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# Editor's Comment



**THERE were those – and we count ourselves among them – who thought members of the Town Council who described Frodsham as a “grot spot” and compared it to a Third World country, were a little over the top.**

But at least they got action. Their outbursts at the July meeting of the council brought a pledge from Cllr Karen Shore, Cheshire West and Chester Council's lead member for the environment that she would visit the Saltworks area of the town. And she has kept her word.

She has been to see for herself the neglected state of the area and has discussed the issues raised by our councillors.

Whether, of course, it will result in action being taken by CW&C to improve the situation on the ground, remains to be seen. But had she not been it is pretty certain nothing would happen.

Had not our councillors spoken out – and been reported as doing so – it is unlikely she would have been seen in Frodsham any time soon.

We now await developments.

**Across the country, headteachers and others expressed concern that the new, more demanding GCSE examinations for English and Maths would result in fewer pupils achieving “pass” grades.**

They were right to be concerned, because nationally a decline was noted.

Not so in Frodsham and Helsby. The results reported by Helsby High School indicate that locally, pupils rose to the challenge.

Provisional analysis indicates that 78 per cent of pupils achieved the equivalent of A\*-C in English and Maths and 85 per cent achieved at least five A\*-C grades.

Add to this the usual excellent A Level performance of local students and there is clearly a need to

congratulate our young people and also our teachers.

It is not so many years ago that we were lamenting the loss of Frodsham High School and worrying about the likely impact on Frodsham children having to travel to Helsby for their education. Clearly there was no need for concern – Helsby High is a fine school for both communities.

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# Boat party fun aids two good causes

**FRODSHAM businesswoman Clare Collins-Doyle certainly knows how to throw a good party!**

She organised a boat party for 100 guests on the River Dee at Chester - all in the name of charity.

The party-goers were collected by coach and taken to the Lady Diana boat in Chester where they cruised and partied in glorious sunshine. There was Zumba dancing, a live band, a raffle and lots of fun on board.

More than £1,000 was raised for two good causes - Frodsham Manor House Primary School and the Alzheimer's Society.

Clare presented the school with a cheque for £600.

Head teacher Ian Devereux-Roberts said: "This donation was very warmly received as we are currently raising £30,000 for a

new multi-purpose games area."

Clare said: "It's the third boat party that I have held - they are always very popular and this was definitely the best yet. Everyone had such a fun day, and I had wonderful support from local Zumba teachers Nikki and Hannah, local band Phoenix and friends old and new.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the sum raised, and my two chosen charities are very dear to me and I know will invest the money well.

"I would urge any parents, friends of schools and local businesses to support our local schools - they need and appreciate our support - and our local children are our future, so a very worthy investment".



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# It's time for older residents to be thinking of Christmas

## THIS Christmas, Frodsham Town Council will again be offering gift vouchers to its older residents.

Last year just over 1,000 gift vouchers were issued, and the Council estimates that over 1,700 people could be eligible this year, so if you live in Frodsham and your 70th birthday is on or before January 31, 2018, you can apply for a £10 gift voucher.

Application forms are available on this page of Frodsham Life and also from selected participating local businesses, the Town Council Office in Castle Park House and on the Council's website at [frodsham.gov.uk](http://frodsham.gov.uk)

You must return your form to Frodsham Town Council Office, one of the official collecting boxes in the town or to a Frodsham Town Councillor no later than Friday November 3, 2017.

Even if you have received a voucher in previous years, you need to re-apply this year.

Vouchers will be delivered by November 25 and must be used by January 31 2018.

A full list of participating businesses, clubs and societies where vouchers may be exchanged will be available in November.

The Council encourages local shops and businesses to support the scheme by accepting the vouchers in exchange for goods and services. Participating businesses

will be asked to display publicity material from October.

In recognition of the needs of small businesses, this year the Council will accept claims for interim payments at the end of December and the end of January, as well as a final payment at the end of February.

Clubs and societies active in the town may also apply to accept the vouchers, giving residents a choice of spending the vouchers on a Christmas treat in Frodsham shops or supporting a local good cause. Some organisations may choose to use the money raised to put on events for our older residents.

