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# Editor's Comment



**"DISAPPOINTED" - that was the word used by several members of Frodsham Town Council when they learned, quite by chance, that Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) has established a business case for CCTV in Frodsham without telling them.**

We wouldn't have blamed them if they had expressed themselves in much stronger terms - particularly as the business case was apparently established two years ago. Anger, rather than disappointment, would have been more than justified.

The business case does indeed date from a couple of years ago but it has apparently recently been updated, still without informing the Town Council, who only found out about it because a CW&C officer happened to be present at a meeting, for another reason, when the subject was raised.

Why Frodsham should have

been kept in the dark is unclear but what is done is done, so the council is right to keep their cool in the hope that talks with CW&C and Cheshire Police will result in swift progress being made.

From all accounts, swift action is what is needed. When Frodsham's night life is being compared with the OK Coral, something must be done. Whether CCTV is the answer we don't know, but it seems strange that an attractive market town like Frodsham should suffer the sort of anti-social behaviour more usually associated with larger towns and cities.

These places already have CCTV and a growing number of crimes are cleared up with the help of the cameras and their watchful operators.

Could it be that the "cowboys" of Chester and Warrington, or even Liverpool and Manchester, now visit Frodsham because they know it doesn't have CCTV?

**Deadline for the February issue of Frodsham Life is January 29**

## Road closure

HOWEY Lane, Frodsham, is to be closed for five days from Monday December 3 to allow United Utilities to replace fire hydrants.

Access will be maintained to properties in the road and for emergency services but a through route will not always be available and any vehicles not requiring access to properties in Howey Lane should use alternative routes.

It is expected the work should be completed within five days.

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# £3.5 million for borough's roads

**FRODSHAM councillor Lynn Riley has welcomed the news that £3.5 million of Government money is to be made available to Cheshire West and Chester Council to improve the condition of the borough's roads.**

Cllr Riley – leader of the Conservative Group on the council – said: "Government is clearly listening to local economies like ours."

Chancellor Philip Hammond,

announced in the Budget that a £420 million fund will be created to tackle potholes and other roadworks. Cheshire West and Chester will receive £3.5m to repair potholes, keep local bridges

and structures open and safe, and help with other highways works that may be needed. Cheshire East gains £4.6m and Warrington £1.4m

Also announced in the Budget was the biggest ever single cash injection to improve England's roads, meaning that people can get to and from home and work quicker, boosting the local economy and improving air quality.

The number of potholes in Frodsham's roads has been a sore point with local drivers for some time.

Cllr Riley said: "I am delighted that Cheshire will be receiving this £9.5m funding boost to improve roads, keeping hardworking people and businesses moving. Government is clearly listening to local economies like ours.

"This additional new funding represents a significant boost in

road maintenance and is on top of £900 million that the Government already provides to councils across the country this year for local highways maintenance."



*A pothole in Overton Drive, Frodsham.*



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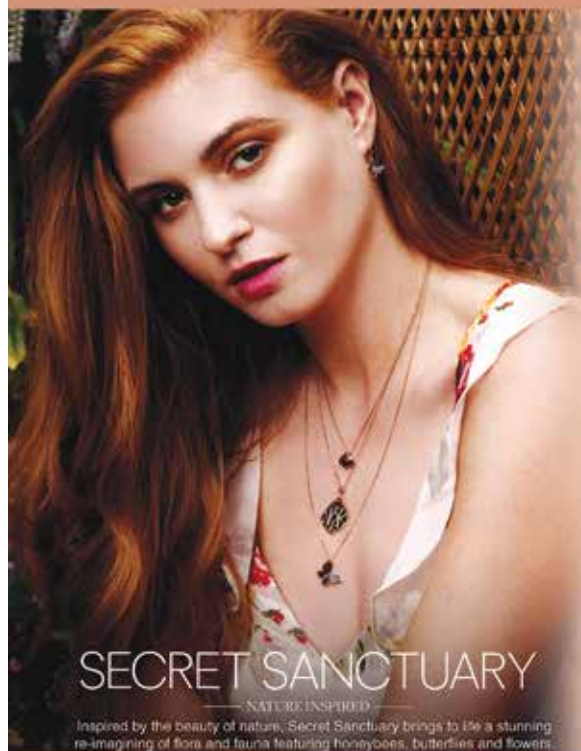
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# Get ready for Ali Baba and the 40 thieves

