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IN case you hadn't noticed, elections are due to take place on May 7. And Frodsham is to get more than its fair share of them.

In addition to the General Election, with six candidates to choose from, there are the Cheshire West and Chester Council elections, with nine candidates running and the Frodsham Town Council elections with anything up to seven candidates running, depending on which ward you live in.

To complicate matters still further, if you want a postal vote in the Frodsham ward of the Cheshire West and Chester Council elections, a printing error means you will

have, or should have, been issued with a second set of ballot papers. If you fill in the wrong papers, your vote won't count.

Residents of Helsby, Kingsley, Alvanley, Manley, Antrobus, Sutton Weaver, etc., will face a slightly less confusing situation in that the number of places on their various parish councils either exceeds or is equal to the number of people wishing to be parish councillors, thus avoiding the need for an election.

This is not, actually, a good thing because it suggests a degree of apathy among local people. But it will at least save some ink and paper!

More worrying is the lack of candidates in Frodsham Town Council's Overton and Five

Crosses ward where there are four candidates, all from the same political party, for four seats.

We find it puzzling that at a time when, nationally, the talk is of a hung Parliament with the main parties running neck and neck, people in this ward apparently think there is no point in challenging the status quo. No amount of saved ink and paper can justify such a situation.

What we would say to the people of Frodsham, and surrounding areas, is that if you have a vote you should use it. If the MPs and councils elected on May 7 should ever do anything that doesn't suit you, there is no point in complaining if you didn't vote.

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Joan, Kingsley

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Don, Helsby

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'Stars in their Eyes' was a sell-out



The winners.

THE annual "Stars in their Eyes" competition at Frodsham Manor House Primary School was, as usual, a sell-out with 24 acts competing for the final night, alongside the returning winner and a Bollywood dance tribute.

Hosted by head teacher Ian Devereux-Roberts, the event raised money towards a new lighting and sound rig which is being installed this month.

The winning songs were Let it Go by Idina Menzel (Best Newcomer Iona Anstice), Home by Gabriel

Aplin (1st place Taylor Blake), Hopeful by Bars and Melody (Childrens' winner Chloe and Reece Dean), Lips are Moving by Meghan Trainor (Joint 3rd Lily Ball), All about the Bass by Meghan Trainor (2nd Keira Wilkinson) and Ghost by Ella Henderson (Joint 3rd Kaya Worrall.)

Mr Devereux-Roberts said: "Well done to everyone who participated from the Judges and the bodyguards to the sound team. It was another fantastic evening showcasing our talent."

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Prime Minister visits free school

WEAVER Vale's importance as a key marginal seat in the General Election was underlined by a visit from Prime Minister David Cameron.

Mr Cameron was greeted by local MP Graham Evans at Sandymoor Free School – the £12 million free school he helped to create.

He made a rallying speech, praising the hard work put in by Mr Evans over the last five years.

The Prime Minister also toured the school and met the five parents who founded the school in 2012.

He chatted to some of the prefects and, as he left, was mobbed by pupils – “high-fiving” many of them.

Mr Evans said: “I was so pleased that the Prime Minister was able to come to Sandymoor.

“I’m proud to have achieved a lot in the last five years for this wonderful part of Cheshire, but I’d rank Sandymoor as one of my proudest achievements.

“It’s a testament to the hard work and vision of the founding parents, and we have created a wonderful environment for children to learn in.

“The school specialises in science, technology, engineering, maths and sports and has excellent links with nearby Daresbury Enterprise Zone and all the benefits that brings.

“I am pleased that Sandymoor has received the recognition it deserves.”



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Three generations work together



WHEN Connor Hignett started work at Helsby-based Heat Trace he became the third generation of his family to work at the company.

He joined his father, Ian Hignett and his grandfather, Dave Hignett.

Chairman and owner of the company Neil Malone said: "This is another first at Heat Trace - three generations of the same family. A tremendous achievement - I look forward to welcoming Connor's children into the Heat Trace family

in 20 years' time!"

The firm, founded in 1974, prides itself on being a family run company.

Both Dave and Ian work Hignett on the extrusion lines. Having over 40 years of experience in the cabling industry, Dave has worked for 10 years at Heat Trace.

