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Editor's Comment



FRODSHAM Town Council's clerk, Hazel Catt, is leaving to take up a similar role with Hartford Parish Council – and we think this is undoubtedly Hartford's gain and Frodsham's loss.

Over the years, clerks have come and gone at Frodsham, and not all partings have been amicable. But Hazel's going is not like that. She has not been unhappy at the council, nor has she fallen out with anyone.

She has simply handed in her resignation to take another job which suits her better. And who among us would not do that if opportunity arose?

Hazel has been with the council some four years, which may not seem that long but which is longer than most of her predecessors.

It has been a difficult four years, during which the council has been at times riven by internal squabbles, resignations and general disharmony. The job of the clerk is

not made easier in such situations, but we think she has performed it well and we have been unable to find anyone who disagrees with us.

Current chairman Alan Oulton confirms our view. In particular he has appreciated the way Hazel has simplified some of the council's procedures, especially financial procedures, to make them easier for members to understand.

"I am sorry to see her go, but you have to accept that people move on," he says. "I wish her all the best in the future."

That's a sentiment with which we can agree – and we also wish her well in her new role.

The council must now find a new

clerk – and hope that they can do so in time for him or her to settle in before the all-out elections in May.

Depending on the willingness of present councillors to continue to serve and, of course, the will of the electorate, we could have a greatly changed council after that and at such a time, a clerk with a steady hand on the wheel could be vital.

**Deadline for the
December
issue of
Frodsham Life
is November 20**

Silver Band Open Evening

FRODSHAM Silver Band's recently-formed training band will be playing Christmas Carols at an Open Evening on Tuesday, November 27 from 7.30pm.

Admission is free – and there will be mince pies and hot mulled wine.

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Shortage of rolling stock delays Halton Curve by 12 months

DELAYED deliveries of new rolling stock will mean the long-awaited Halton Curve rail line will not open until May next year – 12 months after engineering works were completed.

The delay has disappointed members of the North Cheshire Rail Users Group (NCRUG), which was formed 27 years ago, originally with the sole purposes of fighting to keep the line open.

NCRUG spokesman Mark Warren (pictured) told members of Frodsham Town Council the group was also disappointed that the service, when it eventually started operating, would not be running earlier in the morning and later at night.

He said they were lobbying

for an earlier start because the first wave of flights from Liverpool John Lennon Airport – which carried around 3,000 passengers on average – was at 6am while the first train from Frodsham was not until 6.31am, meaning rail passengers could not link up with aircraft departures.

A similar problem would exist at night, with the last train running before the arrival of incoming flights.

Mr Warren said NCRUG was also lobbying hard for rail fares to

be kept in line with existing fares between Chester and Liverpool.

NCRUG also believed the proposed two-carriage trains on the Halton Curve would prove to be inadequate for the number of passengers expected.

They wanted to see shuttle services between Frodsham and the Wirral so that under-utilised car parks at Ellesmere Port and Stanlow could be used to relieve parking in Frodsham.

Mr Warren said the new service would be run by Transport for Wales and it was hoped that eventually it would be extended to North Wales, including Llandudno.



Town clerk to move on

HAZEL Catt, clerk to Frodsham Town Council, is leaving after four years with the authority.

She is to become clerk to Hartford Parish Council.

Her resignation means the council is now seeking a new clerk.

Hazel, who lives in Helsby, first joined the council as service manager in 2014. She took over as acting clerk when her predecessor, Jon Wild, left suddenly. Later she was confirmed as Town Clerk.

She said: "I have enjoyed my time at Frodsham Town Council and in many ways am sorry to be leaving. There has been no fall-out with anyone, although it has been a difficult period for the council."

"However an opportunity arose which I felt I could not ignore. Hartford is a go-ahead council and the village is growing – some 1,200 houses are to be built there."

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Pupils gave food for homeless at Harvest service

PUPILS and staff from Frodsham CE Primary School attended their annual Harvest Service at St Laurence Church.