**PREPARATIONS are at an advanced stage for Frodsham Panto Group's production of Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves, which is due to be staged at Frodsham Community Centre in January.**

A script by Ben Crocker will put a new slant on the traditional pantomime story and a talented cast of locals will ensure there is plenty of fun for audiences to enjoy. The show will run from Sunday

January 6 to Saturday January 12. Booking forms are available from the Community Centre, from the website [www.frodshampanto.org.uk](http://www.frodshampanto.org.uk) or from Tilly Patel on 07971 606 409.



## Petition launched in bid to save store from closure

MORE than 1,000 people signed a petition in three days in a bid to save a Frodsham shop from closure.

Ten members of staff at the Original Factory Shop (TOFS) in Eddisbury Square are facing redundancy from January 4 when the popular store in set to close.

The matter has been raised with Weaver Vale MP Mike Amesbury by Mike Garvey, Labour's Frodsham candidate for Cheshire West and Chester Council in next year's elections.

He said: "I am extremely concerned that there is the possibility of yet another well-known and popular store in Frodsham closing its doors for business. The Original Factory Store in Eddisbury Square is both convenient and provides a wide range of goods, ranging from clothing and footwear to household products, at very reasonable prices to our residents. It is another example of austerity impacting on the high street. I urge everyone to call into the Original Factory Store and sign the petition urging the owners to keep this much needed shop open."

TOFS is a national chain of more than 200 branches, established in 1969. The brand is owned by Duke Street Capital, with head offices at Burnley.

Earlier this year, the company was granted a Company Voluntary Agreement (CVA), an insolvency procedure that restructures debts and closes down loss making stores and aims to put the business on a much stronger financial footing in an attempt to turn the business around.

It is understood that more than 30 stores have since closed but others are expected to continue trading. The future of the Frodsham store seems uncertain.



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## MP meets with farmers

LOCAL MP Mike Amesbury attended the Weaver Vale Farmers meeting at Hatley Farm in Frodsham.

Representatives from the Local National Farmers Union also attended the event.

Various topics were discussed including fracking, the effects of Brexit on the farming industry, and a summary of local area issues.

Mr Amesbury said: "I thoroughly enjoyed this event, farming and agriculture is an important part of the Weaver Vale economy, so being educated on issues facing the industry will strengthen my ability to serve my constituents effectively."

The other attendees then invited the MP to take a seat at the wheel of a tractor.





# 'We're the best at recycling waste'

**RESIDENTS of west Cheshire – and that includes Frodsham – continue to be judged the best in England at reducing carbon emissions from recycling their waste.**

When products are recycled, it avoids the need to extract and process new raw material, reducing carbon emissions, which means the recycling habits of our community are very beneficial.

Eunomia Research and Consulting Ltd works out the amount of carbon dioxide emissions released across the country and lists them by borough in a league table: The Carbon Index. Eunomia uses the amount of each material that a council collects for recycling to calculate how much carbon is saved.

Its Recycling Carbon Index 2016/17 found Cheshire West and Chester Council's recycling collection services to be the most effective in reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the country.

Cheshire West and Chester saved a total of 111kg of CO2 per person in the area in 2016/17, the latest year for which figures are available.

Cllr Karen Shore, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "This achievement is the latest in a series of successes for our recycling collection services and proves the

recycling efforts of our residents are helping to improve the environment.

"The Council were also overall winners for England, Northern Ireland and Wales in 2014/15. This continued period of success shows that residents continue to support recycling across the borough. The effort that residents and our staff make to separate waste at source really pays dividends when it comes to producing carbon savings."

