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Editor's Comment

IT can come as no surprise that the vast majority of people in Frodsham do not look favourably on the prospect of Unconventional Gas Extraction (Fracking) in or anywhere near the town.

Indeed the only surprising statistic to come from the very thorough survey carried out by campaign group Frack Free Frodsham and

Frodsham precept to be unchanged

FRODSHAM Town Council has agreed to use its cash balances to keep the precept – the local part of the Council Tax – at the same level as last year.

Members voted 10-1 in favour of the move at the council's budget meeting. Only Cllr Tom Reynolds voted against.

A request from the council's World War One Commemoration Group for an additional £600 was refused and it was also agreed that the Christmas Festival budget might be reviewed once the full cost of the

most recent festival was known.
A precept request for £211,397 was approved – with Cllr Reynolds

against voting against.

*The main part of the Council
Tax is levied by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Helsby is that as many as 9.1 per

cent of people think Fracking would be a good thing for the area. Figures for Helsby were not yet available when Frodsham Life went to press, but we would be surprised if the outcome of the survey there is much different. Fracking has far too big an impact on the environment to endear itself to most people.

We are not sure that we can go along with those who argue against fracking in any circumstances whatsoever. There may well be places where it can be carried out without causing any lasting harm and it seems to us that there is a genuine need to find more energy that cannot, at present, be met wholly environment-friendly methods.

But to suggest anywhere in the Frodsham-Helsby area would be

suitable is surely madness.

In any case, even if it were a suitable area, surely we have already suffered enough.

Incinerator, Wind Farm..must Incinerator, Wind Farm...must we now also resign ourselves to fracking as well?

No. Enough is enough. Frodsham and Helsby must not be

made to suffer any more unwanted activities. No-one can accuse local people of Nimbyism – not when the "back yard" is already overflowing with undesirable developments.



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Rebel councillor apologises - and causes uproar

CONTROVERSIAL councillor Tom Reynolds' long awaited "public apology" for the upset he has caused was duly delivered at the monthly meeting of Frodsham Town Council – and caused

Agenda item 179 was entitled: "Public Apology – Cllr T Reynolds to make a public apology to Cllrs A

Dawson and L Riley."

But Cllr Reynolds rose to his feet and said: "I am proud to be here" – and promptly accused the council of wasting public money over two

Chairman Cllr Judith Critchley banged on her desk with the gavel to bring the meeting to order, but Cllr Reynolds continued to speak. Cllr Critchley repeatedly banged

the gavel and eventually said she suspending the meeting and

walked out of the chamber. Cllr Reynolds continued to speak, delivering his apology in rhyme. He said:

"Oh dear, what can the matter Frodsham Town Council trying to

For implicating Cllr Dawson and

Riley with FTC's inefficiency, In renting Castle Park House

foolhardily.

To Cllrs Dawson and Riley I

apologise...sincerely.
I represent Frodsham people

I promote residents needs NOT

bureaucracy.
Respect for ALL groups in the

minority, BUT...focus on 'family' Frodsham which is the majority.

Cllr Reynolds then sat down and Cllr Critchley re-entered the chamber and declared the meeting

She then asked Cllrs Andrew Dawson and Lyn Riley if they were prepared to accept the apology in the way it had been given. Cllr. Dawson said it was not

what he had been expecting but he did not wish to see the matter prolonged. It was for the Town Council to decide.

Cllr Riley said she believed the issue was damaging to democracy in Frodsham and it had cost the taxpayers many thousands of pounds that would have been better spent elsewhere. She too hoped they could now "draw a line in the sand."

Veteran councillor Frank Pennington told Cllr Reynolds it was time to "draw a line" and support the council which had come a long

way during the last two years.
But Cllr Reynolds, admitting his
apology had been delivered with
sarcasm, said: "We are not here
for ourselves but for the people of
Frodsham. I am sick and tired of not

being able to speak openly."

Cllr Pennington said he was not prepared to see the council

"dragged down."

He told Cllr Reynolds: "I am pleading with you to put an end to this."

Cllr Reynolds said as the request had come from Cllr Pennington, who he respected, he would agree.

The meeting then moved on to the next item on the agenda.

*At its meeting on December 12, the council had ordered 12, the council had ordered Cllr Reynolds to apologise or, if he could not, to resign from the council for the benefit of his constituents. This followed a ruling by an independent panel that Cllr Reynolds had breached Frodsham Town Council's member code of conduct by showing a lack of respect to Cllr Dawson and Cllr Riley in an email sent in November 2015.