Children presented their generous food contributions which, this year, were donated to Chester Aid for the Homeless.

The charity Chester Aid to the Homeless (CATH) offers food, shelter, clothes and support to the homeless.

Their representative, operations manager Robert Whittall said:

"This kind donation will help us provide much needed practical support to vulnerable individuals and it is heart-warming that the school, children and parents are willing to help others in such a generous way."

Back in the summer term, a volunteer from CATH visited the school to talk to the children about

homelessness and they were very surprised by many of the facts. As a result they are keen to do all they can to help.

Nia, aged 7, said "It's important to give food the homeless and help them."

Lissa, aged 8, agreed "We are a caring school. There are lots of people who have no home and we should help them."

The school will continue to support the charity throughout the year.



"Taxi! I need a defibrillator!"

BUSINESS network Love Frodsham has donated a life-saving defibrillator to the town in an innovative partnership with District Taxis and the Town Council.

Mike Pusey and Rob Crowther, chairman and vice chairman of Love Frodsham hit on the idea and took it up with District Taxis, whose office in the town centre is virtually open 24/7 all year round.

They were keen to have the machine installed in their office – and also pointed out that in an emergency they could deliver it by taxi to where it was needed.

Frodsham Town Council has agreed to "adopt" the defibrillator alongside their other devices in various parts of the town and include it under their existing maintenance contract and insurance.

Mr Pusey said: "This will be a great asset to the town and if needed it will hopefully help a local

resident in need!

"If a Frodsham resident is in need of a defibrillator but hasn't the means to collect one from any of the locations already housing one, they can call District Taxis and they will deliver the one from their office direct to the place where it is needed.

"District Taxis are one of Frodsham's long established businesses and are keen to put something back into the community.

Town clerk Hazel Catt said: "This is a wonderful gesture from Love Frodsham and District Taxis. But I must stress that people should always dial 999 in an emergency. The ambulance service will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located, if it is available to be used, and whether it is required."

District Taxis can be contacted on 01928 735353.

Town Council planners still oppose tip site

FRODSHAM Town Council planners are maintaining their opposition to the household waste site in Church Street – despite Cheshire West and Chester scaling down their proposals to keep it open.

Originally, CW&C proposed to extend the temporary planning consent for the site by another five years – and Frodsham objected and suggested a one year extension instead.

Now CW&C has amended its proposal to extend the use of the tip for just three years.

But Frodsham's planning committee decided to continue to press for a one year extension.

They have also asked CW&C to send a representative to the next Town Council meeting to discuss alternative long-term sites for the facility.

Frodsham councillors say the existing site is unsuitable and point out that if an alternative could be found, could be converted for car parking.



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Large Online Bed Retailer of the Year' success for Land of Beds

AN INDEPENDENT Frodsham-based sleep specialist was the 'strong runner-up' to billion-pound giant Argos in the hunt for Britain's 'Large Online Bed Retailer of the Year'.

Land of Beds was the only finalist to be Highly Commended in the new and hotly-contested category at the National Bed Federation Awards 2018-19, which were held at Telford International Centre.

"Industry leaders judged that our family-run business is closely competing with Argos – a household name worth billions," said Managing Director Mike Murray.

"To be called on stage in front of 550 of our peers to collect an award at what is known as 'The Oscars of the Bed Industry' was a great moment for our company.

"Our website – www.landofbeds.co.uk – has been built and is managed entirely in-house at Frodsham, and we're proud to employ local people in a variety of supporting roles in our ecommerce, customer services, sales and delivery functions.

As a Family Director Team, we appreciate everyone's individual contributions."

The awards and gala dinner – organised by the National Bed Federation (NBF) – were the highlight of a two-day expo which saw the country's leading bed manufacturers assemble to reveal their eagerly anticipated collections for 2019.

Guests enjoyed a sumptuous three-course meal and the comedy stylings of host and former Rugby Union star Martin Bayfield before the seven 'Bed Champions' were announced.