Eunomia director Joe Papineschi, said: "I'd like to congratulate Cheshire West and Chester Council on their sustained excellent recycling performance. Recycling has an important contribution to make to the UK's efforts on climate change, and just looking at recycling rates doesn't tell you the whole story. Our Recycling Carbon Index helps authorities to see the types of recycling that have the greatest impact, and to identify new opportunities as well as highlighting successes so far. It also helps the public understand the reasons why recycling is so important."



## Long service award to local Buff

THE Bellemonte lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB) presented a services rendered emblem to Brother Tom Yearsley to mark his 60 years membership. The presentation was made at the Conservative Club, Frodsham.

The lodge has been active as a

charitable organisation for almost 100 years and played a significant role in recent years in raising £13,000 for the Neuro Fund while also making donations to local charities, which last year included a contribution of £600 to the Countess of Chester Hospital new baby unit.

Presenting officer Brother Howard

Perkins, chief officer of the Northwich Province of the RAOB, was supported by his personal guard, which included Brother Frank Pennington, this year's Mayor of Frodsham.

Proceeds from the presentation evening were donated to the Air Ambulance, Clatterbridge Hospital and C.L.I.M.B.

## Poppy presentation to council

A FRAMED poppy display and a poppy wreath were presented to Frodsham Town Council by representatives of the World War 1 Commemoration Group.

The poppies were originally part of the Poppy Cascade which

had been put on show at several venues across Frodsham during the last 12 months to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

Two members of the group, Pammi Taylor and Ros Caldwell, presented the poppies – mounted

in a frame made by members of Frodsham's Will to Work workshop – to council chairman Cllr Alan Oulton at a meeting of the council.

Other members of the group were present including Allen Wales, Geoff Abnett and Kath Hewitt.



## Cheshire Cheese homes plan approved

A PLAN to develop eight dwellings on the site of the Cheshire Cheese pub, in Main Street, Frodsham, has been approved by Cheshire West and Chester planning chiefs.

The scheme involves building six new dwellings and converting and refurbishing the pub to create two dwellings.

Associated proposals for access, parking and amenity space have also been given the go ahead.

## Thumbs down for caravan storage plan

A PLAN to store caravans on land off Hatley Lane, Frodsham has been given the "thumbs-down" by Frodsham Town Council's planning committee.

The committee decided to object to the proposal at Blue Bridge Farm to change the use of land and buildings from agriculture to the storing of caravans.

Members felt the site had poor vehicular access due to its location on a narrow lane and also had concerns over road safety both in the lane itself and at its junction with the A56.

The final decision will be made by planning chiefs at Cheshire West and Chester Council.



# 'Town centre at night is more like Wild West'

## UNRULY youths are making Saturday night in Frodsham more like the wild west, according to the town's Mayor.

Cllr Lord Frank Pennington told the Town Council: "Not a week goes by without there's trouble – and I mean big trouble, not just little fights."

"It can't go on – it's got to be stopped. It's deplorable – the town centre is more like the Gunfight at the OK Corral."

The council was discussing the need for CCTV cameras in the town and the possibility of funding them from the proceeds of the sale of the former police station.

Members were stunned to learn that Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) officers had drawn up a business case for cameras in Frodsham without informing the Town Council.

They only learned about the plan from a senior CW&C officer who happened to be at the meeting to

talk about car parking.

The plan, which involves CCTV cameras covering Main Street, Church Street and High Street, was first drawn up about two years ago but has recently been updated.

Chairman Cllr Alan Oulton said: "We didn't know about this business plan."

Cllr Liam Jones added: "It is disappointing we have only just heard about this in this way."

Cllr Pennington said the number of officers in Frodsham of a weekend at night showed that the police were aware of the town's problems.

"They are not here for a barbecue," he said.

Several councillors expressed concern that a business case for CCTV in the town had been established but Frodsham had not been informed.

It was agreed to call for a face-to-face meeting with CW&C officers and the police at a meeting of the council's policy and process committee on December 17.

After the meeting, Cllr Pennington said he believed a CCTV system could be introduced gradually, perhaps starting with one camera and then adding more.



Cllr Lord Frank Pennington

## Children learn to "Choose Respect"

PUPILS at Frodsham CE Primary School looked at how to "Choose Respect" during National Anti-Bullying week.