The council also decided Cllr Reynolds should undertake training to understand the responsibilities of being a councillor, the correct procedure for raising issues and the correct use of emails and social media.



Planning procedure to be streamlined

FRODSHAM Town Council is to streamline the work of its planning

In future, the committee will meet only to consider major planning applications or changes to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C)

Routine planning applications will be referred to the relevant ward councillors for consideration.

Comments will then be submitted directly to CW&C via its website or through the Town Clerk.

Residents who wish to make representations on a planning applications should liaise with their ward councillor.

D.R.B. Jewellers









ELEMEN



Council to carry on paying for PCSO

FRODSHAM Town Council has agreed, unanimously, to continue contributing to the cost of having a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in the town for the coming year.

But a question mark hangs over future years.

Currently the council, along with a number of others across Cheshire,

contribute one third towards the cost of providing a PCSO in their

But from 2018 the police hope



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that town and parish councils will contribute 100 per cent of the cost in return for an "enhanced" service. Councils that don't contribute will receive a standard service.

Cheshire West and Cheshire councillor Andrew Dawson has already warned of the possibility that some councils will find this unaffordable.

He estimates it would cost Frodsham about 20 per cent of its current revenue budget while for Helsby, which has a smaller revenue budget, it could amount to

about 35 per cent.

And he believes the "expanded" service will be what the town is

already getting.

Main funding for PCSOs come
from the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and there are currently about 200 across Cheshire

Frodsham's PCSO is the popular Neil Flanagan – but the police can give no guarantee that Frodsham can keep him, whether or not the Town Council continues to part or fully fund him.

Rail users look forward to six trains an hour

SIX trains an hour could be stopping at Frodsham and Helsby stations giving the two communities the rail

connectivity they really need.
This is the view of Mark Warren, chairman of the North Cheshire Rail Users Group (NCRUG)
The group has received new details of proposed services following the long-awaited e long-awaited of the Halton reinstatement Curve after making a Freedom of Information request.

The proposals are for a replacement single track with new crossovers at Halton and Frodsham and also upgrades to signalling equipment.

There are no plans for a station at Beechwood despite this concept being mooted during initial discussions.

The proposed services will run

hourly in each direction between Liverpool to Chester with potential to extend to North Wales in the

Mr Warren said: "Overall NCRUG is delighted this scheme is coming to fruition after many years of campaigning and we look forward to commencement of services in late 2018. "Also of note

"Also of note is the commencement of Chester - Leeds services next year. NCRUG is campaigning to have this new service incorporate stops at Helsby and Frodsham.

"Combined with the existing services these two new links could potentially bring an average of three trains per hour through Helsby and Frodsham in each direction and provide the community with the rail connectivity we really need.."

Time to look out your walking boots!

PREPARATIONS are well advanced for this year's Frodsham Festival of Walks – with a number of innovations planned.

Founded in 2004, the festival, organised by the Town Council, starts on April 22 and runs until May 1.

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Among the walks planned include a Nordic Walking training day, navigation training for walkers and a photographic walk organised by Frodsham Photographic Society.

Many of the old favourites will also be taking place, both in and outside

of Frodsham.

More details will be available later – and a Frodsham Festival Walks Facebook page has also been created to help spread the word.





School wins 'Tree' award from cathedra

FRODSHAM CE Primary School are celebrating after learning that they have won an award in the Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree competition.

There were 55 magical trees on display and more than 1,400 people

took part in the vote.

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Frodsham CE Primary's tree was voted the favourite in the schools

category by a large margin.

Head teacher Lucy Kirby said: "Well done to all the children and staff involved in this competition and we look forward to receiving our trophy from Chester Cathedral."



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Answer:

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These types of claim are brought under the Inheritance Act (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975. Claims under this Act can be made by a spouse, civil partner, child (including adult child), cohabitee or other person who was financially dependent upon the deceased. There are a number of issues that have to be carefully considered in order to establish if reasonable financial provision has (or hasn't) been made and solicitor specialising in Inheritance Disputes will be able to guide you.

Claims are often brought in circumstances where a Will has not been made and the estate passes under the intestacy rules. For example the lack of a Will can cause issues in families where there has been a second marriage; a step father inherits the whole estate and the deceased's children receive nothing. Another common claim arises where an unmarried couple have a child. Under the intestacy rules the child would inherit the whole estate, and the co-habiting partner entitled to nothing. These examples bring into sharper focus the need to have a Will.

We always recommend making a Will, and to seek professional advice, they will be able to provide you with specific advice on the steps to take for your personal circumstances, and what provisions can be put into place in your Will, to protect the choices you make.

For further information about contesting a Will, contact Jennifer McGuinness Jennifer.mcguinness@fdrlaw.co.uk or to make a Will, contact Heather Lally Heather.lally@fdrlaw.co.uk

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Land of Beds' **Cupid service launches for** Valentine's Day

LAND OF BEDS is playing Cupid this Valentine's Day – offering a free messenger service to spread the love in Frodsham and Helsby!

The award-winning bed and mattress retailer invites local love birds to email the store with a special Valentine's message to their partner or secret crush. The best ones will be displayed in the shop window at either their Chester Road or Church Street premises.

"Singles and doubles are our Speciality, so who better to play Cupid than Land of Beds?" says Mike Murray. Managing Director. "Our Murray, Managing Director. "Our shop frontages are huge; so many people walk and drive by... There's

people walk and drive by... Ihere's no better place to say a very public 'I love you' to your Valentine!"

If you would like your funny, sweet or romantic message to be considered, please email the wording together with your contact details to web@landofbeds.co.uk by Monday 13 February – stating your preferred store window (Frodsham or Helsby). You can also private

message Land of Beds on Facebook www.facebook.com/LoBSocial. You will be contacted by the High Sheriff of Cheshire's 'Family Business Award of Excellence' winners if your love note is chosen to be displayed.

So many couples have entrusted us over the year's to help them get comfortable in a brand-new bed, we wanted to give something back to the community," adds Mike. "It's our pleasure to offer this free Valentine's Day service. It only takes a minute to write one or two sentimental sentences to show your soul mate that they are loved. You could even borrow'a line or two from one the greats, like Shakespeare! We look forward to hearing from all the real romantics!"

Land of Beds is located to the rear of Costa Coffee in Frodsham and at 98 Chester Road in Helsby.



Another award for railway station

FRODSHAM Railway Station won the Cheshire West and Chester Award for the best kept station in the borough.

The awards ceremony took place at The Grange Theatre, Hartford and

at the Grange Theatre, Hartford and was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, the High Sheriff of Cheshire and the Deputy Mayor of Chester, Razia Daniels.

The judges commented that the old railway building at Frodsham was being used for businesses and was in good order and added to the pleasant atmosphere of the station. pleasant atmosphere of the station, with the excellent colours in the flower beds.

Awards were presented by Professor Paul Salveson, group advisor, societies and communities at Arriva UK Trains and a founding father of the community movement.

Our picture shows Mayor of Frodsham Cllr Mallie Poulton, North Cheshire Rail Users Group volunteers Philip and Janet Briggs and Frodsham Town Council chairman Cllr Judith Critchley.

Philip and Janet have been volunteers at Frodsham for many years and almost single handedly keep the station gardens and surrounds to a standard that has seen the station win numerous awards and

The Rail Users Group are looking for new volunteers to continue the good work at both Frodsham and Helsby stations and anvone and Helsby stations and anyone interested should contact co-ordinator Ian Whitley at Volunteering@ncrug.

org.uk In In addition, Community Pride the Mayor's "Best Building" award was won by Frodsham Station





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Photographic Society enjoying putting Frodsham in the picture

FRODSHAM Photographic Society is "very pleased" to see the growing association with Frodsham Life.

Chairman Andy Findlay said: "Members captured a number of images which appeared in the December edition of the magazine, not only providing them with a focus for their photography but also providing coverage of events in the life of the community. This is a twofold benefit for us all."

Meanwhile a recent talk by lan Stanley and Miriam Manners provided beautiful images of their time in Iceland and illustrated is one

time in Iceland and illustrated is one of a sunset taken by Ian Stanley at

Kirkjufell, Iceland. A mention here of the opportunities provided by getting up and about early in the morning to catch the dawn light not too challenging in these short hours of daylight – or waiting until dusk. A presentation by Stephen Lewis A.R.P.S. (www.stevelewis. photography) on Timelapse Lewis A.K.F.S. (www.sieveiewis. photography) on 'Timelapse' Photography emphasised these qualities. He takes sequences of shots over as much as 12 hours and combines into videos lasting minutes with stunning results.