All businesses, clubs and societies wishing to participate in

2017 must complete an application form available from the Town Council Office in Castle Park House and on the Council's website at [frodsham.gov.uk](http://frodsham.gov.uk).

The closing date for businesses, clubs and societies to apply is October 13.



Scenes from last year's Christmas Festival.

## FRODSHAM TOWN COUNCIL GIFT VOUCHER SCHEME

The application deadline for the £10 Frodsham Gift Voucher is Friday 3 November 2017. Use this form to apply or pick up a form from the Town Council Office in Castle Park or from various participating local businesses, or download one from [frodsham.gov.uk](http://frodsham.gov.uk)

Please complete one form per household

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Voucher Scheme rules

- 1 - That at 31 January 2018 the applicant is 70 years of age or older.
- 2 - The applicant must be a resident of Frodsham and be shown as a resident of Frodsham on the current electoral register.
- 3 - Frodsham Town Council (FTC) will make checks to confirm the validity of certain applications and reserves the right to require proof of age and residency to support any application.
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- 5 - FTC's responsibility is to issue the voucher only. It is a matter for the local business, groups and societies whether they will accept them.
- 6 - Vouchers will be issued by 25 November 2017. All vouchers expire on 31 January 2018 whether or not they have been presented.
- 7 - The vouchers cannot be exchanged for money by any applicant.

Please return to: Frodsham Town Council, any Councillor, selected shops with collection boxes or Frodsham Post Offices by Friday 3 November 2017 Tel: 01925 735150 Email: [council@frodsham.gov.uk](mailto:council@frodsham.gov.uk)



# Pupils experience undergraduate chemistry at Thornton Science Park

**YEAR 10 and 11 pupils from Sandymoor school have been experiencing life as undergraduate chemistry students, during a visit to Thornton Science Park (TSP).**

In the University of Chester's Chemical Engineering labs, the pupils from the Runcorn school were able to use complex equipment that is not practical within a school setting. This was to enable them to complete practical work that is now mandatory in the new GCSE Science syllabus.

Students carried out a simple experiment to determine the unknown concentration of an acid solution. The technique used is called 'acid-base titration'. This relies on the neutralisation of the acid by a base of known concentration which can be followed by a sharp colour change of an indicator. All students learnt how to use pipette bulbs, pipettes, burettes and gained a basic understanding of the technique and its associated theory.

The workshops were organised by Phil Sturla, Technical Officer in the University of Chester's Faculty of Science and Engineering at TSP,

with support from his colleagues Ian Massey, Zuzana Vobecka and Laboratory Manager, James Nicholson.

Dawn Johnson, Head of Science at Sandymoor School, said: "Many thanks to Phil and members of the technical team, who were happy to set up the experiment for us over three weekly sessions. The experience of working in University laboratory facilities was really valuable for our students and very motivational. The students have had a fantastic time in world class, cutting edge facilities and it has been a really valuable experience for them to complete a required GCSE practical."

Phil Sturla added: "The students were excellent ambassadors for the school. We were all amazed by the scientific skill of the Sandymoor students, many of whom showed great promise to become future scientists!"



*Students from Sandymoor School during their lab visit to Thornton Science Park*

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# Zodiac's show is a family affair

**THE Zodiac Musical Theatre Society returns to Frodsham Community Centre on Friday and Saturday October 6-7 with their production of "A Montage of Musicals" - and it has become something of family affair.**

Mother and daughter, Valarie Ball and Jennifer Deakin, both long standing members of The Zodiac, have paired together to direct and choreograph the show - a magnificent selection of well-known musical numbers from the 1930s onwards.

The family atmosphere continues with other mothers and daughters: Andrea and Catrin, Julia and Kiera, Wendy and Charlotte.

Then there is mother, daughter and niece Vicky, Joss and Lilly and Alison, Grace and Ellen. As well as dad and daughter Tom and Holly, mother, daughter and granddaughter Carmel, Eve and Rosie. Grandmother and granddaughters Jeanie, Lucy and Alice, brothers Joe and Roy.

And finally, husband and wife Neil and Lesley!

With a cast of 21 children and 24 Adults, "A Montage of Musicals" is set to be a wonderful evening of song and dance.

Both evening performance start at 7.30pm. However, there is

another opportunity to see the show with a matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday.

A Montage of Musicals is a history of the musical from the 1930s to the present day, filled with some of the most popular songs from the most well known musicals ever performed, from such musical giants as Rodgers and Hammerstein and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

There will also be songs from the juke-box musical, Mama Mia, the mega hit musical, Les Miserables, and songs from other favourites, such as Annie, Oliver and Matilda and many other show stopping tunes.

The award winning Zodiac, and ever talented local children promise a stand-out performance.

Tickets are £9 and are available from the box office, 07941 986806, or via email chairman@zaos.org.uk.

They can also be purchased from both Dandelion Gifts, Church St, and Frodsham Community Centre.



## Cyclists raise £3,327 for stroke club

FRODSHAM and District Stroke Club received a donation of more than £3,000 - thanks to the efforts of local cyclists who rode 225 miles in a day.

Members of Frodsham Wheelers reached a height of 1,367 feet during their sponsored "Dawn to Dusk" ride.

Their achievement was celebrated at a gala evening organised by the Stroke Club at Frodsham Community Centre and attended by more than 70 members and friends - including the Wheelers.

Starting at 3.30am, the Wheelers rode from Frodsham to Bala Lake and the Horseshoe Pass in North Wales and then back to Frodsham all in the one day.

They were greeted on their return by jubilant members of the Stroke Club.

Guests at the gala evening enjoyed a sumptuous buffet, dancing to singer Katie Halliday's music and a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

Club president Jean Johnson said: "We are truly thankful to Frodsham Wheelers for their

donation of more than £3,000. With their approval, we plan to purchase disability aids, including a couple of wheel-chairs, a rollator for help with walking, commodes, bath seats and bed levers etc.

"At present there is no local provision for such items. We will make them available on short-term loan, free-of-charge to residents of Frodsham and surrounding villages, not only people recovering from a stroke.

"We will, of course, accept small contributions towards the cost of maintenance of the items."

Wheelers' chairman Daniel 'Danny' Emmett presented the cheque for £3,327.59 to the Stroke Club's chairman, Ken Shaw and Jean.

Danny said: "On being elected chair of the Wheelers, I chose Frodsham and district Stroke Club as the 2017 recipient of our donation.

"I met Jean at a fund-raising function and was blown over by her passion for the work of the club. Being a local charity, it was a natural choice.

"We received many anonymous

contributions, the donors identifying themselves as 'local resident'.

"It's an honour to ride for the Stroke Club".

During the evening members also heard that Lisa Moore had

raised £300 via a sponsored walk

along the Sandstone Trail and had

donated it for buying a PA system for the club."



*The Wheelers announce the money raised.*

# School scoops 'best newspaper' award

**IT'S a scoop – Frodsham CE Primary School won the award for the Best School Newspaper at the Cheshire Schools Awards.**

Headteacher Mrs Louise Kirby said: "We were thrilled to win 'Best School Newspaper' at the Cheshire Schools Awards."

Huge congratulations and well done to our dedicated Newspaper Club, and to Mrs Gardiner for all the time she commits to helping our very talented journalists and to Mr David Anderson, a parent governor, for his support."

A group of children from years 4, 5 and 6 meet each week, in their own time, to produce 'FSN' (Frodsham School News), their own school newspaper.

They publish an edition each term which is packed with interesting school and local news articles, as well as fun information and activities for the children.

Mrs Kirby added: "The school community look forward to reading each new copy which the club work so hard to produce."

Teaching assistant Mrs Gardiner, who runs the Newspaper Club, said: "I am delighted that our newspaper group have won this special award. It was wonderful to see the children's hard work rewarded."

## Women who "braved the shave"

THREE Frodsham women "went hairless" at the town's Red Lion pub – to raise money for MacMillan Nurses.

They went under the razor, wielded by barber Charlotte Hale, to "Brave the Shave."

Mother of two and grandmother of two Debbie Allen wanted to support MacMillan but also took part in memory of her Mum and friends she has lost over the years.

Lyndsey Ryder Moulton was raising money and also wanted to remember her Dad.

Mother of two boys Corina Reilly said: "We wanted to help the

MacMillan Nurses because they do a fantastic job and to support and remember those who have suffered. We want to raise as much as we can."

Pub regular Chris Watmore also "braved the shave."

Afterwards, hairdresser Charlotte offered to maintain, free of charge, all the volunteers' hairstyles in a tidy fashion until their hair has fully grown back."

Frodsham Town Council chairman Judith Critchley dropped in to offer her support and all involved thanked pub landlord Gavin Pye for providing the venue.



Chris Watmore braving the shave.

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# Land of Beds 'toughs' it out in aid of children's hospice

**A FRODSHAM and Helsby bed and mattress retailer is taking on the Tough Mudder North West challenge to raise vital funds for Claire House Children's Hospice.**

A team from Land of Beds will brave the 12-mile obstacle course on Saturday, 9 September – running through some of the deepest mud and densest forest in the UK.

"Claire House Children's Hospice helps seriously ill and terminal children to live life to the full," says Land of Beds' Managing Director Mike Murray.

"As a family business, we want to support families who are going through the toughest of times – therefore, it is our privilege to be working together as a team to prepare for the race, which is taking place at Cholmondeley Castle. We aim to raise £1,000 for this very worthy cause."

As well as collecting sponsorship

money, Land of Beds will make an additional donation to the hospice on behalf of every customer who purchases a bed or mattress in-store at either Frodsham or Helsby prior to the race.

"Helping the community to sleep better, supporting charitable causes and promoting health, well-being and teamwork are three of our core values," adds Mike, who completed Rough Runner 2016 along with colleagues from Land of Beds.

"We would especially like to thank local Personal Trainer Kit Wong, who has been leading our evening training sessions. We're feeling fit, strong and well-rested – ready to take on our toughest challenge yet for a cause that is close to our hearts."

To contribute to Land of Beds' fundraising, search 'LoB Toughies' on Just Giving, or call in-store at 14 Church Street, Frodsham or 98 Chester Road, Helsby.



## World War 1 commemoration continues

MEMBERS of Frodsham's World War 1 Working Group are busy organising events for the commemoration of the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

The first will be a display of a Poppy Cascade at Frodsham Community Centre from Thursday, September 14 to Tuesday October 24, together with the stories of men who died in the battle.

Entry will be free and visitors will be able to see the handiwork of pupils from Frodsham's primary schools, who made the poppies for the cascade.

On Wednesday October 4, "Passchendaele", a film of the battle that became synonymous with the misery of World War 1, having claimed more than 600,000 casualties, will be screened at 7.30 pm at St Laurence Parish

Church. Entry will be free and light refreshments will be served free-of-charge.

The plan to renovate the war memorial at St Laurence Parish Church is in progress.

Group member Pammi Taylor said, "We hope to get the memorial cleaned and repaired before the end of the year. We are grateful to the Town Council for agreeing to fund this project."

"It will be good to see the memorial renovated in readiness for the service to commemorate the end of the war next year."

The WWI Working Group is supported by the Castle Park Arts Centre Trust and Frodsham Town Council.

For further information on other planned events, contact Pammi Taylor on 01928 731932.



*The poppy cascade displayed at Frodsham Health Centre last year and the war memorial at St Laurence Parish Church.*





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# Pupils went barefoot for charity

**IT was a sight you don't expect to see in Frodsham – school children going home barefooted.**

But the pupils at Frodsham Manor House School who went home barefooted on the last day of term were just thinking about youngsters who live in poverty in other parts of the world and how they have to walk to and from school without adequate footwear.

The school was marking the end of its time as an expert global learning centre – a role with an 18-month limit.

Pupils collected an amazing

233 pairs of shoes to send to charity Sal's Shoes, who send used children's shoes to those who need them worldwide.

Most were black school shoes. Assistant head teacher Naomi Anstice said: "We were overwhelmed by the number of shoes the children donated. We expected half-a-dozen pairs per class but had a phenomenal response."

"Well done Team Manor!"



## Festival fun at the Tribute on the Hill

Pictures: Frodsham Photographic Society

HUNDREDS of people enjoyed a festival atmosphere in Frodsham at the Tribute on the Hill concert.

The event was organized to give people the opportunity to hear songs from their favourite bands such as Oasis and Stereophonics in a live arena.

The gig on Manley Road featured performances from several of the country's top tribute bands including The Oasis Experience, The Phonics, The Beautiful Couch and The Happy Mandaze, whilst also showcasing local talent including The Quays, The Fireflys, The Inner Light, Joe Symes and The Loving Kind, Gareth Keesom and Fay Moore.

Many people camped overnight at the venue creating a real festival atmosphere.

Promoter, Neil Howard, said that as it was so expensive to see real bands he wanted to create an event that gave music fans and families the opportunity to enjoy their music in a beautiful setting without breaking the bank.

One of the highlights was when the Happy Mandaze got a little girl from the audience up with them on stage.

Be in all those attending found it to be a superb day, very well organized and managed.





# Bev is inspired to help others after shedding 10 stones

**FRODSHAM resident Bev Carter is always being asked about her "weight loss secret" after shedding an amazing 10 stones.**

Bev has transformed from a large size 24 to a healthier, happier size 12 and has now been inspired to help others.

She explained: "I have the side by side photographs and the compulsory 'standing in one leg of my old trousers' picture and my story has recently gained national interest featuring in the UK's weekly Bella magazine."

"It's now been over three years since I reached my initial weight loss target and people are keener than ever to know what my secret is. Unfortunately, the most honest answer I can give is 'it's complicated'."

"For those who have never battled with their body; weight loss can be condensed to a simple equation of 'burn off more calories than you consume'. Many of us know that in reality, there is absolutely nothing simple about it."

"For the whole time I was over weight, I wanted to be 'thin' more than anything. I would have times of weight loss, but always found myself piling it back on, mainly because I'd never got to a point where I was happy with myself."

"In 2012, I finally managed to break the cycle, after losing the first few stone through a change in diet, I plucked up the courage to attend my first Zumba fitness class. In the past I'd avoided group work outs, the thought of being in a mirrored room full of skinny ladies and a scary instructor shouting at me didn't appeal! But I knew that I wanted to burn off some calories, so I arrived at my first class feeling self-conscious in baggy joggers and t-shirt."

"I took my place nervously on the back row, overly aware that I was too heavy to jump and was severely lacking in coordination. I was soon put at ease, the instructors were amazing; strong, accepting, encouraging and definitely not snooty! I spent the hour going in a different direction to everyone but the music was uplifting and I'd worked up a sweat which felt good."

"As I continued to attend Zumba fitness classes, each week I found that I started to move more easily. I was possibly the biggest person in the room, but I was pretty sure that nobody cared. Through these

classes I started to learn that beauty is generous, there's no one size fits all. There was a whole array of body shapes moving, shimmying, shaking and giggling. Zumba isn't about size it's about energy, feeling free and letting go of your body hang ups. With this shift in mindset, dieting, and the regular calorie killing work outs, I soon found weight loss a lot easier. I started seeing results. I reached my initial weight-loss target and became a size 14 in October 2013 having lost 9 stone. Since then I've dropped a further dress size and shed an extra stone, making my total loss just over ten stone. Physically I look very different. There was an amusing occasion in Chester city centre when someone accused my lovely husband of having an affair only for the lady to realise mid sentence that he was holding hands with me! I had lots of fun purchasing clothes in smaller dress sizes, and receiving compliments about my new figure. But more importantly than any changes in my physical wardrobe, mentally, I began to wear my skin with gratitude rather than self loathing. Zumba was just what I had needed; it's hard to be at war with your body when it's pumping adrenaline, you're making moves, flying on endorphins, and having so much fun!

"So my secret can't really be condensed to one thing, but if someone is really wondering where to start, I suggest finding something that makes you happier with your body, something that makes you feel strong and beautiful!"

"For me that's Zumba fitness, which is why I've become an instructor, hoping to inspire others. I know what it's like to enter a fitness class full of fear and trepidation, which is why I'm committed to doing everything I can to make people feel at ease."

Bev now leads classes with fellow ZIN member Stella Hughes, every Thursday, 7-8pm at Frodsham Manor House, Langdale Way Frodsham.

In September Bev is taking her commitment to an extra level and along side Stella, are bringing Zumba Kids (7-11yr olds) and Zumba Kids Jr (4-6 years old) to Frodsham.



## Hotel turns purple and pink for charities!

THEY are going all purple and pink at Frodsham's Best Western Forest Hills Hotel – all in the name of cancer charities.

To mark Lymphatic Cancer Awareness Week, they are holding a Purple Afternoon Tea Party, hosted by the Frodsham Blood Cancer Support Group, in association with Lymphoma Lass, in aid of the Lymphoma Association.

The event takes place in the hotel restaurant from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday, September 17.

Admission is £10 – or £16.50 with Prosecco.

It isn't necessary to wear purple but advance booking and pre-payment is essential on 01928 735255, anytime 9am-5pm Monday to Friday but before 5pm on September 14, ask for the Conference Office.

Donations can also be sent to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lymphomalass>

On Saturday, October 28 the hotel is staging a Pink Ladies Prosecco Night – billed as a great night of fun for the ladies and a chance to get dressed up (in pink if possible) and enjoy a night of fizz and fun.

This event is to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with some of the £28 ticket price being donated to the charity. There will be a buffet and disco until 1am.

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## Castle Park Arts Centre Frodsham

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**32nd Annual Open Art Exhibition**  
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Our Annual Open Art Exhibition last year, showcased a range of original and unique paintings, textiles, photographs, ceramic and glass pieces from over 400 unique submissions of original art work.

**We are now calling for Artists to submit their entry forms and payment for this year's exhibition by 21st October 2017.**

We **DO NOT** require artwork at this time.

The delivery date for art work is Friday 3rd November 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday 4th November 9.30 to 1pm

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# Photographic Society busy preparing for new season

**FRODSHAM and District Photographic Society have been keeping busy over the summer preparing the Programme for the new season.**

Every year there are really lovely, interesting and often exciting photographs entered into Competitions.

To celebrate this, and to showcase them together, on the very first evening in September, Members will judge these in a Print of the Year Competition. It will be hotly contested!

Perhaps your interests lie in the casual 'one-offs' that you take on holiday – the street sellers in a foreign place or the traders in a Farmers Market.

There is a presentation for you, 'Street Photography – Myths and Rules', given by Colin Paul on 2nd October. Colin has travelled widely, with sympathetic images telling volumes about his subjects.

In the August edition of Frodsham Life you will have spotted the excellent photographs taken by members of the Society – from the Downhill Run and the young chess players at the Festival in the Park to the puffing steam-rollers at the Cheshire Steam Fair. Maybe you too could contribute to village occasions in this way and certainly the Society is always pleased to give assistance.

Why not come along to the Club at the start of the season on Monday 4th September at Castle Park Arts Centre – 7.30pm. The complete programme is on the website. [www.frodshamphoto.org.uk](http://www.frodshamphoto.org.uk)

## Celebrating Heritage Open Days in Frodsham

FRODSHAM and District History Society is making a contribution to the nationally celebrated Heritage Open Days by bringing together information from numerous sources on the history of selected local shops in the centre of Frodsham.

The information is to be displayed on individual posters in the windows of 18 shops, or former shops during the period September 3-10 to coincide with the Heritage Open Days initiative.

The posters are best viewed by following a short walk starting at Nationwide in lower Church Street, then continuing under the railway bridge towards the Helter Skelter (five posters).

Cross to the opposite side of Church Street and walk down to the traffic lights (four posters).

Turn left along the south side of Main Street and walk to Coward's (two posters). