it had

still not been dealt with.

A CNC spokesman said: "The council's response to our reporting potholes has been somewhat variable."

CNC is particularly concerned about the dangers posed to cyclists by potholes.

According to a UK wide study released by Westminster University, the number of cyclists injured on the roads of the UK is grossly unreported.

Tens of thousands of non-recorded injuries are estimated as being down to potholes causing injuries.

CNC members are also to

monitor if and when repairs are carried out and how well the work has been carried out.

Some repairs are thought to be of a poor standard, resulting in the pothole reappearing after a short time.

All information gathered by the CNC survey will be shared with CW&C so that all concerned parties are aware of the relevant issues and how performance targets for repairs are actually being met.

Any member of the public independently wanting to report potholes can do so on the CW&C website

'Bad girls and bonnets'

AUTHOR, actress and costume historian Lucy Adlington was guest speaker at the spring meeting of the Weaver Vale WI group at Frodsham Community Centre – with stories of "Bad Girls and Bonnets."

She made an impressive entrance on stage in a Georgian style gown complete with an elaborate bonnet – and immediately berated the audience for not wearing hats as no respectable lady should be seen out without one!

Her talk went back to the era of Jane Austen, with a wicked look at human nature and all its foibles. Members heard about the "naughtier" characters in Jane Austen, like Mrs Norris in Mansfield Park, or Lydia Bennett in Price and Prejudice. She gave

special mention to Jane Austen's aunt, Mrs Leigh-Perrot, who narrowly escaped being hanged for stealing some lace in Bath.

She told how, with the rise of shopping in the 17th-18th century came the crime of shop-lifting, and she illustrated the many methods employed by ingenious ladies.

Lucy brought with her some examples of clothing of the age, some original and some which had been made by a colleague of hers to original patterns. All were much admired.

After Lucy's enthralling and often hilarious talk members had refreshments, which included the usual splendid selection of cakes.

Lucy's comments was that Weaver Vale certainly know how to entertain visiting speakers



Get on board for Clare's charity boat party

FOR the fourth consecutive year, Frodsham businesswoman Clare Collins-Doyle is throwing a party on the River Dee at Chester in aid of charity.

This year the date is June 16, the place is aboard the Lady Diana – and tickets are now on sale.

Clare said: "Each year, the party gets better and better, and more money is raised for charity. The boat party seems to be a highlight in people's summer social calendar."

Local resident and boat party attendee Patrick Emerson said: "Clare works so hard with the planning of the boat party – she likes to ensure there is entertainment for all, and that everyone has a great day."

"Last year I took my parents-in-law, my friends and my nephew, and everyone had a brilliant day – Clare's hard work certainly pays off

and not only do 100 people have a blast, a whole heap of money is made for charity too!"

On-board entertainment will include Zumba dancing, a live band, a raffle with fabulous prizes and more. Tickets are just £10 with all proceeds going to charity.

Last year £1000 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society and Frodsham Manor House Primary School. This year the money will be split between the Alzheimer's Society, Frodsham Manor House, Shine Bright Foundation and other local charities.

Clare said "I was overwhelmed by the generosity of people supporting the event last year and I hope this year we can match or smash the £1000 target."

Anyone wants to join the fun can contact Clare at protravelagent@ite.travel or on 07801985841.



Clare presenting a cheque last year to Frodsham Manor House Primary School.



Elecia strikes gold

ELECIA Snelson has become the first-ever member of Frodsham Youth Association to achieve the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

She received her certificate at St James's Palace on May 17.

Youth leader Nicola Mikoleizik said: "Everyone at the club is very proud of her and Frodsham Youth Association members Joe Berthels and Ed Webber, who will receive their awards in July at Holyrood."

Deputy Mayor Cllr Liam Jones, who is Frodsham Town Council's representative on the youth association said: "This is an incredible achievement for Elecia and will be for Joe, Ed and the youth club too. I'd like to congratulate them on their hard work and effort

for completing it. This club is truly going from strength to strength, and it is here in Frodsham thanks to the support from the community and staff that run the club, without whom none of this would happen.

"Last month we also saw James Davenport win 'Volunteer of the year' at the West Cheshire Youth Community Awards, again something we can all be proud of."

Ten schools battle it out in soccer contest

FRODSHAM Leisure Centre was the venue for the inaugural Chester Police North Rural Football Tournament.

Ten primary schools entered the competition, divided into two groups of five with the winners and runners up of the groups going forward to the semi-finals.

The winners and each semi-final

then battled it out in the final.

It took a penalty shoot-out to decide the final winners – and the title went to Kingsley Primary School after a keenly contested game with St Luke's RC Primary.

All those who took part received a medal and the winners and runners-up received trophies.

The winners also collected a

schools World Cup style trophy and a £100 voucher to spend at Best Sports, Runcorn.

The event was organised by the local Police Community Support Officers and was designed to provide closer links between the schools, young people and Cheshire Police in the local area.

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