For those who like still images of the Northern Lights then to see the light dancing in curtains of colour is something to behold. Your camera may have an intervalometer function which could start you off on this new venture.

The latest Competition titled 'Natural History'

drew in some great photographs. The overall winners in the end included 'Red Lechwe' by Graham Woodcock, pictured here, and 'Little Owl' by Jenny Julian. These and other 'Very Highly Commended' entries can be viewed on the website www.frodshamphoto.org.









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Also on Church Street, let's welcome new business Brew & Tucker. A coffee shop with a twist, I won't say more, you have to go and try it!

Best wishes to all of our traders.

Don't forget to shop local, use them or lose them!

Mayor Mallie Poulton

How a Neighbourhood Plan can preserve what's best about Frodsham

AN update on the Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan was given at the monthly meeting of the Town Council.

Peter Vickery, chairman of the steering group putting the plan together outlined progress already made and explained what is to happen next.

His presentation covered what a Neighbourhood Plan is, and what local people are saying.

A survey – open to all at the website www.frodshamplan.org. uk – is already resulting in much

important information emerging.

Mr Vickery said: "People are highlighting Frodsham's heritage, its community spirit, its independent traders, pubs and restaurants and

its green belt and spaces among the things they most value about the town. "The Steering Group urge everyone to visit the site and make their views heard.

"All the information generated will be essential in drafting the most appropriate policy statements in the final version of the Plan in order to protect these values into the future and ensure that Frodsham gets the

kinds of new development that best match its unique character.

Mr Vickery showed councillors photographs from Paul Hurley's book, "Frodsham and Helsby Through Time" illustrating book, "Frodsham and Helsby Through Time" illustrating Eddisbury Square as it used to be and as it is now.

He asked: "Did Frodsham really want this? If not, a Neighbourhood Plan can prevent this being repeated."

Another opportunity people to have their say on the Neighbourhood Plan will be on Saturday February 11 at the Parish Hall in Church Street between 10am and 4 pm.

During the event, it is hoped Helsby High School students will be presenting the findings of a survey they carried out before Christmas.

Further details can be found at the website www.frodshamplan. org.uk

Survey reveals mássive opposition to fracking

The results were revealed at the monthly meeting of the Town Council by campaign group Frack Free Frodsham and Helsby who carried out a survey of residents' attitudes towards shake gas fracking throughout September, supported by the council

Fracking neighbouring surveys neighbouring areas show similar results – 76 per cent against fracking in Guilden Sutton, 81.7 per cent against fracking in Mickle Trafford, 86 per cent against fracking in Upton, Chester.

seismic testing, which was undertaken in Helsby and parts of Frodsham by TESLA, acting on behalf of IGas to determine the viability of 'fracking'. In March 2016, IGas signed a £30 million deal with INEOS, in a tigun designed to expand in a tie-up designed to expand IGas's exploration efforts. INEOS have also launched a

series of private meetings with parish and town councils, to promote its interest in shale gas



A MASSIVE 77.7 per cent majority of people in Frodsham believe fracking would be a bad thing for the town.

Only 9.1 per cent think it would be a good thing – and 13.2 per cent don't know or have as expirited.

have no opinion.

council.

Details of the results in Helsby will be revealed shortly.

Guiding the process was an internationally renowned data analyst who ensured that the survey was undertaken in a fair and transparent way according to best practice guidelines.

Opton, Chester.

Adrienne Baines, of Frack
Free Frodsham, said the
survey highlighted the growing
concern of many residents
regarding the threat of
Unconventional Gas Extraction
- 'fracking', in their area.
She said: "The survey follows
seismic testing which was

FRODSHAM'S Hob Hey Wood is not suitable for mountain biking, members of the Town Council's Environment Committee have decided.

The committee considered an email request for permission to restore the derelict mountain bike

jumps in the wood.

jumps in the wood.

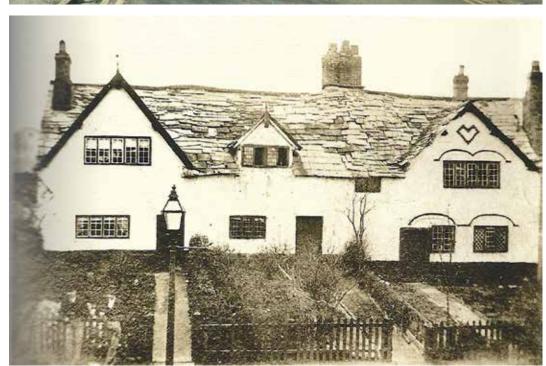
These were originally installed without permission from the council and were subsequently dismantled.

