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## IF the Frodsham Town Council elections proved anything it is that the electorate is unpredictable – and can be very unkind.

Among the more surprising results were the defeats suffered by long-serving councillor Pammi Taylor and the Mayor, Allen Wales. Surprising for different reasons, but surprising none-the-less.

Pammi Taylor had been a member of the council for 12 years and no councillor in that period has worked harder for the local community than she did. She was a stickler for things being done properly and spent many hours making sure they were. In the days before the council's website was handed over to "experts" she was largely responsible for its

maintenance and the most noticeable difference after she relinquished control was that things went wrong more often!

Allen Wales could not claim a similar length of service on the council. In fact, he was never actually elected, having been co-opted to fill a vacancy that occurred mid-term. But he proved to be an excellent councillor and stepped in to take on the role of Mayor at a time when no-one else really seemed to want the job.

As his successor has already pointed out, he fulfilled the role in a quiet and dignified way.

When the electors rejected him, he displayed no rancour but took advantage of his last official duty as Mayor to praise council staff and

fellow councillors for the hard work they put in for the local community and also said how honoured and privileged he had been to be Mayor of Frodsham – a "fantastic place to live."

Pammi and Allen were both members of the council's World War One Commemoration Group and we are pleased to note that as they are both to continue as volunteer members, their experience will not be lost.

The new council is very different to the old. Half its members are new and many will be inexperienced.

Several people have already expressed the hope that its members will work together, co-operatively and in harmony, for the good of Frodsham.

We echo that sentiment – but the jury is still out.

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## TOWNFIELD LANE PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Following initial face to face consultations with residents, and ideas expressed to us, Frodsham Town Council now wants to proceed with the much needed and overdue facelift for Townfield Lane Play Area.

We have come up with this first draft sketch plan of the improvements. The scheme includes a timber climbing frame, hexagonal frame swings, zip wire and a fenced off toddler area with trampoline, spinning bowl and climbing frame & slide. Also included are improvements to the pathways, a football pitch and picnic benches.

Larger copies can be viewed at FTC's office in Castle Park House Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm.

Comments are welcome from all townspeople by 6th July to:

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# Council chairman elected for fourth term

**CLLR Mark Warren has been re-elected for a fourth year as chairman of Frodsham Town Council.**

He was elected at the annual meeting of the council – but only after Cllr Frank Pennington had proposed that newly-elected Cllr Tom Reynolds be elected chairman. Cllr Pennington said it was a new council which should move in a new direction. Cllr Warren had been chairman for three years and he believed it was time for a new chairman to take the council in a new direction.

Cllr Alan Oulton seconded the proposal – but it was put to the meeting and failed to find further support.

After being re-elected, Cllr Warren said he regarded his appointment as a transitional measure. He had never intended to remain chairman for so long but he was aware that half the council now consisted of new members and believed it was important that there

should be an orderly transition. "I would like the council to accept this as a transitional measure," he said.



Cllr Mark Warren.

# Website moved after cyber attacks

FRODSHAM Town Council has changed its internet service provider following a series of cyber attacks on its website.

Chairman Cllr Mark Warren told the council's annual meeting the site had been attacked three times when it was provided by the original provider.

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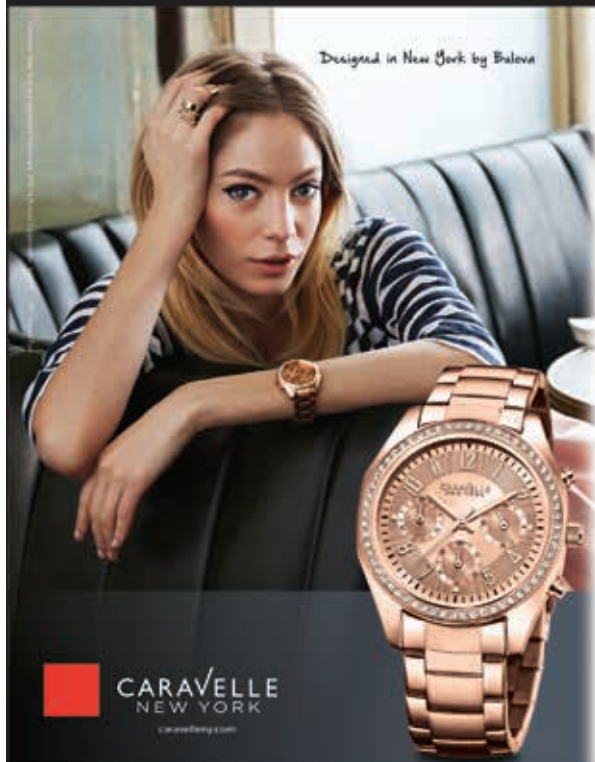
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# Gardens to open for caring charities

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This offers an opportunity for people to visit showpiece gardens – and also raises money for charity.