The judging panel praised Land of Beds for 'its transition from a historic High Street retailer into a fully integrated, profitable multi-channel retailer with over 60% of sales made online' and for 'embracing technology to future-proof the business' – concluding

that it is 'thriving in this new digital era'.

"While this award recognises our special achievements as frontrunners in online retail, we're also proud

to be supporting Frodsham and Helsby as a shopping destination by retaining traditional showrooms on Church Street and Chester Road," added Mike.



Land of Beds' Mike and Caroline Murray, Vicky Lewis, Maria Jones, Mat Vaughan and Michelle Ewen are pictured with awards host Martin Bayfield (far left) and NBF President Tony Lisanti (far right).

Interesting month ahead for photographic society

FRODSHAM and District Photographic Society has a very interesting month ahead.

On November 19, Mark Reeves is visiting from the Wirral and presenting a talk "Messing Around with the Landscape".

He is primarily an outdoor photographer and only works in available light – in mountains, on the coast and by lakes and rivers. He usually employs one or more camera techniques to produce fascinating, experimental images – intentional movement of the camera with the shutter open, creating double exposures, using improvised diffusers in front of the lens. These result in recognisable structures within the scenes being minimised, while light, texture and mood are emphasised. You can get an impression of his work at www.markreevesphotography.co.uk.

On November 26 Frodsham Life editor Gary Skentelbery is chatting to the club. The society is very happy to support the community and by way of that naturally supports this local magazine.

The October club competition was won in the print section by Nicky Higgins with "Pelican and Pal" and by Roy Bowden in the projected digital images with "Sicilian Wall Lizard". There were no Rosettes for the club in the Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union's Novice Cup.

Results are not in yet for the Chester PS inter-club print battle.

Remember that for a small amount you can attend a Monday meeting at Castle Park Art Centre if there is a talk about a subject in which you are interested. You will be very welcome.

www.frodsham.photos

Prom fashion show will raise money for cancer charity

GIRLS looking for Prom dresses have a chance of winning one for free – and raising money for charity at the same time.

All they have to do is turn up for the Ellen Thomas Bridal charity prom fashion show at Frodsham's Best Western Forest Hills Hotel on Sunday, November 18.

The show gets under way at 3pm and admission is just £4, which includes a beauty goodie bag and entry into a raffle with a top prize of a prom dress worth hundreds.

Idea for the show came from Tracy Redican at Ellen Thomas Bridal.

All proceeds will go to a charity close to Tracy's heart, CANTrust

at the Delamere Centre at Halton Hospital.

They are currently raising money to replace worn chairs in the chemo suite at CANTrust at the hospital – where Tracy was treated for breast cancer in 2015.

She said: "The care I got there was second to none – but also, a lot of the care I got was from volunteer ladies who always had a smile when coming round with tea and toast."

"They offered me so much support and understanding I want to raise money for them so they can carry on with their amazing service."

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Laura aims to be 'Face of the world'

FRODSHAM girl Laura Wenton has been crowned Miss Face Of The World England and will now go on to compete in the international finals that take place in Birmingham next month.

The Face Of The World is the first international competition offering a joint platform for both male and female contestants to represent their country in competition with hopefuls from around the world and take on the challenge to win the ultimate title Face Of The World.

Laura has previously won beauty titles such as Miss Wirral, Miss Frodsham, and the national title Miss English Rose that took her to the Dominican Republic to compete in Miss Swimsuit USA.

She has a degree in musical theatre and has performed in

numerous venues across the UK.

This Christmas she will be playing the role of Maid Marion in the panto Robin Hood at the Cresset Theatre, Peterborough.

Premier Pantomimes, who are staging the show, have allowed her to take a day off so she can compete in the Face Of The World Grand Final.

Laura follows proudly in her parent's footsteps. Her mother, Tricia Liedl is a singer, actress and former beauty queen, winning major titles such as Miss Lovely Legs Of Great Britain, Miss England

runner-up and Miss Coal Queen Great Britain.

Her late father Bernard Wenton won the series of The TV show 'Stars in their eyes' as Nat King Cole.

Laura said "I can't believe I won Miss Face of the World England!! There were so many beautiful, lovely girls competing for the title. I was shocked that I won!

"I am very excited to now go on and represent England in the grand final and meet all the other contestants from across the world"

Nominations open for youth and community awards

NOMINATIONS for next year's West Cheshire Youth and Community Awards are open until November 16 – and Frodsham youngsters are again in with a chance of being among the award winners.

This is only the second time the competition has been held, and last year Frodsham young people were among the winners.

There are nine award categories which celebrate and reward the work of young people and local people can have a say on who the winners should be by voting online at cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/youthawards.

They also recognise projects and works carried out by dedicated individuals and groups to support young people to help them thrive, grow and flourish.

The nine categories are as follows:

- * Young Volunteer of the Year
- * Young Person Care for Others
- * Young Person Outstanding Achievement
- * Young Person Equality and Diversity Champion
- * Mental Health or Wellbeing Project
- * Inspirational Youth Worker
- * Early Intervention
- * Partnership of the Year
- * Adult Volunteer of the Year

The awards will be presented at an event on January 25 from 6.30 to 9.30pm at the Civic Hall in Ellesmere Port.

For full details, including an online nomination form, visit: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/youthawards.

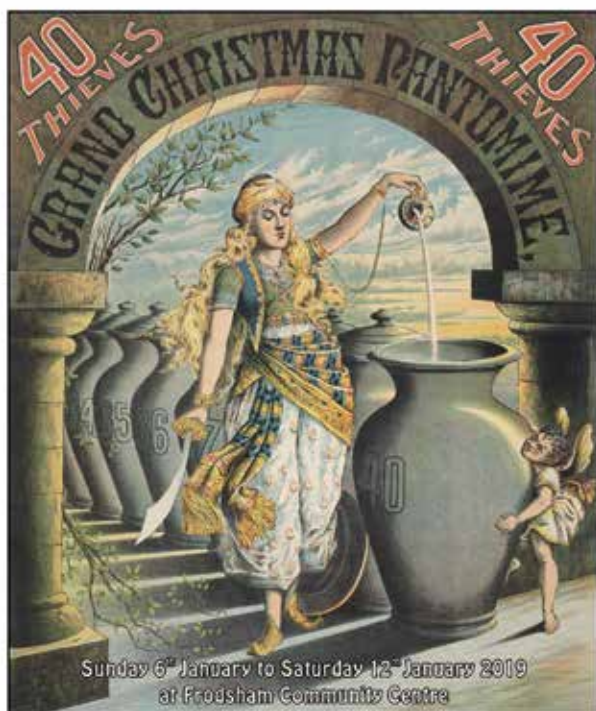


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Frodsham Players, Frodsham Choral Society, Frodsham WE., Frodsham primary schools and the Royal British Legion will collaborate in the production on Sunday, November 11 at 4pm as part of the town's Armistice Centenary commemoration.

Directed by Carole Shinkfield, it will be an emotional and touching combination of drama, songs and readings with a focus on Frodsham's fallen.

Members of the Womens Institute and friends have been knitting poppies to be handed out during the performance by children from Frodsham C of E, Manor House, Weaver Vale and S. Luke's primary schools, one for each person from Frodsham, who was killed during the war.

The WI. will serve refreshments after the performance. Entry is free, but donations will be collected on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



Top award for law firm

FRODSHAM-based solicitors Rowlinsons were named winners of the "Excellence in Private Client" award at the 12th annual Law Society Excellence Awards in London.

The awards ceremony was attended by about 800 people from across the legal profession and the awards shone a light on outstanding work in the legal sector and recognised the achievements of individuals and teams who had gone above and beyond what is expected of them.

Rowlinsons managing director Andrew Graves said: "Receiving this award is a fantastic reflection on our Private Client team and the services

they provide to our expanding client base. Over the last 12 months the department has grown significantly with a number of additional members of staff, investment in staff training, an expansion of the services we offer and the opening of our second office in Sutton Weaver.

"We have also strengthened our alliances with local community groups including charities.

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THE list of shops and other organisations taking part in Frodsham Town Council's popular gift voucher scheme for older residents has been released.

Recipients aged 70 or more can spend their £10 voucher on a Christmas treat at a wide variety of local shops and traders. Or, if they prefer, they can pass their voucher to a local club or society. Altogether there are 35 outlets accepting the vouchers.

However recipients use their vouchers, they will be supporting the local community. The Town Council encourages people to shop locally, and this scheme will inject around £10,000 into the local high street.

If you are a resident aged 70 years or more, it's not too late to apply for your voucher, but time is running short as the closing date for applications is Friday November 2. Forms are available from FTC's office in Castle Park, local post offices and www.frodsham.gov.uk. The vouchers will be delivered before the Frodsham Christmas Festival on November 24.

List of participating shops and good causes is as follows:

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Alan Pickup Butchers, Church Street

Brew + Tucker, Church Street
Browsers Bazaar, Lady Heyes Celebrations, Church Street
Dandelion Gifts, Church Street
Devonshire Bakery, High Street
DRB Jewellers, Church Street
Elliotts Newsagents, Main Street
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Millmark Foods, Main Street
No. 5 The Barbers, High Street
Overton Village Store, Hillside Rd
Paws & Claws, Frodsham Railway Station
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St Laurence Parish Church
Will to Work Workshop



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New Defibrillator Locations

Frodsham Town Council is working in partnership with Love Frodsham and District Taxis to provide a new defibrillator. The defibrillator has been funded by Love Frodsham and is located in District Taxis office in Main Street, which is open practically 24/7 all year round. The Council has agreed to 'adopt' the defibrillator and take responsibility for its maintenance and insurance.

One of Frodsham's existing defibrillators has been relocated from Frodsham Police Station to the 'Tin Church' in Chapelfields, just off Main Street, thanks to the support of Main Street Community Church and local maintenance company KDE.

The Town Council now has 8 defibrillators around town:

Available 24/7:

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New defibrillator at District Taxis office



Relocated defibrillator at Main Street Community Church

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	SANTA'S GROTTO	1.30pm – 6pm Visit the Reindeer Station Car Park
	REINDEER	4pm – 6.15pm Lights Switch On Lights to be switched on by the Frodsham Mayor and Junior Mayors
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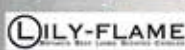


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Meet the Artists Open evening is on 9 November 7 - 9 pm. Everyone welcome.

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Sunday 18 November 2018 Doors open 7.30 pm - Starts 8 pm
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Housing plan for pub site

PLANS have been submitted for a development of eight dwellings on the site of the Cheshire Cheese pub, in Main Street, Frodsham.

The scheme would involve the construction of six new-build dwellings and the conversion and refurbishment of the pub to create two further dwellings.

Associated proposals for access, parking and amenity space are included in the scheme.

Frodsham Town Council's planning committee has agreed not to object to the development but the final decision will be taken by Cheshire West and Chester Council planners.



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Christmas Market will launch New Forest School area

A SPECIAL Christmas Market is being held at Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School to officially launch the school's new Forest School area.

The event is on Friday, December 7, from 3.30-6pm and will feature craft stalls, a campfire, carols by candlelight and special guests.

There will be an opportunity to meet the school team, get into the festive spirit, buy some Christmas gifts and celebrate the opening of the Forest School area.

Among the guests will be Father Christmas, Mayor of Frodsham Cllr Lord Frank Pennington and the Frodsham Sings Choir.

The woodland area will be lit by battery powered candles and campfire hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served.

Local stall holders will also be present – and it's not too late to get involved. Anyone who would like a stall should call the school to book a pitch.

Cory Taylor, safeguarding, pastoral and inclusion lead at the school, said: "We are hoping that running the event will not only bring the community together but also raise vital money to help develop the area further."

"We have run our first Forest School group with our 'Snowy Owls' class (Year 1/2) and it is wonderful to see the children growing resilience and confidence as the weeks go on. We are very excited for the whole school to access this."

Frodsham just missed out on promotion

FRODSHAM just missed out on promotion to division three of the UKFast Cheshire Cricket League when they finished their 2018 season in third place in division four.

They won 13 games and lost seven – with two being abandoned in a summer when most of their rivals only had to abandon one.

The 2nd XI came seventh in their competition, winning five games, losing 10 and drawing four.

Up in division one, Kingsley finished fifth, winning 13 games, losing seven and drawing one. But the Kingsley 2nd string were runners up in their division, winning 16 games, losing two and drawing two.

In the Vivio Cheshire County League, Alvanley came 5th in division two with 10 wins, nine defeats and two draws.

Alvanley 2nd XI came ninth in their competition.

Frodsham Matters. Have your say

By Councillors Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley



Parking Charges Planned by Christmas

Cheshire West is pressing ahead with plans to roll out parking restrictions along Main Street and introduce charging in other council carparks. We are told that the new machines are to be installed anytime and will be in place by Christmas.

Having opposed these ill-thought through changes for some years now, we know that there will be implications for local businesses, residents and visitors. We argued vociferously that the proposals did not properly take account of our increasingly ageing population. One of the likely consequences is that parking will be squeezed onto our local residential roads making life difficult for everyone. It may also mean that there will be fewer visitors to Frodsham from our surrounding communities. Plans to introduce residents permits for those living on Main Street will be free for the 1st year and thereafter charged at £60 per vehicle per year. We may well see these charges extended to all of Frodsham.

We know this isn't the right solution for Frodsham; nor is it a fair one for a town that pays its council taxes and sees relatively little for it. Since the Halton Curve rail services were announced in 2015, we have been urging the Council to increase capacity at the station with a dual deck at the far end of the carpark. Frodsham needs more parking provision for long stay users and visitors to town during the week. Short term charges will deter people from popping into town and drive people to shop elsewhere or park on local roads. The solution to this problem created by CWaC will be costly annual permits with residents picking up the bill. We also know that CWaC has the money to build a second deck from all the underspends it has reported on its capital budgets over recent years which have included more than £1m in the last 3 months alone.

Bring the budget to Frodsham

CWaC is about to start consulting on its budget for next year. The last three budgets have only mentioned Frodsham as a source of council tax and which last year had an unexpected £6m surplus that has still to be allocated. We've been calling for some funding towards improvements to our leisure corridor stretching from the proposed new facilities at Helsby Sport and Social Club, to new 3G facilities for Frodsham Junior Football Club at Helsby High School and onto Frodsham Leisure Centre and Saltworks Farm. We know that CWaC has already allocated £2m towards its new offices in Ellesmere Port. We believe we've waited long enough for investment in our local leisure facilities. What would you prefer - £2m on council offices when we know there is surplus of council office space - or providing leisure facilities for residents? We know the residents should come first.

Communities in Control

We have written to Rt Hon James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government asking for local communities' needs and concerns to be put first when a council has to consider controversial planning applications such as for fracking. We believe local planning decisions must be made by local councils (and this was our motion to Cheshire West full council last week) and for any applications for fracking to follow a full planning process. Since 2014 we've argued that the planning process should be strengthened by local referendums where communities would be given the decisive say on controversial industrial development. We've been consistently

voted down by the Labour at CWaC who in spite of promising a halt to fracking which they could not deliver, have gone further and created a "frackers charter" in the form of a special planning document which potential fracking developers have described as really helpful.' With too many applications around Frodsham decided in the past by distant planning inspectors or Secretaries of State we want to see developers held to greater account and have no choice but to be more responsive to their neighbouring communities. We want to see all industrial developers including 'frackers' and 'incinerators' to be made to provide bonds and insurance against any environmental harm that may be caused and a requirement that all environmental data that has been measured should be published as soon as it becomes available - so we can all check up on their performance continuously.