Children went to school wearing odd socks, symbolising that "we're all different, but all equal."

During the week, the children took part in a range of fun activities that helped them to learn about the different forms of bullying and how to be a good friend to make sure the school continues to be a bully free zone.

The children spelt out 'Respect'

on the school field, each wearing their odd socks and each child hung their own odd sock on a washing line outside the school with their pledge to respect others.

Headteacher Mrs Louise Kirby said: "We've had a great time and all the children have engaged brilliantly in the activities. They are very caring and thoughtful towards each other. It's so important to promote anti-bullying to keep our school the safe and happy place it is."



## Housing scheme is opposed

FRODSHAM Town Council's planning committee has objected to plans to demolish buildings at Woodhouses Farm, Tarvin Road and build three new dwellings there.

The committee voted to oppose the development because of its visual impact, over-development of the site and because the proposed dwellings did not retain the footprint of the existing agricultural buildings nor meet the needs identified in the Frodsham housing needs survey.

In addition, they claimed the proposals did not constitute sustainable development and would generate additional traffic.

Cllr Lord Frank Pennington asked for it to be noted that he did not object to the application.





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# Christmas Festival again transforms the town

**FRODSHAM'S famous Christmas Festival once again transformed the town centre into a winter wonderland – and drew in huge crowds.**

The Christmas Market on the Station Car Park did a brisk trade in food and drink and also an amazing range of gifts and local artisan crafts.

All over town there were attractions for all the family with live music from local music groups, schools, choirs, etc.

Santa was in his grotto at the Castle Park Arts Centre, where there were also wonderful displays of antiques, jewellery, handicrafts, etc.

And of course, he had arrived with his Reindeer and there was a chance to see them up close.

Mayor of Frodsham Cllr "Lord" Frank Pennington and the Junior

Mayors switched on the Christmas Lights and the day reached its climax with fireworks and the grand parade from the Helter Skelter and down Church Street into the two centre.

There were funfair rides – and of course a wide range of goodies from the shops and other businesses which make Frodsham such a fun place to visit, not just at Christmas but all the year round.

Happily, police reported few problems other than the inevitable traffic issues arising from the sheer number of people and vehicles in town.

Pictures: Frodsham and District Photographic Society





# Happy Christmas

By Councillors Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley



We would like to wish you and those that you love good health and much happiness not just on Christmas Day, but throughout the New Year.

There are lots of lovely events taking place around Frodsham this month thanks to our many great places and spaces and local volunteers who work so hard. You can be assured of a warm welcome and we look forward to seeing you out and about.

Christmas can also be a difficult and lonely time. In addition to all that's available in Frodsham, our Brightlife partnership that was started in April 2015 has support and activities on offer thanks to a £5m Big Lottery grant. To find out more please try [www.brightlifecheshire.org.uk](http://www.brightlifecheshire.org.uk) or call into the library or medical centre. We are very pleased to be working with volunteers from all Frodsham Churches on a town wide partnership to help anyone feeling lonely or isolated. If you'd like to get involved please get in touch.

There is good news for our town in the run up to Christmas now that parking charges have been pushed into next year. With our High Street bursting with festive goodies and great gift ideas, let's enjoy our free parking and get behind our local independents and shop local.

Castle Park Trust is becoming increasingly independent from the Council. We are pushing forward with new ideas and new ways of using our much loved Park. The newly upgraded tennis courts are waiting for you and your New Year's Resolution, as are the regular walking groups who meet each week for gentle exercise and a good get together. If you like the idea of planting trees, wildflower meadows and edible gardens or even running your own events and activities, come and check out the new Friends of Castle Park group. We're working to bring a regular Junior Park Run to the park next year and watch out for the Winter Wonderland festival which is being held from the 14-16th December.

Cheshire had some good news from the last budget with an additional £10m to improve our roads and pavements. In the West, £3.5m was



added to the £2m extra received earlier this year. In the spirit of the season, we've re-written our long list of road defects, checked it twice and hope that this will bring the highways teams to town. We've made special mention about the state of local footpaths, the access to council carparks and the tracks over the Marshes where many walk and cycle.