The gardens range in size from the big publicly owned gardens, such as Tatton Park, Dunham Massey Hall and Norton Priory Gardens, to privately owned gardens, often of modest size.

Among local gardens to open are:

Manley Knoll, (pictured) Manley Road, Manley on Sunday June 21 from 12 noon to 5pm:

This six acre garden was created in the early 1900s and is divided into different "rooms" encompassing parterres, clipped yew hedging and ornamental ponds.

Banks of rhododendron and azaleas frame a far-reaching view of the Cheshire Plain. There is also a magical quarry/folly garden with a waterfall. Admission: £3.50, children free. Home-made teas.

Bowmere Cottage, Bowmere Road, Tarporley, on Sunday, June 21 from 1.30pm to 5.30pm: A mature 1-acre country style garden around a Grade II listed house (not open). Mixed shrub and herbaceous borders, pergolas, two plant filled courtyard gardens and small kitchen garden. Shrub and rambling roses, clematis, hardy geraniums and a wide and colourful range of plants make this a very traditional English garden.

Cobbled drive and courtyard. Gravel paths. Admission: £4, children free. Home-made teas.

Clemley House, Duddon Common, Tarporley, Sunday June

28, 12 noon until 5pm: A two acre organic, wildlife friendly, gold award winning cottage garden. Features orchard, wildlife ponds, wildflower meadow, fruit and veg areas, badger sett, rose pergola, gazebo, summer house, barn owl and many other nest boxes, gravel and shade gardens, shepherd's

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# Service with a Smile from a local lad made good

**WHAT started out as work experience with a local plumber has flourished into a thriving business for Rory Woodhouse.**

Now eight years on from launching Woodhouse Rory has 13 employees, which he believes is the perfect number - big enough to cope with large jobs, but small enough to retain the personal touch. Rory, who operates out of the Frodsham Business Centre said: "When I was 15 I completed work experience with local plumber Kevin Ball. I really enjoyed the work and realised I would like to pursue plumbing as a career.

When I finished school having completed my A levels I decided to follow my passion for plumbing and undertook a full four year apprenticeship which was followed by employment with local companies. Having gained this practical experience I was keen to start my own company so I could learn all aspects of

running a small business. I started Woodhouse Plumbing with myself and one apprentice. Since then the company has steadily grown and after three years we obtained NIC-EIC electrical certification and now have three full time electricians working for us offering the complete plumbing heating and electrical package."

Rory says 'Woodhouse Plumbing, Heating and Electrical' was set up with the aim of offering customers a high quality service delivered by a local workforce that has a personal touch in terms of friendliness and professional pride; a service that you could come back to whenever you needed a job doing."

Rory said, "We still work now for a lot of my first customers. Every time we do a job we look at the job as if it was in our own home -

down to the finest detail of making sure sockets are all level and pipes are square. A lot of our customers request and know our engineers by first name. More than 85% of our work comes from recommendation and regular customers. Having recently celebrated my 30th birthday I am proud of what I have achieved, the experience I have gained and most importantly what I have been able to establish in the local community in terms of a quality service and jobs for local people."

The cornerstone of his success,

Rory believes, is the size of the business "We are large enough to offer a range of services and undertake larger jobs but small enough for me to ensure we offer the personal touch.

"Our location at the Frodsham Business Centre is central to the local community and our workforce live in the local area.

Rory concluded: "We are a very close team at Woodhouse and we plan on taking part in a number of team charity events this year. So watch this space!"



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# Pupils clock up 5,000 miles

**PUPILS at Hillside Primary School, Helsby, clocked up more than 5,000 miles within a few weeks of entering a programme to encourage children to get more active.**

As a result, the school has received a bursary of £500 – and pupils Mollie Kerr and Jess O'Neill, both aged five, won prizes of new trainers.