Members agreed the wood was unsuitable for this type of activity because it was extensively used by walkers and their dogs and

mountain biking could pose a safety risk. In addition, access for emergency services in case of an accident would be difficult.

The committee suggested local people could use purpose built mountain bike trails in Delamere





Wood "unsuitable" for mountain biking



Top award for 'hotel with personality'

FRODSHAM'S Forest Hills Hotel has been named as the winner of the Outstanding Contribution Award, at the prestigious Best Western Awards, supported by Taittinger.

The awards were announced by the BBC's Nigel Barden at the group's annual Members Conference at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport. The 58-bedroom hotel,

wedding and banqueting facilities for up to 200 won the award by working closely with Best Western to their core values, branding and promoting "Hotels with Personality."

It was also shortlisted for a charitable contribution award for the fundraising for the Brides Night Out in last year where £1,287.50 was raised by the hotel and Kym Lawson for Halfon Hospice and Cancer Research.

Also for the Frodsham Music Festival, which is back again this year on the hill on June 24.

Kieran McCabe, general manager and director of Best Western Forest

Hills Hotel said: "Winning this is a great achievement for our hotel and very much to do with the hard work all the team put in to deliver the best hotel experience for each and every customer.

"All the Best Western hotels are independently owned and managed, but all flying under the Best Western brand, and we have embraced this and take pride in achieving the high standards expected by the group. A huge thank you to all our customers and friends who voted for us."

Rob Payne, chief executive officerf of Best Western GB said: "Forest Hills Hotel is a worthy winner in the Best Western GB Awards which celebrate our great properties and the brilliant people that help make us such a special collection of independent hotels."

Road closure

HOWEY Lane, Frodsham is due to close on Monday, February 6, for a maximum of five days to enable drainage works to be carried out by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Access will be maintained to properties on or adjacent to the road but a through route will not always be available.

House plan opposed

FRODSHAM Town Council has objected to proposals for a new house in Ship Street – forming a new end to an existing terrace of houses.

They point out the drive to the property would open out onto the narrowest section of Ship Street and would have implications for traffic safety.

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Mayor's

THE first-ever Mayor's Community Pride Awards ceremony saw awards presented to more than 30 individuals, organisations and businesses – and raised more than £200 for the Mayor's charities.

It was an occasion when people who have contributed to the life of Frodsham during the

last 12 months were recognised. Mayor Cllr Mallie Poulton sponsored most of the awards, but others were sponsored by Town Council chairman Cllr Judith Critchley, by the council's Environment and Community committees, Rabbitdigital Design, Helsby Parish Council and The Sweet Shop, Church Street. Cheques for £100 were presented to the Will to Work

Workshop and Frodsham Junior Football Club and the Frodsham Footbank received £100 worth of supermarket vouchers.

Fundraising prizes were donated by Frodsham Town Council, Cllr Judith Critchley, Kash22 and Bags by Black.

A buffet was provided by local caterer Julie and paid for by the Mayor's family, certificates were provided by the Complete Invitation Company, ceramics were provided by The Craft Box and clocks by Billy Marr, of Will to Work.





munity Pride Awards

Pictures: Frodsham Photographic Society

The event took place at the Parish Hall, at no charge, set up was by the Big Bees Breakfast Club at no charge and the Junior Mayor's families did the clearing away. The full list of awards was as

The Mayor's Award: The Oultram Family; The Chairman's Special Award: Frodsham Food Bank; The Community Committee Award: Frodsham Junior Football Club; The Environment Committee Award: Frodsham Transition Initiative.

Head Teacher of the Year: Mrs Lucy Kirby, Frodsham CE Primary

School;

School;
Teacher of the Year: Mr Edd
Naylor, Frodsham Weaver Vale
Primary School;
Teaching Assistant of the Year:
Miss D Hopley, Frodsham Manor
House Primary School; Long
Service in Education: Mrs C Wood,
Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary
School (retired); Dedication in
Education: Mrs Sutton, Frodsham
Weaver Vale Primary School;
School Governor of the Year: Dr
G Sharpe, Frodsham CE Primary
School.

Pub of the Year: Kash

Eatery of the Year: Ring O'Bells; Best Independent Trader: HE Coward Butchers; Community Shop of the Year: Hales; Friendliest Staff in a Business: TravelLab; Best Buildies: The Station House Building: The Station House.