We want to see the Council resolve to get on with a quality program of improvement and a full reassessment of Frodsham roads. In 2016 the Government changed the assessment criteria for potholes which was adopted by CWaC in October 2018. The new standards are best described by our little helpers.

This 40mm high figure is our pothole gauge. Any pothole deeper than his height needs to be filled. The legless figure is 25mm showing the depth of a pavement defect that needs to be filled.

So if Santa brings some action figures to you this Christmas, you can join us in reporting potholes. Please use [www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk](http://www.westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk)



Frodsham Junior Footballers are forging ahead with amazing plans for their 3G pitch at Helsby High School. It's been a pleasure to add £5,000 from our budget to help with their groundworks. Local sports facilities are long overdue for investment and as the Labour lead Council prepares its 4th budget we will continue to push for the same level of investment for our A56 leisure facilities as has been spent elsewhere in the borough.



Our wish for the New Year is to see places like Frodsham having more direct involvement in what goes on locally and a much greater say in what's important to us. Since 2014 we have been arguing for local people to get to vote on local issues like controversial planning decisions. Sadly we have been consistently voted down on this, most recently in October 2018.

The Government's new Civil Society Strategy opens the door to new ways for local people to get in the driving seat when other agencies cannot or choose not to deliver. Frodsham Junior Football Club is doing just that; raising funds to build state of the art sports facilities for our young and young at heart and bringing public and private sector funding into play. The NHS is responding to changing healthcare needs by actively bringing more care services into local communities and recognise the importance of good local support and activities as part of people's physical and mental health and well-being. Our local GPS are leading on this and you can find out more by watching the YouTube clip on integrated care in every community.

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# Five projects share £66,000 from Frodsham Windfarm award scheme

**FIVE community projects in Frodsham and Helsby have been awarded a total of just over £66,000 in the fourth round of awards since the Marshes Community Benefit Fund was established.**

The money comes from the annual £120,000 community payments made by Frodsham Windfarm Ltd.

There was a lot of interest in the latest round of awards with 12 applications totalling just over £238,315 competing for a total of £67,000.

The independent panel of

local residents agreed to award £66,919 to five projects which, in the views of the panel majority, best met the requirements and objectives of the Community Benefit Fund.

The successful applicants are:

- Frodsham Junior Football Club £40,000 towards a 3G pitch at Helsby High School.

- Helsby Hillside School, £7,123 for a running track
- Helsby Parish Council £2,000 for two defibrillators
- Frodsham Castle Park Arts Centre £15,000 for a new elevator
- Frodsham Film Society £2,796 for a new projector lamp

Panel chairman Dianne Walker said the panel members considered the successful projects as clearly defined with a demonstrated need, were well thought out and are of

significant benefit to the residents in the areas surrounding the Frodsham Wind Farm.

Members will be monitoring the projects as they develop to ensure they meet the objectives and conditions set out in the signed award agreements.

Projects that were not awarded funding in this round have been notified. Eligible schemes that were unsuccessful in this round may reapply for future rounds.

## Busy month ahead for photo society

FRODSHAM & District Photographic Society has a busy month ahead during December starting with a photo-shoot in Manchester where Christmas lights, decorations and a street market.

This should satisfy any keen photographers if you are considering a visit to the society choose another evening.

This is followed by the monthly Competition 'People' – Meanwhile the 'Rock and Stone' November Print Competition was won by Nicky Higgins with 'Porth Nanven', shown here, while in the Projected Digital Image category Delena Harris was highly commended for a black & white of 'Peak District Rocks'.

All the entries can be viewed on the club website.

Additionally the Armistice Centenary was commemorated with a set of photographs contributed by Members to mark the day. They are now highlighted on the website and are achingly and poignantly to be seen there.

Of course the first half of the season would be incomplete without the Annual Party!