The "SparkStart" programme has been introduced by Active Cheshire and New Balance and Hillside Primary were the first school in Cheshire to take part in New Balance's 100-mile challenge.

Each pupil received a pedometer to record their activity at school and at home – running, walking, jogging, swimming or cycling.

The school recorded the miles completed. Hillside made a huge effort – and clocked up more than 5,000 in no time.

Head teacher Craig Richardson said: "As a school, we are committed to get our children active. This was a great initiative provided by New Balance and Active Cheshire.

"This formed part of our efforts to encourage all pupils to be physically active and lead a healthy lifestyle. This was a challenge I felt we could achieve."

To keep things moving during the award, Active Archie from Active Cheshire led a dance off at the school and got everyone to join in.

Anne Boyd, chief executive officer of Active Cheshire, said: "We are delighted that the staff and children at Hillside have embraced this programme. The challenge embeds 'active habits' with children and working with New Balance has meant we could get local children doing this in an accessible and engaging way. The success of the challenge can be seen by the distance the school have covered. Well done to Mollie and Jess for their hard work!"



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# Anyone for a Picnic?

Well, summer is just upon us and what better way to celebrate than with a picnic in the sunshine? But what to put in your picnic basket? Wine, cheese, crackers, pate, cured meats, sausage rolls, pork pies, fancy crisps, chocolate, patisserie.... the list just goes on and on. So to help you out, this month we will be taking you through our perfect picnic wines.



All good picnics start with a sparkler and where better to start than with a lovely Prosecco? Picnics alfresco are just not picnics without a glass or three of fizz so we've chosen **La Farra Prosecco Extra Dry (£12.95)**. This is a classic style of Prosecco - fresh, light, delicately fizzy with honey and lemon flavours and a lovely long finish. Great with some smoked salmon and cream cheese blinis.



Next we move on to a delicious white wine from Italy, **Torre del Falasco Gargagena (£7.95)**. Have you ever heard of the white Italian wine, Soave? Well, this is made in the same region and using the

same grapes, but as some of the vineyards are situated just outside the Soave region, it has to go by the name of the grape, Gargagena, instead. This "baby-Soave" is 50% cheaper than most Soave, but what is the wine actually like? Well, it's crisp and dry, but there's a depth of honeysuckle, orange peel and elderflower on the nose and palate belying its price. Try this with some Perl Wen cheese and Chive Crackers, or some Mushroom Pâté.

If one of your picnic party prefers rosé to white wine, try a crackling, dry rose from the south of France - **Maison Williams Chase Provence Rosé (£13.95)**. Made at Château Constantin in Provence, the winery is owned by Chase Distillery, who make fantastic spirits and liqueurs from their base in Herefordshire but have recently added wine making to their CV. Crisp, dry and incredibly refreshing, with strawberry and raspberry fruit, zippy acidity and a more-ish finish. If you have any left after the Prosecco, this rosé is not only perfect with some smoked salmon but also with snacks like Italian Tarali or



Spanish Picos.

With the picnic in full swing and everyone enjoying the sunshine, it's time for some smoked duck with cherry purée to have with our perfect picnic red wine, **Casa Silva Cool Coast Pinot Noir (£14.95)**. Picnics are perfect for Pinot. Big reds are too over-the-top and really need BBQs whereas picnics call for something a little softer, more delicate, more refined. This coastal region Chilean Pinot Noir is eminently fruity, but is delicate enough to match with such picnic fare as Smoked Duck or a rich venison pate.



So there you have it! The perfect picnic needs perfect picnic wine, but the road to perfection requires practice, so try a few out before you go! My advice? Stock up now so that you can picnic the minute you see the sun!

Until next time, eat, drink and be merry!

Jamie & Joe

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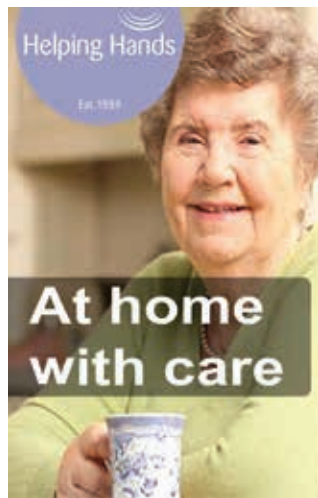
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# Community garden celebrates 1st anniversary

**RETIRING Mayor of Frodsham Allen Wales performed his last duty as Mayor with Junior Mayor Jess Capel aged 11 at Frodsham Community Children's Garden Party.**

The event helped celebrate the 1st anniversary of Community Children's Garden and was attended by various members of the community who enjoyed swapping plants and eating cake. Frodsham Singers also joined in the celebration along with local Brownies.