Ian has 20 years of experience in the industry and has worked at Heat Trace for eight years.

Both are delighted to be the first family to have three generations employed at Heat Trace and are proud to have Connor follow in their footsteps.

Currently working in the packing and dispatch department, Connor said: "I like the way the company is family orientated and encourages a friendly family atmosphere."

Left to right are Connor, Dave and Ian.

Rhyme Rocket touches down in Frodsham



KEY Stage One pupils at Frodsham Manor House School enjoyed a surprise visit from the cast of the CBeebies programme Rhyme Rocket.

Members of the cast led a workshop for the afternoon, promoting literacy and poetry development.

Deputy head Sally Bedford said: "The children were delighted and thrilled to meet the stars of the show and it was a lovely treat for them, whilst inspiring them to engage with poetry."

Musical landscapes

SPEAKER at the monthly meeting of Frodsham Recorded Music Society was Derek Bourne and his subject was "Landscapes"

Every recording presented was well related to the subject and there was a wide range of music.

The lovely "The Banks of Green Willow" by George Butterworth was played by the Academy of St Martins in the Field and conducted by Sir Neville Marriner - a piece first performed in West Kirkby many years ago when the conductor, Sir Adrian Boult was only 23!

Next came a lovely excerpt from Canteloube's "Songs from the Auvergne" with the stirring voice of Victoria de los Angeles. The imposing "Great Gate of Kiev" was followed by the charming voice of Burl Ives singing a wonderful rendition of "The Big Rock Candy Mountain".

The impressive Smetana "Vltava" fitted the overall subject of the evening with a massive appropriate but down-to earth qualifying but spoken subject by Flanders and Swan - "Built Up Area". The first half of the presentation finished with the charming Ella Fitzgerald singing "Manhattan, an item from a collection of Thomas Hardy settings "By Footpath and Style" by Gerald Finzi performed by Roderick Williams accompanied by the Sacconi String Quartet and lastly the impressive Sibelius "Finlandia" played by the Iceland SO.

The second half consisted of five well-chosen appropriate pieces namely Aaron Copland's "El Salon Mexico", "Dawn" from Britten's "Sea Interlude", the wonderful ingenious "Little Train" of Villa Lobos, a humorous duet "Slow Train" by Flanders and Swann and then the complete "Dvorak American Quartet" in F major played by The Sacconi Strings'.

The vote of thanks was given by Fizz Jennings.

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Town hosts Rotary speaking contest



From left to right, regional final co-organiser Rotarian Warren Heyes, Rotary District Governor Leslie Wilson, Cora Bullivant (speaker), Hollie Hall (vote of thanks) Kyla Thomas (chairman) and Rotary District Governor Stuart Sawle.

THE regional finals of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition were hosted by the Rotary Club of Frodsham and Helsby at the Best Western Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham. Winners of the Intermediate section were Wirral Grammar School for Girls, while the Senior Section was won by Balshaw's CE |High School, from Leyland.

Both now go through to the national finals at Brentwood in Essex on May 10.

finals.

Co-organiser of the competition, Warren Heyes, said: "The standard of the presentations was very high.

"Speaking to a large audience of adults and children is a daunting prospect for most of us, yet these young people spoke with confidence and eloquence. My congratulations to the Intermediate team from Wirral Girls Grammar School. That young people like these have such a chance to shine is a testament to the value of Rotary Youth programmes such as Youth Speaks."

To reach the regional finals, teams had to win through local and district



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“Father” Frank steps down after 24 years

FRANK Thomas – joint “father” of Helsby Parish Council – is standing down after 24 years as a councillor.

Four years ago he made the decision that it would be his last term in office – and with health problems kicking-in some 15 months ago he realises he made the right decision.

“I’m 78 now and if I carried on for another four years I would be in my 80s and that is just not on. But at my last meeting, I told the other councillors I would still be keeping an eye on them. And I will!”

Born in Runcorn, where his father was a member of the local council, Frank moved to Helsby in 1961 and has lived in the same house

ever since.

He has seen the village change beyond recognition.

“BICC used to employ 3,000 people, most of them local. But now there are very few local jobs so Helsby has become a ‘dormitory’ with most people travelling to work. But it is still a good place to live.”

Frank has always been involved in public life. He was associated with the Chester Sunday Football League from its early beginnings, was a referee for 20 years and is still league president. He is a life member of the North Cheshire Rail Users Group – maintaining an interest in railways that started as a schoolboy train-spotter.

He was vice chairman of Frodsham Forward and for four years was chairman of Vale Royal Sports Council. He was a member of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and represented North West parish councils on the old North West Regional Assembly.

He remains chairman of the Patient Participatory Group at Helsby Medical Centre.

Frank joined Helsby Parish Council on the same day as Cllr Alan Gardner – and jokingly claimed the title of “father of the council” because he was the older.

“Now he will be the undisputed title holder,” he said.

Super new sports club gets the green light

THE long-awaited plan to replace the crumbling Helsby Community Sports Club has finally been given the green light.

Villagers are celebrating following the decision by Cheshire West and Chester Council’s decision to approval proposals for a new state-of-the-art sports centre, along with plans for 120 new homes.

The houses will be built on the site of the existing club – which is said to be “in imminent danger of collapse.”

Its replacement, which will have a multi-use sports hall, improved changing and function facilities, a 3G 11-a-side football pitch, two bowling greens, four tennis courts and a running track, will be built about 200 metres away on Callender Way.

An office for Helsby Parish Council will be included in the project.

It is more than 10 years since local people started campaigning for a new facility to replace the old club, which with football, rugby, tennis, bowls, running and fishing sections, is the centre for social activity in Helsby.

Members of the 600-strong sports club set up a development group to help draw up the plans.

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Three days of fun for youngsters

CHILDREN from Year 5 at Frodsham Manor House Primary School took part in a wide range of activities on a three day outward bound residential trip to the Conway Centre on Anglesey.

Raft building, canoeing, rope courses, zip wires and abseiling were all on the agenda.

Class teacher Becky Smith said: "The children had an amazing time overcoming their fears, supporting each other and developing their team work skills. They made us all very proud." Parents were able to keep an eye on what their children were up to via twitter as the school is extending its communication strategies.

Anyone who would like to keep up with news from the school can follow them on Twitter @FrodManor.



*Above left: Pupils listening to Forest School instructions on how to build fires.
Above: Tom Dodgson, Euan Ephgrave and Jamie Lyon exploring the beach.
Below left: Larissa Millward abseiling.*



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Councillors step down from Town Council to concentrate on borough

AFTER completing a combined total of 21 years service on Frodsham Town Council, Conservative councillors Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley have decided not to seek re-election.

Both are seeking to be re-elected to Cheshire West and Chester Council, however and if successful will be able to continue to attend Town Council meetings, representing the borough council.

Cllr Dawson said: "It has been a real honour and privilege to serve on Frodsham Town Council.

"Both of us have been fortunate enough to have been Mayor of Frodsham over the lifetime of the last council (2011-15) and both of us hope to be able to continue serving the town as borough councillors going forward."

Cllr Riley said: "If we are re-elected to the borough council it will mean that we will still attend Frodsham Town Council meetings - but this time as borough council representatives.

"This will mean that 'team Frodsham' expands from 16 to 18

members - which can only be a good thing.

"Both of us have always believed in more decisions about Frodsham being taken in Frodsham. We've also believed in making sure that the community are as closely involved in decision making as possible and we've shown just how a more engaged town council can have a major voice for Frodsham.

Cllr Dawson said: "We're both very ambitious for Frodsham and the Town Council.

"The Town Council has done great things over the last four years and we want to encourage them to do even more. We do many things in Frodsham that other communities can only dream about.

"The close working relationship between the borough and Town Council has seen many things greatly improve - such as the new road crossings on Ship Street and at the Netheriton and the installation of real time air quality monitoring. Then just think of the 'Over 70s vouchers' which help not only our older citizens at Christmas,



but pumps money into the local economy, into local businesses and local charities.

"The Town Council by itself replaced its Christmas Lights with new ultra efficient led lighting. It's wonderful to think that the electricity savings made using those new bulbs have meant that the lights have already paid for themselves."