Members from the Society will be out and about recording Frodsham's Christmas events. Enjoy the season and very good wishes for a joyful time. [www.frodsham.photos](http://www.frodsham.photos)





# Hundreds take part as Frodsham Remembers

**HUNDREDS of people – young and old, residents and non-residents, took part in Frodsham's events to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 on Remembrance Sunday.**

Events took place through collaboration between Frodsham's WW1 Commemoration Group, the Town Council, St Laurence Parish Church, the Royal British Legion, Frodsham Players, the town's four primary schools, Frodsham and district Choral Society, Women's Institute, Castle Park Arts Centre, Frodsham and district History Society and the Will to Work Workshop.

In the run-up to Remembrance Day, the WW1 Commemoration Group mounted an exhibition of WW1-related documents, photographs and artefacts at Castle Park Arts Centre where the Poppy Cascade – previously displayed at Frodsham Health Centre and Frodsham Community Centre – was displayed for the last time.

The cascade has now been dismantled and small sections presented to schools, churches, and other organisations in frames made by the Will to Work workshop.

The Remembrance Day service at St Laurence Church started with the presenting of banners, after which Father Michael Mills gave an introductory talk and invited members of the congregation to light 156 candles – one each for the men of Frodsham who gave their lives in WW1.

The candles were extinguished one at a time as their names were read out.

WWE Commemoration Group member Allen Wales read stories of 10 of the men.

The last lit candle was taken to the altar by a child.

Father Michael then left to conduct the service at Overton Hill Memorial and Rev David Leslie led the congregation to the Memorial and continued with overseeing the Two Minute silence.

The names of men of Frodsham who died in the two World Wars were read out by Allen Wales, Brian and Christine Lloyd and Mike Jackson.

Among the wreath-layers were Ted Amesbury, son of Weaver Vale MP Mike Amesbury, who laid a wreath on behalf of his father, and Allen Wales who laid the WW1 Commemoration Group's wreath.

At Overton Hill Memorial, names were read by Geoff Abnett, Kath Hewitt, Sara Wakefield and Ian Tickle and wreaths were laid by Royal British Legion, Frodsham Town Mayor and the two Junior Mayors and representatives of many of Frodsham's service and community groups.

Sara Wakefield laid the WW Group's wreath. People attending the service will have seen an information board, listing names of men of Frodsham who died in WW1 but whose names are not on any memorial in Frodsham.

At St Laurence Church, "At the Going Down of the Sun" a dramatised performance by Frodsham Players was staged before a packed audience who were presented with 156 poppies knitted by WI members.

The day ended with the lighting of a beacon and the ringing of bells at St Laurence Church.

As the year comes to an end, the WW1 Commemoration Group is now planning events to commemorate the centenary of National Peace Day in July next year, including an inter-school sports day.

Group member Pammi Taylor said, "The past few weeks have been busy for our members but public reaction, compliments on the exhibition at the Arts Centre and positive feedback from many quarters makes it all worthwhile. To see so many people participating in the services is gratifying. On behalf of the Group, I thank the council staff and all others who have supported us."

For information about the group's work, contact Pammi on 01928 731932 or via email at pammi.taylor@btinternet.com."



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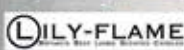
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# Raising State Pension age has had devastating impact on women born in the 1950s



**LOCAL MP Mike Amesbury says raising the state pension age has had a 'devastating' impact on women born in the 1950s.**

The Weaver Vale MP and Shadow Minister for Employment was speaking during a debate in Westminster Hall.

The decision to accelerate the rise in women's state pension age in 2011 impacted 3.8 million people nationally and 4,000 in Weaver Vale.

He told the debate: "It is clear that the decision to accelerate the rise in women's state pension age has had a devastating impact on many women who were born in the 1950s. Many are now facing hardship and poverty as a result, as was recently highlighted in the UN report.

"Some 3.8 million women affected did not have 'fair notification' of the changes. Those are the words not only of

those 3.8 million women nationally or the 4,000 women affected in my constituency, but of the former Pensions Minister, Steve Webb. Those women certainly deserve recognition for this injustice, and fair transitional protections."

