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Editor's Comment

IN an ideal world, Castle Park House would be an ideal home for Frodsham Town Council.

Well, almost. Actually, although it's a superb building, in a superb setting, there are some who feel it

You can't please everyone.

But of course, we don't live in an ideal world and, as regular readers will know, the council has for some time been trying to find somewhere else to go to avoid paying what one councillor has described as an "exorbitant" rent charged by the building's owners, Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C). This is a bit unfair on CW&C because, as a local authority, it

is obliged to get the best possible return on its assets, even when that involves a tenant which is also a local authority.

The latest suggestion is that the Town Council could share Frodsham Police Station and we are told the idea originated with the police, who are enthusiastic about it

Certainly the location in Ship Street would be reasonably central and apparently the available room would be big enough for the council's needs. It is not clear if such a move would be considered as permanent or merely temporary until such time as the council could, perhaps, build its own offices on land it already owns – an idea that has already been put forward.

But on balance we believe it is

a solution well worth exploring -

providing it doesn't take too long
- even though it will presumably
mean hiring a hall for monthly
council meetings.

We are also pleased to note the council has decided to offer Hazel Catt the post of permanent Town Clerk, in recognition of her good service as Acting Town Clerk over the last 10 months.

Mrs Catt took on the role at a difficult time and must, surely, have thought at times that she had been thrown in at the deep end. But she handled everything that circumstances threw at her and it is good to see that the vast majority of councillors have recognised that

New councillors to be co-opted

FRODSHAM Town Council hopes to fill its two remaining vacant seats at its September meeting.

The monthly meeting was told that an election was called in Castle Park ward but no-one came

Overton and Five Crosses ward.

As a result, both seats could be filled by co-option and it was hoped to do this at the September



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Town Council ready to serve injunction to stop housing project

FRODSHAM Town Council is prepared to serve an is prepared to serve an injunction to stop any construction work taking place on Overton Hill - where planning consent for 12 houses has been granted following an appeal.

Members agreed to the

Members agreed to the proposal, put forward by Cllr Frank Pennington, after hearing detailed reports which indicated that part of the development would involve war memorial land given to the people of Frodsham which is said to be subject to a covenant forbidding

any building.

A special meeting involving council clerk Hazel Catt, chairman Cllr Judith Critchley and a councillor from each ward is to be held which will decide what action should be taken. But in the event of any building work starting, the council will serve an injunction to halt it.

The monthly meeting of the council heard from Tracy Footitt, a shareholder of Mersey View Pleasure Grounds Ltd, the company which has won planning permission for 12 houses on Overton Hill and the demolition of the former Mersey View nightclub, now known as the Overton Suite.

She said she had been unaware of the proposals for the land and did not agree with them.

"I am here for no motive other than to ensure that the land in question that be an open space

question that be an open space for the use and enjoyment of the people forever, as stated in the covenant," she said.

During her research, she had discovered that as new drawings had been made over the years, boundaries were no longer accurate. Some years ago, the council had agreed to an exchange of land in the area and it appeared. of land in the area and it appeared that half the war memorial land had been lost.

Extensive research

The meeting was told extensive research into the history of the matter had been carried out by Cllr Pennington and Cllr Mark Nield.

Cllr Nield said it was clear, from the deeds, that today's boundaries were not where they had been in 1923/24.

The memorial field was given to the people of Frodsham - not the council – as a memorial to people killed in World War 1. Covenants were put in place to ensure the land

would remain protected for the people of Frodsham forever.

A land exchange took place between the council and Mersey View Pleasure Grounds Ltd in 2003 which might not have been legal as

the land was not the council's to exchange. But even if it was legal, both parties signed agreements to uphold the covenants. In any case, the covenant remained in place whoever owned the land.

Cllr Nield said the council in 2003 acted in good faith, never for once believing the land they transferred would ever be built on.

If the development took place there was a possibility the War Memorial itself, on top of the hill, would become land-locked or that disabled access would be lost. The housing itself would have memorial land to its east and west with the only possible access from Bellmonte Road, which could mean the loss of the memorial railings.

Cllr Pennington said the council
– including himself – had made a
mistake in 2003 and it was now time to put matters right.

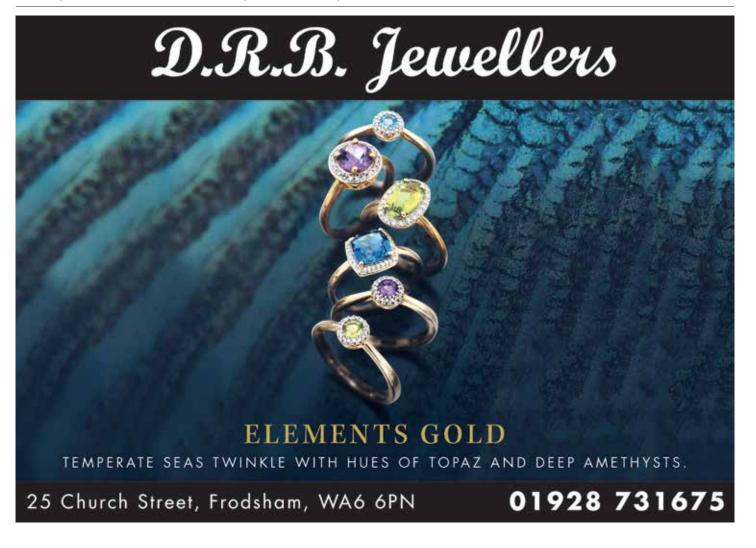


Taxi parking has 'improved'

COMPLAINTS about irresponsible parking by taxis in Main Street, Frodsham, have reduced since police stepped in with a warning letter.

PCSO Neil Flanagan told the monthly meeting of the Town Council that the situation had improved but was still "not perfect."

Police would continue to monitor the situation and, if necessary, take



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estimated spectators turned up to watch 190 teams compete in the third annual Frodsham Juniors Football Club festival of football at Helsby High School.

Already established as one of the most respected tournaments in the North West, the two-day Cheshire FA-sanctioned festival featured

FA-sanctioned festival featured 19 pitches set up by an army of volunteers the evening before, 562 fixtures all refereed by FA qualified officials, 10 age groups and eight age specific tournaments - all with shiny new trophies up for grabs.

Day 1 saw 100 teams playing, featuring the Under 7s, 8s and 9s age groups alongside Girls' Under 11s and Girls' Under 13s. Frodsham JFC's Under 9s came close to taking home the trophy progressing from the group stage, through three rounds of knockout football only to be beaten in the football only to be beaten in the final by Warrington Town.

Ninety teams competed on Day 2 in the Under 10s, 11s, 12s and 13s age groups as well as the Girls' Under 9s. Frodsham's Under 11s had entered the tournament as defending champions having won the Under 10s Trophy last year and made a great defence of the trophy reaching the final again only to lose out to AFC Waverton. It was Frodsham JFC's Girls' Under 9s however who celebrated success winning their tournament beating Middlewich Reds in the final.

Manager Chris Jennings said: "It was a much deserved result for the girls who had played an attractive brand of passing football all season and they were finally rewarded for all their efforts. The girls, parents and guardians all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it capped off a great end to their first season. Roll on 2016/17 - the girls just years to all the season. girls just want to play more.

Feedback trom the coaches and spectators was excellent. Alan Moran of Crewe ck from the visiting and spectators was Panthers commenting: "Thank you for a great tournament, well organised with a good friendly

atmosphere.

Satish Mistry of Vale Juniors
Bears said: "I just wanted to thank
Frodsham Juniors Football Club for
a fantastic day. The boys had great
fun. Certainly the best one we have attended! See you next year.

Plans are already in place for the next Festival when the club hope to welcome back many of this year's attendees and hopefully some new ones to an even bigger and better

Frodsham JFC John Heath commented: "This year's Festival of Football was a tremendous success and I would like to thank all of the countless volunteers and festival partners; St Johns Ambulance, Frodsham and District Round Table and Frodsham Ladies Circle who have helped to set up and run the tournament. In addition we are very grateful to Mr J Dowler and Mr M Vickers at Helsby High School for their support in hosting the festival, we hope our partnership will continue to arow for many years."

to grow for many years."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Frodsham Juniors should visit www.frodshamjfc.org

Town Council oppose office block plan

FRODSHAM Town Council has lodged objection to plans for an office block and new dwelling, with a detached garage and associated parking in Church Street, Frodsham.

Members of the council's planning committee decided there were concerns over access from Church Street and Sandfields, especially in emergency

They also felt ownership of the access to the dwelling from Sandfields

The application will be dealt with by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Somme exhibition attracted hundreds

FRODSHAM Town Council's World War One Commemoration Working Group marked the centenary of the Battle of the Somme with a very successful exhibition at Castle Park.

One section of the exhibition, displayed in the Conservatory, showed all the soldiers from Frodsham who died during the Battle. The second section, consisting of artwork and artefacts prepared by Frodsham's primary school pupils, was exhibited in Castle Park House to be later moved to Frodsham Library.

Hundreds of visitors were very interested in the stories of the soldiers and the display of cartoons from the History Society's archives illustrating the horrors the soldiers endured.

The younger ones were also interested in the WW1 bayonet and medals that were on show which were awarded to a soldier who lived in Delamere.

Some families saw their own relative's story for the first time.

Group member Allen Wales delivered two very informative and well-attended talks in the House.

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Chairman Sara Wakefield said, "We are now working on creating a poppy cascade - displaying thousands of poppies made by all four of our primary schools – at the Princeway Health Centre and will be publishing details of this project in the near future."

She added: "We thank Frodsham Methodist Church for loaning us the display boards, Frodsham and District History Society and Nicholas Deakin for the bayonet and medals, and the support given by the Rotary Club of Frodsham and Helsby is much appreciated."



An evening of Shakespeare

YEAR Six leaders at Frodsham CE Primary School "wowed" an audience of family and friends with "An Evening Shakespeare" to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the playwright's death.

The children performed not one but two Shakespeare plays – "Macbeth" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at St Laurence Church.

Directed by the Rev Michael Mills and Year Six teacher Mr S Jones, the pupils amazed the audience with their confident and enthusiastic acting and their understanding of Shakespearian dialogue

A sombre and tragic performance of Macbeth was

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following an entertaining versions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" – both delivered in a professional manner.

manner.

Headteacher Mrs Louise Kirby said: "I am so proud of their achievement; it was such an incredible performance from all the children. It's a huge challenge for any actor to take on Shakespeare, but for a class of Year 6 children to achieve such an authentic performance is phenomenal."



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2.If a relationship breaks down and the parties were never married, gifts to one party in the other's Will are not affected. A client discovered that his father's Will pre-dated a relationship breakup with the girlfriend being the sole beneficiary. They were no longer in contact and she had moved overseas. The current situation meant that his father's ex-partner was entitled to administer the estate and benefit from it, and in the event of his death our client would need to track down and locate the former girlfriend and pass the estate to her.

Our advice is to always review your Will, and take specialist legal advice.

For legal help and advice relating to Wills, contact Ian Sydenham for an appointment in our Frodsham office on 01925 230000 or by email ian.sydenham@fdrlaw.co.uk

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Celebrations as 'outdoor gym' opens

RESIDENTS of Kingsley are celebrating the opening of a new path and outdoor gym at the local playing field thanks to a £50,000 funding boost from grant-giving body WREN.

The facility is now open after being launched officially by WREN panel representative and Cheshire West and Chester councillor Eleanor Johnson, at an open day at the site off Westbrook Road.

The money, awarded by WREN's

FCC Community Action Fund, has provided improved access with a new path around the playing field as well as a new outdoor gym with equipment including a cross trainer, treadmill, shoulder press and spinning bike. There is also a new seating area,

with two picnic tables donated by local chicken factory, Forrester's.
Other donations to the project were received by Cheshire West and Chester's member budgets award Scheme and lottery fund, Awards for All.

Clir Claire Jones of Kingsley Parish Council said: "These new recreational facilities in the village are going to make a real difference

"As a council we are committed to encouraging the health and well-being of people living here and

WREN for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support. we've already seen people with a

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC

Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Local community charity, Groundwork Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside worked closely with the parish council on the



'Sleep well to drive safe' says Cheshire Motor Show sponsor

INDEPENDENT bed retailer Land of Beds, headquartered in Frodsham, sponsored the Rotary Club's Cheshire Motor Show to promote

cheshire Motor Show to promote sleep-related driving safety.
The company spoke to hundreds of show-goers at Frodsham Community Centre about the importance of getting a good night's sleep before venturing out on the roads.

Land of Beds managing director Mike Murray said: "RAC Foundation research shows that around 20 per cent of accidents on major roads are sleep-related, and such accidents are more likely to result in a fatality or major injury."

"As a parent of two young children, I know how tiring family life can be – especially when you're juggling the school run with work

commitments and family outings. The Cheshire Motor Show was a great opportunity for our Sleep Experts to meet lots of motoring enthusiasts; to talk to them about how to improve their sleep quality and be a responsible road-user; and to join our local community in admiring the fantastic vehicles on display!"

The award-winning retailer

offered visitors the chance to win a luxury Relyon mattress worth more than £300, as well as the opportunity to sample stock available to buy from their recently refurbished showroom on Church Street.

Edward Basnett, chairman of the Frodsham and Helsby Rotary Club, said: "We're delighted to have had the support of our local sponsors,

Land of Beds, whose message around improving sleep quality is so important to the safe enjoyment of motoring. Their sponsorship funds will support good causes at home and abroad, as chosen by the Rotary.

For more details on sleep and road safety visit: https://life.landofbeds.co.uk/are-you-sleepdrunk-at-the-wheel

Hannah Rushton McGregor is pictured with her Land of Beds colleague Rhian Thomas.



Inspiring the engineers of the future

WORLD leaders in uranium enrichment services Urenco spent a day working with 200 Year 8 students at Helsby High School – running a series of hands-on challenges to inspire the youngsters to learn about

the youngsters to learn about engineering, problem solving and working in a team.

The school provides a growing number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) opportunities for students.

Headteacher John Dowler said the school was fortunet to be

the school was fortunate to be able to work with the company
– and praised the committed
group of employees who led the
activities all day.









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Rain and mud didn't stop a we

Report: Dan Warren. Pictures: Barrie Scholes

NOW in it's fourth year the Frodsham Festival is growing year on year, as a fantastic weekend for all the community to get together and have fun.

The weekend included live music, a market, fun fair, face painting, climbing wall, and a BBQ and icecream for refreshments.

The events raised funds for local good causes including Marie Curie.
The football tournament for

over 250 veteran footballers was attended by teams from Everton

and locally, as well as those coming further afield from Leeds and Barnsley.

Organiser Mark Rowland said: "The festival went really well, although it was like a small Glastonbury with the rain and mud. "Around 500 attended the live

music concert, and 12 teams on Sunday for the football tournament"















attended Frodsham Festival



Drama group's award 'hat-trick'

KINGSLEY Players stormed to a triple success in the annual Cheshire Theatre Guild Awards.

The group's production of Oliver, performed in January, was named best production with musical content.

Tom Hayes and Shara Blanchard, who played Romeo and Juliet, in the Kingsley Players' innovative Bite-sized Shakespeare production in October were jointly named best

youngster in a senior production.

And in the dramatic achievement category, actor Matt Jones, who performed a mesmerising monologue as Graham in Alan Bennett's Talking Heads and Bite-sized Shakespeare, directed and devised by Ed Green, were both short-listed.

Lynn Pegler, who directed the Oliver production, said: "We are thrilled to have been so successful

in the awards against strong competition from theatre groups all

over the county.

"The best production award is testament to the fantastic community

testament to the tantastic community effort that goes into every show.

"The Oliver production had a cast of more than 50 adults and children, and played five sell-out shows. Everything from costumes, set, lighting and sound to backstage

crew and the wonderful performers

– everyone gave 100 per cent. It's a

fantastic achievement."

Kingsley Players will next be on stage in October (19-22) with a modern play "Some of My Best Friends are Women" by Carole Tricker, directed by Colin Smith.

For more information check out the Kingsley Players website www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk



Chance to get Active at Team games!

ACTIVE Cheshire's The Team Games is the first Corporate Games and Health & Wellbeing event in the sub-region.

Taking place on September 18 at the prestigious Chester Racecourse, the event comprises five main areas for the whole community; Corporate Games, Challenge Zone, Get Active Zone, 'Daily Mile'

Zone, Get Active Zone, 'Daily Mile'
Bubble Run and the Marketplace.
As a local charity, Active
Cheshire aim to get 50,000 more
people, more active, more often by
2017.

The Team Games is a fun family day out with something for everyone to do, it's all about participation, bringing communities together to socialise and enjoy themselves. What's more The Team Games is all about supporting a great cause with all surpluses donated to The Princes Trust so support us and do your bit for charity!

The Corporate Games element is aimed at local businesses; teams of ten are pitted against each other in a number of activities that are fun but not too physically demanding.

As well as a 160ft Inflatable Assault Course and Target Ball, there will

As well as a 160th Intiatable Assault Course and Target Ball, there will be a Retro School Sports Day so you can relive the joy (or pain!) of games like Egg & Spoon or Sack Race! To top it all off, we've also got 'It's a Knockout' – just like the comedy TV game show.

The Challenge Zone is for the more competitive and as well as individual entry will see teams of six from local clubs, groups and services race against each other across the Urban Attack assault course. This area is aimed at the more physically active so be prepared for the challenge!

Filling the Get Active Zone involves a number of inflatable games such as Table Football and the Space hopper Racetrack, however numerous have a go sports will be in attendance providing

however numerous have a go sports will be in attendance providing taster activities. Alongside all this, for the more adventurous people, why not dare to ride the Zip Wire

and take a leap of faith on the Free-Fall Jump! The 'Daily Mile' Bubble Run is an extension of the national initiative started in schools this year. Any schools or youth groups from the sub-region are welcome providing they help us to fundraising for our great cause The Prince's Trust.

It's not just about getting people active but a focus on living well

is complemented with the Health & Wellbeing Marketplace which sees a broad range of providers showcasing their offers and messages of how to make for a healthier life.

To get involved in any element of The Team Games, visit www. theteamgames.org or call 01606







A wedding with a difference

IT was a wedding with a difference – the annual Key Stage One "wedding" organised by Frodsham Manor House Primary School. Rapunzel married Flynn in a service led by the Rev Steve

Santry, from Helsby, at Frodsham Methodist Church.

It was all part of the school's RE curriculum where Year 2 pupils learn about different life stages and different, including a Muslim

Naming Ceremony, Christian Baptism, Christian Wedding and

Humanist funerals.
Pupils filled a variety of roles at the wedding, including ushers, readers, photographers, as well as all the members of the bridal party.

Afterwards, the celebrations continued at the school, with a special wedding dinner, complete

with a top table.

Children in the Reception class and those in Year 1 dressed up as guests, along with their parents and tamilies, to join in the celebrations.



Town Council may move into police station

FRODSHAM Town Council's search for a new home could soon end –

at the police station.

Preliminary talks have already taken place – and council chairman Judith Critchley says there have been "positive vibes" from the police.

The council has decided it must leave Castle Park House because the cost of renting the ground floor is too high and there is no other suitable room in the building that would be suitable.

The only room currently available is up in the roof space, is too small and has no windows,

only skylights.
In addition, access would involve using a lift which would not be idea for staff, councillors or members of

Staff would have to go downstairs

to let visitors in.

Cllr Critchley said she had spoken to the police who were prepared to share the police

They had a large room which, although it required decorating and carpeting, would be suitable. She believed it would probably be the least expensive building available in Frodsham.

The police were keen to share because they were currently only using half the building
Cllr Tom Reynolds criticised the council for taking too long to find

a new home.

He said: "We have been talking about this since March and we are still here, paying an exorbitant rent.

But the Mayor, Cllr Mallie Poulton said it had been important to look at every option.





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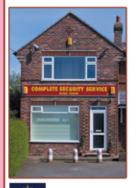
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School's end-ofterm 'sleepover'

YEAR Six pupils at Frodsham CE Primary School were asked how they would like to celebrate their last week in primary school – and chose a "School Sleepover."

number of alternative suggestions were put forward at "Apprentice" style assembly in front of parents and members of the PTA and the winning idea was the sleepover.

Pupils were then provided with £5 from the school's PTA, and given the "Apprentice Challenge" of turning it into £25 to raise funds for events during their celebration day. Children took

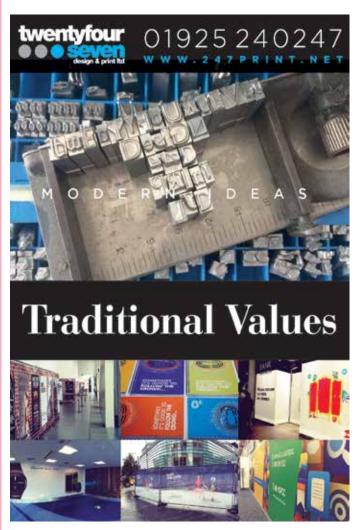
celebration day. Children took part in a variety of their own activities including selling chicken

eggs, perfoming music for family, washing cars, cake sales, mowing lawns and yard sales.

They managed to raise an amazing £670 which funded two bouncy inflatables, Sumo Suits, a limitless candyfloss machine, an ice-cream factory and even fish and chips for tea!

The Year 6 children were also keen to invite their "Little Buddies" in Reception to share all the goodies with them before their disco and sleepover in the evening.







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Girl soccer starlets win two sponsorship deals

HELSBY-based environmental consultancy RSK has announced it is to sponsor Frodsham Junior Football Club girls' team to the tune

It will be supporting the girls' teams from the Under 9s to the Under 15s.

With more than 400 players and 80 coaches, Frodsham Junior Football club is thriving and Football club is thriving and recently became an FA chartered

recently became an FA chartered community club.

Chief executive officer at RSK Alan Ryder said: "We are thrilled to sponsor Frodsham Junior Football club's girls' teams. With our Helsby headquarters just down the road from Frodsham, the club is very much a part of RSK's local community. community.

"As a company, RSK is keen to find apportunities to contribute to the well-being of the communities in which we trade. Our main corporate responsibility commitments are supporting charities, sourcing locally and investing in youth."

The club's Under 11s girls' team

has also won sponsorship from local firm CF Fertilisers.

The company has paid for new waterproofs for the Under 11s team.

Head of Girls Chris Jennings said: "It is always great to get a new sponsor on board such as CF Fertilisers and waterproofs are

appreciated any time.
"We now need to secure some more funds for our other teams.





information sponsorship opportunities, contact Chris via the club website www. frodshamjfc.org.uk

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girl soccer stars with the RSK sponsorship cheque and Peter Kennedy of CF Fertilisers presenting a cheque to Chris Jennings at Frodsham JFC with one of the Under 11 players.

Steve's 261-mile golf challenge raised £8,500 for charity



HELSBY Golf Club captain Steve Cunniffe – also a trustee of the club's Powered Wheelchair Appeal – raised \$8,500 for the charity by playing an incredible six rounds of golfs in six different counties on the longest day

His epic performance started at 3.25am on June 20 at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club, in Lancashire – where he played the first six holes in the dark using luminous balls!

He then went on to play 18 holes at Bentham Golf Club in Yorkshire, Kirby Lonsdale Golf Club in Cumbria, Barlaston Golf Club in Staffordshire, Market Drayton Golf Club, Shropshire and finally back to Cheshire and

his home club of Helsby.

He was joined at the last two courses by Helsby lady captain Penny Ainsworth

Steve had to play in heavy rain to begin with but the weather improved as the day went on.

Afterwards there was a hog roast reception at Helsby when Steve

thanked all who had helped – including the other golf clubs.

During the day his progress was tracked through the club's Twitter feed, with re-tweets from ITV presented Lucy Meacock and golf commentator Peter Alliss and Steve also got a mention on the Chris Evans breakfast show on Radio 2.

Overall he had travelled 261 miles, spent 10 hours 58 minutes playing 108 holes of golf, scored 508 gross, net 448 and lost one ball!

Anyone who wishes to donate to Steve's fundraising can still do so online at https://mydonate.bt.com/events/steve6countiesgolf/305795

Wind farm interferes with TV reception

COMPLAINTS have started about interference to TV signals caused by the Frodsham Wind Farm – before it is even

Cheshire West and Chester councillor Andrew Dawson told the monthly meeting of Frodsham Town Council he had received his first report of television interference caused by the giant wind turbines.

He had reported the issue to Peel Energy who were looking into it.

"I hope it will be resolved," said Cllr Dawson. "But I can't believe that if there is a problem it is effecting just one

"The turbines at the Frodsham end are built – but they are not yet commissioned."

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By Paul McCord, Solicitor of Rowlinsons Solicitors

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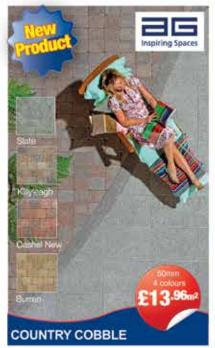
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