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# 'Don't allow yourselves to be bullied' says ex-Mayor

**MEMBERS of Frodsham Town Council have been urged not to allow themselves to be "intimidated, bullied or shouted down" by any disruptive influence on the council.**

The advice came from outgoing Mayor Allen Wales – who lost his council seat in the May elections – at the annual meeting of the council.

Cllr Fran Sutton was installed as Mayor of Frodsham for the coming

12 months, following a year as Deputy Mayor.

She paid tribute to Mr Wales who, she said, had represented Frodsham at home and abroad in a quiet and dignified way.

"I will endeavour to do the

same," she said.

Mr Wales said it had been an honour and a privilege to be Mayor of Frodsham.

He said he had attended 75 events as Mayor and paid tribute to the council's staff, who ensured the council operated in a proper manner.

Mr Wales also paid tribute to former councillor Pammi Taylor who, he said, had been a "rock"

on the council for many years. She had put in hundreds of hours in checking that things were done properly and her experience would be sorely missed.

New councillors should not be afraid of going to her for help and advice as he was sure she would be pleased to help.

Cllr Mike Pusey was elected as the new Deputy Mayor.



Cllr Fran Sutton and Cllr Mike Pusey.

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# Vintage tractor rally raises £700 for youth club

**A vintage tractor rally around the country lanes of Frodsham and Helsby has raised vital funds for the local youth club.**

The Cheshire Vintage Tractor and Engine Club which stages the rally every year raised £700 through a raffle and have given the money to Frodsham Youth Association.

Members of the club turned up with several of their tractors to make the presentation and to give youth club members a closer look at their prized machines.

Club secretary, Fiona Bates said: "We got 170 tractors joining the rally last Christmas. It was quite an impressive sight to see. We decided to give the money we raised through the raffle to the youth club because it does such a great job in giving local young people a place to get

together."

The money raised will be used to help complete work to refurbish the coffee bar in the Frodsham Youth Association building.

Club manager Nic Mikoleizik said: "The kids really love hanging about in the coffee bar but it needs a lot of work. The money will help us put down a new floor and buy some new furniture. We were delighted when the Cheshire Vintage Tractor and Engine Club chose to donate the money to us and it was an added bonus when they brought a selection of the tractors down to the club for the young people to see."



## Town Council moves into new offices

FRODSHAM Town Council has moved into new, more spacious offices.

They have taken over the ground floor of Castle Park House, enabling all council activities to be together under one roof.

Meetings of the full council and all its committees will, in future, be held in the house.

Previously council staff had to struggle in cramped accommodation at the Footman's Cottage in Castle Park and meetings were held either at Frodsham Community Centre or Castle Park Arts Centre.

The council has also taken over responsibility for letting accommodation on the ground floor of Castle Park House, including for weddings.

They have a number of desk spaces available for small businesses or individuals.

The move has involved an increase in staff which means a reception desk will be open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, although office hours will remain 9am to 1pm as previously.

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# Storm over email to Heritage Lottery Fund

**AN email was sent to the Heritage Lottery Fund accusing Frodsham Foundation of a lack of openness and transparency.**

It was sent in the run-up to the May council elections by Tom Reynolds, a candidate in the elections but "bounced back" and was re-sent by Mr Reynolds after the elections, by which time he had been elected a member of the Town Council.

In the email, Cllr Reynold said if Frodsham Foundation wanted credibility within the Frodsham community it would have to start operating in an inclusive fashion, not an exclusive one.

He said the Foundation had decided only members could speak or vote at its annual general meeting and that a condition of membership was that members should not criticise the Foundation.

The Frodsham community had contributed more than £40,000 to an organisation which claimed to be open and transparent, but was neither, he alleged.

"I do not want the Heritage Lottery Fund to get caught up in something it is unaware of because of biased information provided by Frodsham Foundation alone," he wrote.

"I am now an elected member of Frodsham Town Council and intend

to make Frodsham Foundation accountable for its actions as never before."