He added: "Yesterday we recognised 100 years since the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918, which allowed women to stand and vote in Parliament, a key milestone in a long campaign for women's equality and suffrage. At the heart of that campaign for equality was a rallying cry to action, 'Deeds not Words'. One hundred years on, our 1950s women need deeds, not words, and it is up to the Minister and the Government to deliver them."

## Handel's Messiah

FRODSHAM and district Coral Society are to present Handel's Messiah at St Laurence Church on Saturday, December 15 at 7pm.

The choir will be accompanied by Barbara Ruzsics, soprano, Helena Cooke, alto, Jonathan Cooke, tenor and Peter Edge, bass.

The Liverpool Concert Orchestra, leader Janet Hitchen, will be accompanying the choir and Robert Woods will be at the chamber organ. Conductor will be Howard Kane.

## New cemetery road approved

A NEW road is to be constructed within Frodsham Cemetery which will provide access to approximately 96 additional burial plots.

The design will allow for a road wide enough to accommodate funeral vehicles and will be laid out as a continuation of the existing road in a large loop.

Planning consent is not needed for the scheme, although alterations to the existing drainage system may be necessary to meet new standards to mitigate flooding.

The scheme has been approved by the Town Council.

## Speed watch groups in action

FRODSHAM'S two community speed watch groups are both active at present, each turning out on local roads one day a week.

Roads targeted in recent weeks have included Manley Road, Kingsley Road and Fluin Lane.

A second speed gun and tripod has been ordered which means the two groups will soon be able to operate at the same time.

PCSO Neil Flanagan, who co-ordinates the groups, said: "Our aim is to make the roads of Frodsham as safe as we can."



# Firefighters in big clean-up at Saltworks

**A CREW from Frodsham Fire Station collected 25 bags of rubbish when they carried out a tidy-up at the Saltworks football pitches off Ship Street.**

They were joined by PCSO John Kopczyk, from Cheshire Police as they cleaned up around the ponds and looked at ways of improving access for the local community.

In addition to the bags of rubbish, the crew also picked up six camping chairs and an ironing board – all of which had now been disposed of by Cheshire West and Chester's Street Scene team.

Firefighters are now looking at organising a similar event early next year to continue the good work already completed and improving the appearance of the ponds.

A spokesperson said: "We are also currently recruiting firefighters at Frodsham and anyone interested in applying can call in at the station any Tuesday between 6pm and 8pm and speak to the crew or email [recruitment@cheshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@cheshirefire.gov.uk) to find out more information.

The event was organised in liaison with the Frodsham Town Council Environmental Committee, local ward councillor Paul Martin, CWAC and Street Scene.



## Tributes for departing Town Clerk



TRIBUTES were paid to departing Town Clerk Hazel Catt when she attended her last meeting of Frodsham Town Council.

Chairman Cllr Alan Oulton thanked her for her work for the council and in particular for the way she had simplified some of the council's procedures, especially financial procedures, to make them easier to understand.

Mrs Catt has left the council to take up a similar position with Hartford Parish Council and Cllr Oulton said: "I am sure Hartford's gain is Frodsham's loss."

Pammi Taylor, a member of Frodsham's First World War Working Group, also attended the meeting to present a bouquet to Mrs Catt for the invaluable help she had offered the group.

## High school joins the Chamber of Commerce

HELSBY High School is one of the few schools in the area to become a "Young Member" of the West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce.

Young Chamber is a new initiative from the Chamber of Commerce for

schools and colleges to help bridge the gap between businesses and the education sector.

It can help schools and colleges tap into the knowledge, skills and experience that local businesses can provide students for them to

succeed in the world of work.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Our membership provides our staff and students with exciting new opportunities to enhance teaching and learning by development links with local businesses."





# Junior football club's fundraising campaign tops £100,000

**FRODSHAM Junior Football Club's "3G at 40" fundraising campaign has topped £100,000.**

The club, which celebrates its 40th anniversary next year, launched the campaign to enable provision of a 3G football facility at Helsby High School, in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Formed in 1979, the club was awarded FA community status – the highest standard for an FA club – in 2016 and last year formed a partnership with Helsby High for the use of the school playing fields, creating a "home" for the club.