However, with increasing concerns over climate change surely we should be looking to develop clean and sustainable energy sources. Instinctively we are opposed to developing further fossil fuel resources given the risks of climate change. This is one of the reasons why we have been pressing CWaC to assist in developing alternative energy infrastructure. However their shamefully slow pace at installing charging points for electric cars perhaps suggests that CWaC Labour simply don't understand climate change, nor the need to limit harmful atmospheric pollution from diesel and petrol engine transport. With the advances in clean and renewable energy generation we've seen in recent years surely our efforts must be directed to building 'clean infrastructure' both to protect the planet and everyone's health.' With the need to protect the planet we live on and the air we breathe we are committed to opposing any planning application that causes damage to the environment or risks harm to human health.

Both of us have solar panels installed at our homes, CWaC under the Conservatives had solar panels installed on many of our schools in the Borough. Andrew through the old police authority had solar panels installed on the custody suites. Andrew has been driving an electric car for 2 years now and has driven more than 20,000 'electric miles.'

To read our letter to Rt Hon James Brokenshire please visit www.frodshamtories.blogspot.com

Tommy is coming to Town

This year marks a special year as we commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Frodsham was the 2nd town in England to grant the freedom of the town to the Royal British Legion for the work they do to support veterans of all conflict and keep the message alive that we should never forget the sacrifice made. We have secured a commemorative floral display at the top of Fluin Lane and will soon be installing a RBL Tommy to remember those who are "here but not here" as we gather at the War Memorial on the 11th November at 11am.

Castle Park

Could you be a Friend to Castle Park and help make it even better? Our glorious park is already home to some great art and physical activities and with new arrangements in place for how the park is run, we would love to see more people involved and more opportunities opened up. We are interested in getting a junior Park Run up and running, along with more ideas around wildlife and our glorious parkscape. If you would like to know more please get in touch.

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Council hands out £2,300 to community groups

FIVE local community groups who had successfully applied for funding from Frodsham Town Council 2018 Grant Scheme received their cheques at a meeting of the council.

The Mayor, Cllr Lord Frank Pennington, presented the cheques totalling £2,300 to representatives of the five groups.

Frodsham Silver Band was awarded £500 to support the recruitment of a new training band. If sufficient Frodsham people are recruited the band will be invited to apply again for further funding for equipment and uniforms next year.

North Cheshire Rail Users Group received £200 towards the cost of celebrations for the opening of new train services on the Halton Curve

which will link Frodsham directly to Runcorn and Liverpool.

Frodsham and District Photographic Society was granted £500 towards the cost of a new laptop for use in club presentations and competitions.

The What's Cooking Frodsham Group got £400 to buy cooking equipment for its work encouraging people over 50 at risk of social isolation to cook healthy meals.

Overtown Memorial Hall Recreation Club received £700

towards the cost of repainting and repairing its bowls pavilion.

Mersey Weaver District Scouts will collect their grant towards the cost of sending local Scouts and leaders to the World Scout Jamboree at a later meeting.

The Mayor is pictured presenting cheques to the following:

Rita McGucken (Frodsham Silver Band), Ian Whitely, (North Cheshire Rail Users Group), Liz Pearce (Frodsham and District Photographic Society), Julie Ennis (What's Cooking Frodsham),

Graham Miller and Harry Craig (Overtown Memorial Hall Recreation Club)



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The effect of the Order will be to introduce various restrictions and controls at car parks in Frodsham and Helsby, including charges. Disabled persons (Blue Badge holders) will continue to be able to park without charge at all locations for four hours on any day.

The draft Order and the Statement of Reasons for making the Order may be inspected at Frodsham Library, Princesway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX between the hours of 9.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm Saturday. Copies of the documents will also be available to view on the Council's website www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Any objections to the draft Order should be sent in writing, stating the grounds of the objection, to the undersigned to arrive no later than Thursday, 15th November 2018. Any representations received may become available for public inspection.

Ken Prior, Parking Manager
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