The email was read out at a stormy annual meeting of the Town Council by Kate Dodgson, executive director of Frodsham Foundation.

She said it related to an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to redevelop the Goods Shed, at Frodsham Railway Station, for community and business use.

Mrs Dodgson denied that the Foundation would not let members criticise the Foundation. But there was a condition that they should not misrepresent the Foundation.

She said the Foundation had held a total of 35 community events to engage with the public, who had indicated they supported redevelopment of the Goods Shed for community use. Cllr Reynolds had chosen not to attend any of them, yet accused the Foundation of a lack of openness.

"I know of no project in Frodsham that has had this level of openness and engagement with the community," she added.

Mrs Dodgson said in another

email, Mr Reynolds had claimed the project would result in the loss of 50 parking spaces. But the architects who had designed the scheme had advised that land to the east of the Good Shed was more than adequate for the development.

She did not know where the rumour had come from but it was a "complete lie."

Cllr Reynolds said that the figure of 50 lost parking spaces had come from several people in business in Frodsham who were concerned at the lack of parking. There was no proof that the figure was incorrect.

If the council support the Goods Shed project they could potentially be disenfranchising 50 people who would lose parking spaces, he warned.

Chairman Cllr Mark Warren said a consultation carried out by the council in 2013 indicated that the people of Frodsham wanted the

Goods Shed to be redeveloped for community use.

He called for a show of hands in support of the scheme and, on receiving, it, said he would write to the Heritage Lottery Fund indicating the council's support.



Kate Dodgson



Artist's impression of the Goods Shed project

## Leading a full life with dementia

IT is quite possible to have a good and full life while suffering from dementia – that was the essential message from a well-attended dementia workshop held at the Princeway Medical Centre, Frodsham.

Hosted by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) of the Frodsham Medical Practice, the workshop was led by Jane Stubbs, from the Alzheimer's Society.

A "dementia champion", her role in the Society is to offer information, guidance and support to carers, people with dementia and their families.

PPG chairman Marie Birkenhead said: "Jane started by explaining the different types of dementia and how it can affect people of all ages.

"She immediately engaged with the audience with a lively question and answer session and followed this with two thought provoking activities, which challenged us all, and revealed how much we still have to learn about the disease.

"All of this helped to enforce and re-enforce her essential message - that it is quite possible to have a good and full life with dementia."

At the end of the workshop, all those present agreed to become "Dementia Friends" and to take action to help to make the local community into a more caring community where those with dementia no longer have to feel isolated and lonely.

Jane Stubbs is willing to speak to other groups, however large or small, and can be contacted by phone 01606 781110 or e-mail jane.stubbs@alzheimers.org.uk



Members of the PPG with, Jane Stubbs, third from left.

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# Paying tribute to the fallen of World War One

**A PARTY from Frodsham travelled to Belgium to attend the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres to pay tribute to the men who fell in World War One.**

The then Mayor, Cllr Allen Wales, leader of the Town Council's World War One Commemoration working group, Royal British Legion branch secretary Geoff Abnett and Cheshire West and Chester councillor Andrew Dawson attended the moving ceremony, organised by the Last Post Association.

The rest of the year are progressing well and include a performance of "Bullets and Daffodils" - a musical drama about Wilfred Owen - at Frodsham Community Centre on October 2, renovation of the Trinity Memorial at Frodsham Methodist Church and replacement of the sundial at St Laurence Church - the original having been stolen some time ago.

The council's WW1 working group has been reconstituted following the council elections.

The group invites contribution of information relating to WW1 and new members are always welcome. To join the group or for more information, contact the Town Council office (01928 731932), Allen Wales (01928 732115) or Pammi Taylor (01928 731932).

Former councillors Allen Wales and Pammi Taylor continue as volunteer members, along with Ken Crouch and community group representatives Geoff Abnett (RBL), Jenny Evans (Frodsham Library), Rev Denise Harding (Frodsham Methodist Church), Kath Hewitt (Frodsham and district History Society), Fr Michael Mills (St Laurence Church), Heather Powling (St Laurence Heritage Group) and Peter Vickery (Castle Park Arts Centre). Cllrs Caroline Ashton and Liam Jones join Cllrs Linda Brown, Fran Sutton and Sara Wakefield as the Town Council's nominated members.



Former Mayor Allen Wales, Cllr Andrew Dawson and Geoff Abnett at the Menin Gate.

Among tasks carried out by the working group has been the transplanting of poppy seedlings planted in Castle Park last year.

This was carried out by Cllr Fran Sutton and Pammi Taylor, under the guidance of Town Council tree warden Tom Blundell.

The working group's plans for

## Frodsham on the web

THE Frodsham Life website has been given a brand new look which is fully responsive - which means you can now read it with ease on your mobile device as well as on your computer.

It has been many months in the planning and development stages - with one of the biggest tasks importing all the news and pictures from previous years.

www.frodshamlife.co.uk is linked to our other websites across Cheshire and Warrington as well as to sites providing national and international news so you can keep up-to-date not just with Frodsham and district news, but also what is happening across Cheshire, the UK and the world.

Breaking news stories are published on the site as they happen and often appear on [www.frodshamlife.co.uk](http://www.frodshamlife.co.uk) or one of its associated sites before they appear anywhere else.

And of course you can download the complete Frodsham Life magazine from the site.

You can comment on individual stories or join the popular forums, becoming part of a community of people who often have interesting views on local news.

If you have a news item, a sports report or anything else that you want local people to know about, email [info@frodshamlife.co.uk](mailto:info@frodshamlife.co.uk) or call 01925 623631.

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# School adds bite to Sharks' touch rugby tournament

**SCHOOL children from Frodsham and Helsby took part in a touch rugby competition with Sale Sharks Rugby Club and financial services company MBNA to celebrate graduating from a unique financial education programme.**

Ten schools from across the North West, including Helsby High School, competed for the MBNA Cup at Sale's Carrington training complex after completing Number Cruncherz – a free programme for Year 7 children that uses the power of rugby to teach young people more about money.

Jonny Acheson, Sale Sharks Community Trust Manager, said: "This is the first year of the MBNA Cup touch rugby tournament and it's a fantastic way for children to celebrate taking part in the Number Cruncherz programme.

"All the schools involved this year played some great touch rugby, but importantly they all really enjoyed the rest of the programme, which aims to make money management easier for young people.

"It does that by combining the excitement of rugby with important financial literacy skills to create an enjoyable experience that we hope children will remember for a long time.

"These ten schools join a long list of others that we've helped to embed financial education into the curriculum and we're thrilled that

Number Cruncherz continues to be so popular with schools across the region."

Number Cruncherz was developed by Sale Sharks, Chester-based MBNA and the UK's leading financial education charity pfeq (Personal Finance Education Group).

More than 2,000 children across the North West and North Wales have now graduated from the programme, following its launch in 2014.

Number Cruncherz is free for schools to join and anyone wanting more information or to get involved should email [community@salesharks.com](mailto:community@salesharks.com) or call 0161 667 7518.

## 'Virtuosi' at music society

LONG-serving Chester Cathedral organist and choirmaster Roger Fisher was speaker at the monthly meeting of Frodsham Recorded Music Society – and his subject of "Virtuosi".

These were those musicians who interpreted the scores of famous composers by providing performances that conveyed the true heart of that which the composer had intended to have delivered, as opposed to the all-too-frequent personal self-indulgence of the soloist or conductor of the orchestra involved.

The selected recordings were often very pleasant surprises and caused the listeners to appreciate certain compositions they had never before enjoyed.

Among those featured were Mieczyslaw Horszowski (piano), Wanda Landowska (harpsichord), Mikhail Pietnev (piano), Van Cliburn (piano), Dinu Lipatti (piano), John Ogden (piano), WH Squire ('cello) and Jorge Bolet (piano).

A vote of thanks was given by Peter Hodgson.

## Title holders not resting on their laurels

HELSEBY FC Under 17s are not resting on their laurels after winning the Mid-Cheshire Under 18 football league title – they are on the look-out for new players for next season!

The team lost only once in the season, scoring 99 goals and securing top spot after a hard fought 2-1 win over Congleton Rovers.

They play their home games at Helsby Community Sports Club on Sundays at 2pm.

Anyone interested in playing for or sponsoring the team for the 2015-16 season should contact Chris Carty on 07929376440 or email [carty.chris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carty.chris@hotmail.co.uk)



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# Big changes after Town Council elections

## THE May elections resulted in a vastly different membership of Frodsham Town Council.

New members make up half the new council and a number of familiar faces are missing - either because they lost their seats or did not seek re-election.