The realisation of this project will not only provide Frodsham JFC with a state-of-the-art, safe and secure all weather pitch for training and match days, it will also provide the school and local primary schools with exclusive use of the facility during school hours. The wider Helsby and Frodsham community will also benefit with access to the facility for social usage.

Club chairman Nigel Cuniffe said: "The support we have received from local businesses and community bodies has been fantastic, it is great to see that the local community share our vision for improving leisure facilities not only for our club and its players, but for the local schools and the wider area."

"To date the Club has received donations and pledges in the region of £10,700 and I would like to personally thank Groundwork UK, Arran Pipeline Supplies Ltd, Woodhouse Plumbing, Frodsham Charity Music Festival, Frodsham and Helsby District Round Table, Frodsham Ladies Circle, Complete Security Services, Dennis Dean

Decorators and EJ Frydays for their contributions and on-going support for our club and this project."

The club has also been researching and applying for funding through various charitable bodies and has secured a pledge of £40,000 from the Marshes Community Benefit Fund (MCBF) and a grant of £5,000 from the Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust.

Mr Cuniffe added: "On behalf of our whole club can I offer my sincerest thanks and gratitude to the board of the MCBF and the Trustees of the Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust. Their pledges are a massive contribution to our campaign and a huge statement of the strength of our 3G at 40 project."

The club is aiming to raise in the region of £150,000 to support the 3G at 40 project and in addition to the £55,700 raised from local businesses, the MCBF and Marjory Boddy Charitable Trust, has raised a further £45,000 from its own members contributions and fundraising activities.

These continue apace with FJFC fundraising and volunteers officer Clare Larvin stating: "We have lots of fundraising activities planned over the coming months which we would love our players and local community to support and get involved with."

"We know as a club we have set ourselves a challenging target however, thanks to the support and generosity of the local community, charitable organisations and local businesses, we are well on our way. This project will create a legacy not

only for Frodsham JFC but also for our whole community and it is the perfect way to celebrate the club's 40th birthday."

It will take about 12 months to build the pitch and it is hoped the funds can be raised in time for work to begin in the 40th anniversary year.

Anyone wishing to support the 3G at 40 campaign can donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/3gat40](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/3gat40)

Any businesses that wish to support the 3G at 40 Campaign can contact:

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Anyone interested in finding out more about Frodsham Juniors should visit [www.frodshamjfc.org.uk](http://www.frodshamjfc.org.uk)



## 180 children in inter school soccer tournament

THE fourth annual inter-school football tournament, featuring more than 180 children from 13 local schools, was hosted by Frodsham Junior FC.

Organised and run by the club's volunteer coaches in partnership with Cheshire Oaks School Sports Partnership, the day long tournament held at Frodsham Leisure Centre was divided in to two sections.

In the morning Year 3-4 boys and girls from Ashton Hayes, Frodsham CE, Frodsham Manor House, Frodsham Weaver Vale, Horn's Mill and St Luke's RC primary schools competed in a series of group games from which Frodsham Manor House emerged as champions.

In the afternoon Year 5-6 boys and girls from Elton CP, Frodsham CE, Frodsham Manor House, Frodsham Weaver Vale, Horn's Mill, Kingsley CP, Little Sutton CE, Meadow CP, Our Lady Star of the Sea RC, Parklands CP and St Luke's RC primary schools had their turn with Hornsmill ending the day victorious.

Frodsham JFC's schools liaison officer Joe Bell, who helped to set up and run the event said: "We would like to thank Cheshire Oaks School

Sports Partnership and all the schools who took part for their support. Now in its fourth year the annual tournament is proving as popular as ever."

As a club we are dedicated to providing footballing opportunities for as many local children as possible. Hosting events such as the inter-schools tournament gives children

not currently playing for Frodsham JFC the chance to enjoy football in an organised and safe environment. We would also like to congratulate all the players whose efforts, enthusiasm and sportsmanship made the tournament such a great event."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Frodsham Juniors should visit [www.frodshamjfc.org.uk](http://www.frodshamjfc.org.uk)



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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](http://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.

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