Cllr Riley added: "We think the 2011-15 council did represent the great diversity of Frodsham and it looks like the wide range and choice of candidates for the 2015-19 council augurs well for the future. We look forward to working with whoever gets elected to the Town Council, assuming we too get elected to the Borough Council."

Election time!

RESIDENTS of Frodsham, Helsby, Kingsley and surrounding district go to the polls on May 7 - with many voters able to vote in up to three separate elections.

Everyone who is registered will be able to vote in the General Election with six candidates standing in the Weaver Vale constituency, which encompasses the whole area and beyond.

Elections are also taking place for Cheshire West and Chester unitary council and, again, there are contests taking place in Frodsham, Helsby and Kingsley.

Frodsham residents - with the exception of Overton and Five Crosses ward, where four Conservative candidates are standing unopposed - will also be able to vote in the Frodsham Town Council elections.

But in the various parishes in the area - Helsby, Alvanley, Antrobus, Kingsley, Manley and Sutton Weaver - there will be no elections as the number of candidates nominated either equals or is less than the number of parish council seats available.

The full list of candidates, including those who are unopposed, is as follows.

GENERAL ELECTION

Weaver Vale constituency: Chris Copeman (Green), Mary Di Mauro (Liberal Democrats), Graham Evans (Conservative), Julie Tickridge (Labour), Joseph Whyte (Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition) Amos Wright (UK Independence Party).

Cheshire West and Chester Unitary Council: Frodsham ward (two seats): Sue Beesley (Green Party); Andrew Dawson (Conservative); Deborah Fletcher (Labour); Michael Garvey (Labour); Jonny Pendlebury

(Green Party); Michael Pusey; Tom Reynolds (Independent); Lynn Riley (Conservative); Vera Roberts (Liberal Democrats).

Helsby Ward (One seat): David Hampton (Green Party); Una Long (Labour); Alan McKie (Conservative); Valerie Melnyczuk (Liberal Democrats).

Kingsley Ward (one seat): Alex Dedman (Green Party); George England (Liberal Democrats); Ralph Oultram (Conservative); Jill Peacock (Labour); Chris Proudfoot (UKIP).

Frodsham Town Council

Castle Park Ward (four seats): Yazmina Bryant (One Frodsham); Daniel Coleman (One Frodsham); Sian Day (One Frodsham), Richard Knowles (One Frodsham); Alan Oulton (Independent); Michael Pusey; Tom Reynolds (Independent). Lakes Ward (four seats): Linda Brown (Independent with One Frodsham); Clare Collins-Doyle (Independent with One Frodsham); Jay Fraser (Independent); Andrew Pendleton; Mark Warren (Independent with One Frodsham). Waterside Ward (four seats): David Clarke (One Frodsham); Ryan Furnival (Independent); Paul Martin (Independent with One Frodsham); Frank Pennington (Independent); Mallie Poulton (One Frodsham); Pammi Taylor; Allen Wales (One Frodsham).

Overton and Five Crosses Ward (four seats): Carole Ashton (Conservative); Liam Jones (Conservative); Fran Sutton (Conservative); Sara Wakefield (Conservative).

PARISH COUNCILS

Helsby Central (five seats): Peter Connor, Chris Ellams,

Patricia Holder, Sam Johnson, Terry O'Neill. Helsby North (five seats): Sylvia Crossley-Jones, Allan Gardner, John Kimpton, Sarah Temple, Lance Yates. Helsby South (five seats): Peter Duffy, Stuart Hulse, Andrew MacPherson, Alan McKie, George Randles.

Alvanley Parish Council (eight seats): Stephen Allen, Suzanne Chadwick, Gretta Cousins, Brenda Crowe, Roy Dugdale, Darren Sayle, Emma Tysoe.

Antrobus (nine seats): Stephen Barker, Simon Batey, Carol Bunn, Andy Dunkley, Victoria Gallimore,

Joseph Harrison, Phil Pugh, Roger Sutton, Christopher Wright. Kingsley (11 seats): Jacq Cliff, Fiona Crane, David Fletcher, Claire Jones, Danny Moores, Christopher Pownall, David Vickers, Graham Warburton, Ray Wilson.