Surprise results included the Mayor, Allen Wales and long-standing member Pammi Taylor, who lost their seats in Waterside Ward.

The full results were as follows:

### Castle Park Ward:

Alan Oulton (Ind) 556 (elected); Tom Reynolds (Ind) 408 (elected); Michael Pusey 387 (elected); Richard Knowles (One Frodsham) 398 (elected); Yazmina Bryant (One Frodsham) 379; Daniel Coleman (One Frodsham) 374; Sian Day (One Frodsham) 368.

### Lakes Ward:

Linda Brown (Ind with One Frodsham) 712 (elected); Clare Collins-Doyle (Ind with One Frodsham) 710; Mark Warren (Ind with One Frodsham) 688 (elected); Jay Fraser (Ind) 621 (elected); Andrew Pendleton 279.

### Waterside Ward:

David Clarke (One Frodsham) 573 (elected); Frank Pennington (Ind) 470 (elected); Paul Martin (Ind

with One Frodsham) 462 (elected); Mallie Poulton (One Frodsham) 457 (elected); Allen Wales (One Frodsham) 396; Pammi Taylor 360; Ryan Furnival (Ind) 297.

### Overton and Five Crosses Ward:

Carole Ashton (Cons); Liam Jones (Cons); Fran Sutton (Cons); Sara Wakefield (Cons) all elected unopposed.

There were no elections at other parishes in the Frodsham area because the number of candidates equalled or was less than the number of seats up for election.

Membership of the councils is as follows:

### 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 Froud, Christopher Fryar, Nigel Gilding, Peter Sherlock, Ian Berkeley.

### Sutton Weaver (seven seats):

Rachel Austin, Pauline Eaton, Allan Griffiths, Mike Pusey, Brian Starkey, William Watson.

## Tories hold seats after borough elections

FRODSHAM'S two sitting Conservative councillors on Cheshire West and Chester Council both held on to their seats comfortably in the borough council elections.

Andrew Dawson topped the poll with 26.06 per cent of the poll, closely followed by Lynn Riley, with 23.13 per cent of the poll. But bucking the national trend Labour took control of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The composition of the new council is 38 Labour, 36 Conservatives and one Independent.

In line with the national results in the General Election and other local elections, the Liberal Democrats suffered badly locally, claiming only 2.57 per cent of the vote and coming bottom of the poll.

Full results were:

Andrew Dawson (Cons) 2,456 (elected)

Lynn Riley (Cons) 2,178 (elected)

Michael Garvey (Lab) 1,435

Deborah Fletcher (Lab) 1,305

Michael Pusey (Ind) 493

Tom Reynolds (Ind) 477

Jonny Pendlebury (Green) 421

Sue Beesley (Green) 409

Vera Roberts (Lib Dem) 242.

In Helsby, it was a similar story

with sitting Conservative councillor Alan McKie retaining his seat with a comfortable majority over Labour.

The full result was:

Alan McKie (Cons) 1,511 (elected)

Una Long (Lab) 1,064

David Hampton (Green) 220

Valerie Melnyczuk (Lib Dem) 134.

At Kingsley the story was repeated again, with sitting Conservative councillor Ralph

Oultram romping home with 55.37 per cent of the vote.

The full result was:

Ralph Oultram (Cons) 1,520 (elected)

Jill Peacock (Lab) 500

Chris Proudfoot (UKIP) 292

Alex Dedman (Green) 220

George England (Lib Dem) 213

## Graham Evans holds on to Weaver Vale seat

CONSERVATIVE Graham Evans held the key Weaver Vale seat in the General Election.

UKIP increased their presence in the constituency, more than quadrupling their vote and pushing the Liberal Democrats into fourth position.

Weaver Vale was targeted by Labour as one of the most vulnerable Tory seats in the North West. At the last election in 2010, Graham Evans had a majority of only 991. But he held on to the seat with a majority of 806.

The Green Party increased its vote but the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition candidate made no impact on the contest.

The full result was:

Graham Evans (Cons) 20,227;

Julia Tickridge (Lab) 19,421; Amos Wright (UKIP) 4,547; Mary Di Mauro (Lib Dem); 1,395; Chris Copeman (Green) 1,183; Joseph Whyte (TUSC): 94.



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