Good Neighbour Award: Helsby

Good Neighbour Awara: Helsby Parish Council; Citizen of the Year: Mr John Miller; Young Person of the Year: Master Ryan Hall; Frodsham Town Council Employee of the Year: Mr Paul Morris; Frodsham Town Council Councillor of the Year: Cllr Judith Critchley; Charity of the Year: Will to Work; Best Choir: Frodsham Sings: Disabled-Friendly Frodsham Sings; Disabled-Friendly

Venue: The Parish Hall; Carer of the Year: Denise Derby.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Mr Mike Pusey; Unsung Hero at Work: PCSO Neil Flanagan; Unsung Hero in the Community: Mr Roy Williamson.

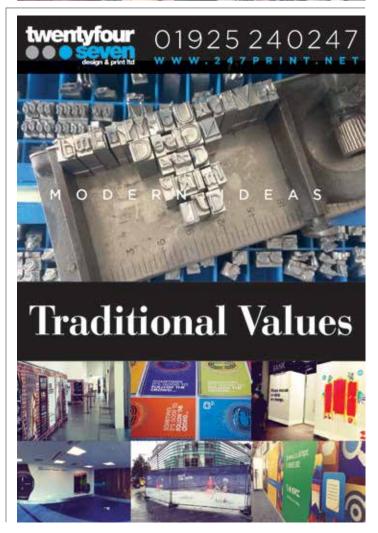
Mayor's Personal Awards:
The two Junior Mayors' families;
Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mrs
Lorraine Oulton; For dedication in
public life: Cllrs Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley; Mayor's Faith Award:Rev Andrew Emison, Frodsham Methodist Church.











High school student shortlisted for Miss England

A 17-year-old girl from Helsby High School has been shortlisted for this year's Miss England competition.

Katy Case is hoping to compete in the semi-finals of the competition at Kelham Hall, Nottinghamshire, in June – but she needs local people

to vote for her.

The Year 13 student plans to study drama and English at Loughborough University – and she has already co-written a play, performed at Chester's Open Air Theatre and works as a TV extra.

Katy feels it's important that people understand that Miss England is not just a beauty competition – it's also about helping and inspiring young women. She is going to run the Chester half marathon in order to raise money for the pageant's charity 'Beauty with a Purpose' and will hold other local fundraising events.

The semi-finals consist of four categories; the Evening Eco Fashion, Sports and Gown. rounds. If crowned Miss England, Katy would have the opportunity to support charities and community groups around the country.

Voting for the girls begins at the beginning of February. Katy would like people to support her to help others. To vote for Katy visit the Miss England website www. missengland.info/regionals/semi-



Netball club seeks new members

A NETBALL club has been started in Frodsham - and is looking to net a few more members.

Most of the existing members are women, average age 30-35, of mixed ability and fitness from Frodsham and Kingsley and the majority

Organizer Celia Maddock said: "We are wondering if there are any other ladies, mums, friends and family members who might be interested in joining us.

"Please don't be put off by thinking it is so long since you played and therefore you might not be good enough. We all enjoyed playing at school and it's great to play again whatever standard."

The cost is £3 a session and they take place on a Sunday evening 8-9pm, which includes some fitness training, netball skills as well as

Playing the game.

Anyone interested should call Celia Maddock on 07748672457 or

email celiamaddock@googlemail.com





High School thanks people who responded to its hamper appeal

HELSBY High School has issued a big "thankyou" to local people who contributed to its pre-Christmas "Hamper Appeal".

Thanks to the generosity of local people, the school was about to make sizable donations to the West Cheshire and Runcorn District Food Banks as well as distribute more than 100 hampers to senior citizens in the local area.

The West Cheshire Food Bank received 65kg of food from the school while the donation to Runcorn District Food Bank amount

to a staggered 585kg.

A school spokesperson said:
"As a school, we were absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity shown by local people which enable us to make such significant contributions to the two food banks in the local area.

Some 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a variety of reasons.

The Trussell Trust's network of food banks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

Helsby High is looking forward to continuing to support the food banks during 2017







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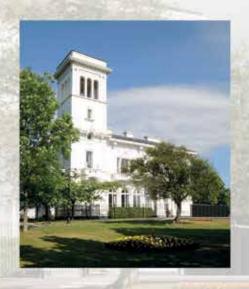
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