Manley (nine seats): Jane Challoner, Jeremy Ellis, Steve Froom, Christopher Fryar, Nigel Gilding, Peter Sherlock, Ian Berkeley.

Sutton Weaver (seven seats): Rachel Austin, Pauline Eaton, Allan Griffiths, Mike Pusey, Brian Starkey, William Watson.

Ballot papers re-issued because of printing error

BOROUGH council ballot papers have been re-issued to postal voters in Frodsham due to a printing error on the original documents.

Returning Officer Steve Robinson wrote to about 1,300 postal voters in Frodsham and also in Chester's Garden Quarter where a similar problem existed, to advise them of the mistake.

In both cases the political party emblem was missing alongside the name of one candidate.

The error affected postal voters only in the borough council elections. Postal ballot papers in the parliamentary and town and parish elections were unaffected.

Mr Robinson also contacted all candidates and election agents to make them aware of the issue.

The London-based company which printed the ballot papers on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council is investigating the matter.

Mr Robinson said: "The draft ballot papers that the council approved for printing correctly showed the party emblem so it is unclear at this stage how the error occurred.

"As soon as it came to light we took immediate steps to inform voters, candidates and agents.

"The printing company will be expected to cover all the costs involved in re-printing and re-issuing the ballot papers."

Almost 1,000 voters in Frodsham were affected.

Postal votes for the borough council elections returned on the original ballot papers will be void. Postal electors have been advised that they will need to vote again using the re-issued papers.

Parliamentary postal votes are unaffected and parliamentary ballot papers will not be re-issued.



Kingsley Players all set for Time Of My Life

KINGSLEY Players will be staging "Time of My Life" by Alan Ayckbourn, directed by Malcolm Barker from May 13 to 16.

The play's synopsis involves Gerry Stratton organising a family dinner with his sons Glyn and Adam at his favourite restaurant to celebrate his wife Laura's birthday.

Glyn is with his long suffering wife Stephanie; their marriage looks to be on firmer ground than it once was.

Adam has brought along his new girlfriend, an outrageous hairdresser,

and they are both eager to impress. Gradually, family skeletons intrude on the happy domestic scene: Glyn's unfaithfulness knows no bounds, the family transport business has been hit by the recession, and Laura has been unfaithful. Glyn's story is set more recently and Adam's further back in time, while at the centre Gerry and Laura pick apart their marriage and recall first love.

To book tickets call (07925) 516760.

Service to honour World War 2 veterans

WORLD War Two veterans from Frodsham, Helsby, Kingsley and district are being invited to a service at Chester Cathedral to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

The service will be held at 3.30pm on Sunday, May 10, to mark 70 years since the day in 1945 when millions of people across the UK shared an unprecedented moment of relief and euphoria that the war in Europe was over.

Cheshire West and Chester Council and Chester Cathedral, which are jointly hosting the service, are now putting out a call to honour residents of the borough who served in the armed forces during the conflict.

Victory in Europe Day signalled that service men and women were coming home; families no longer needed to live in fear and young evacuees could return from the countryside where they had been sent for their safety.

Andrea Thwaite, the council's acting senior manager for scrutiny, civic and member Support, said: "We would like to hear from veterans from any service who wish to attend the service of commemoration.

"The council and the cathedral would like to take the opportunity of this special anniversary of VE Day to thank them, and celebrate the role they played in our nation's history.

Any veterans who would like to attend the Cathedral service are asked to contact Andrea Thwaite on 01244 972283 or email andrea.thwaite@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

The council will be observing the national two minute silence in honour of the 70th anniversary of VE Day on May 8 at 3pm by sounding the siren from the steps of Chester Town Hall.

Running for St Bernard

ROOKIE runner Edward Stanley and his girl friend, Gina, from Frodsham, raised more than £500 for the St Bernard Trust by taking part in the Liverpool Half-Marathon.

Edward ran in a full St Bernard costume while Gina, who had him on a lead, ran in a St Bernard tee shirt.

The pair were taking part in their first serious run, following in the footsteps of Edward's father, Ken, who has completed many Marathons and still takes part in distance running for the Over 60s

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Miss Pity Patchy, aka Hen Johnson, arrived to talk to Frodsham WI clad from head to toe in vintage forties clothing.

She doesn't just dress this way to talk about the period, she lives this way! She over-rides the embarrassment of her teenage sons and declares that this style suits her way of life. She kept the WI ladies fascinated describing clothing and lifestyle in the nineteen forties, particularly amusing them when describing the problems of obtaining setting lotion these days and the difficulty of persuading a modern hairdresser to cut a style which looks just dreadful before it has been curled and set!

Winner of the competition for wartime tips and hints was the president, Vivien Shaw, who had brought along "mock crab" made to her mother's wartime recipe.

Next meeting on May 7 at Frodsham Community Centre will give all members a chance to debate the national resolution, which will later be voted on at the WI's biggest annual event, their AGM. at the Albert Hall in London. The resolution concerns care and nursing costs - a big issue with an ageing population.

Open day

KINGSLEY and Newton Village Institute is holding an open day on May 4 when local people can drop in and see what is on offer.

Refreshments will be provided, the bar open and visitors will be able to try their hand on the bowling green, hit a few tennis balls or just call in for a chat. Other activities include snooker, indoor bowls, an art group and line dancing.

The centre will be open between 2pm and 5pm.

Volunteer litter pickers wanted

VOLUNTEERS are being sought for a big litter pick in Kingsley on Saturday, May 9.

The main roads leading into the village are strewn with litter, despite previous clean-ups in March and April. Drivers throwing rubbish from cars are being blamed. The parking area in Ball Lane is also a blackspot, with empty bottles and general litter.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Community Centre at 10am.



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School party visits Ghana

STAFF from Frodsham Manor House Primary School enjoyed their fifth visit to their partnership school in Accra, Ghana.

Manor House and the Living Star school have been working together for eight years and their partnership goes from strength to strength.

Head teacher Ian Devereux-Roberts, international co-ordinator Naomi Anstice and Year 1 class teacher Joanna Billington went on the trip and enjoyed spending the weekend with the Living Star head teacher's family.

They visited the local beach, a five star hotel for lunch and a church service attended by a thousand Christians as well as shopping for new djembes at the craft market, which have been brought back to Frodsham to add to the school's set of African drums.

During the week the teachers spent the days in school answering questions about the UK, teaching numeracy and Hot Cross Buns on the recorder, as well as observing science and business lessons.

The party also presented gifts from their families to the nursery department as well as a class set of recorders and had a chance to catch up with pupils who had visited Manor House three years ago.

Manor House is now looking forward to having two staff members from Living Star visit in July. They are also starting a year of fundraising with the aim of bringing 10 children to visit Frodsham next year.

Anyone who would like to donate should contact the school.



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Sophie's dream start to the summer

HELSEBY High School student Sophie Ecclestone had a busy start to the cricket season.

She flew out to Colombo in Sri Lanka with the England Women's cricket team for a 12 day batting and spin bowling camp.

Aged 15, Sophie was the youngest member in a party of 12 of which eight are already full England internationals.

The trip included three 50 over one-day matches against a Sri Lanka 'A' side.

This followed a tough winter programme for Sophie which included monthly training camps at the ECB National Performance Centre in Loughborough with the England Development Under 19s squad. In addition, Sophie spent

time building her skills and fitness levels with circuit training, road running with a fitness instructor and fortnightly training at Old Trafford with Lancashire County Cricket Club.

Sophie's promising cricket career started with Alvanley Cricket Club's junior section when she was just seven. She then moved into Cheshire Women's cricket and her rapid progress led to a two year loan agreement from the Cheshire Women's side to Lancashire CCC Women who this year will compete in Division One of the Women's County Championship.

She will be facing regular international players in the majority of games for the Red Rose County, which can only aid her development.

Helsby High School and the ECB have agreed that Sophie will be allocated a number of hours each day for revision work the school has supplied in readiness for her upcoming GCSE exams.

The school is delighted with her progress and nominated her for the Cheshire West and Chester Junior Sports Achiever award category where she was a finalist.

Before leaving for Sri Lanka, Sophie said: "I've not met many of the other members previously and



I'm looking forward to it. I can't wait for the camp, as it's a great opportunity for my development and my dream to play for England"

Unlucky start for Jamie

Pictures: Eddie Whittam

JAMIE Jardine from Frodsham racing in a new look light blue car number 1 was expected to be the man to beat this 2015 season in the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Northern Championship - Pre 90.

Jamie took all the honours in 2014 taking the Pre 90 Championships by winning the Triple Crown, National Northern Champion of Oulton Park and the Star of Anglesey titles.

A change of livery colour to his Reynard 84F car did not bring him much luck in the seasons opening round of the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Northern Championship race at Oulton Park



on Saturday April 18.

The race had only just left the start line on the first lap when there was in collision with Jamie Jardine and Chris Hodgen in a Van Diemen RF 89 (multi coloured car number 50) at the first bend Old Hall corner with Andrew Thomas from Altricham in a Reynard FF89 (red

car 38) also spinning of the track and ending up in barrier.

All three cars went careering of the track but fortunately there was only damage to the cars.

Jardine, Thomas and Hodgen are being tipped to be the ones to watch through out the series of races during the 2015 season.



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Graham Evans

Frodsham is a undeniably one of the jewels in Cheshire's crown. With it's vibrant high street and terrific community atmosphere, it takes a lot to beat. Since being elected as Frodsham's MP I have been proud to support many of its community events from downhill runs to Christmas light switch ons to supporting its small businesses. I've also been delighted to be able to campaign on the issues which really matter to local residents, and I see this as a tremendous part of what I should be doing as your representative. We've seen:

- The refurbishment of the Sutton Weaver Bridge
- The new Princeway medical centre open
- The re-surfacing of stretches of the M56
- £10million secured for the re-opening of the Halton Curve

In addition, we've recently celebrated the landmark report which recommends the electrification of the Chester to Manchester line which of course will should help cut journey times, increase services and cut noise pollution and emissions. And finally, I'm delighted that it's been announced that there will be a total re-examination of the decision (made in 2008) to toll the new Mersey Gateway bridge. I've been campaigning vociferously on this issue, and I will continue to fight throughout this process so that Cheshire West drivers can travel toll free. It's been a busy 5 years, and a lot's been achieved locally. We have a great team in Frodsham working hard all the time, not just at election time. Should I be lucky enough to be re-elected, I shall keep up the fight to make sure that we get as much investment spent locally as possible, and that Frodsham continues to be a fantastic place to live, work and raise a family in.

We are the only pair of local candidates at the borough election. We have a great track of record of bringing significant investment into Frodsham. We are committed to:

- asking the people of Frodsham and surrounding communities whether they want to see the community benefit fund monies from the wind farm spent.
- promote a swimming pool at a site along the A56 and seeking additional resources for it beyond the community benefit fund – if there is community support for it;
- working with others to expand the amount of car parking spaces in Frodsham including at the Station and around the medical centre/leisure centre;
- keeping free car parking in Frodsham for residents and shoppers;
- promoting a neighbourhood plan – where locals can have their say, endorsed by a local referendum, on things like housing, leisure facilities, and how any controversial applications like fracking should be dealt with;
- putting the community first and demanding an end to a situation where controversial schemes are forced on us – such as the windfarm, the Ince and Ineos incinerators. We want the community to have the decisive say, to have a veto over such things in future – including whether or not to support shale gas extraction/fracking.



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We care passionately about Frodsham, our home, and we champion it fearlessly. We are equally passionate that Frodsham remains a vibrant market town and will resist any Labour proposals to move us under Merseyside control. Over the course of this election campaign you will hear a lot of different things from a lot of different parties - some of which we know are untrue – however, we have

demonstrated over our time in office that we don't just talk about an issue, or write a leaflet - we act on issues, and we get things done. We are the only pair of borough candidates who actually live here (one of the Green candidates lives 6 miles away, the Labour candidates 3 and 13 miles away and one of the Lib-Dem candidates 18miles away.

Over the last 5 years we have worked tirelessly for our community, we've worked as a team *Andrew* and *Lynn* with a our local MP, and we have achieved a great deal - but there's always more to do,

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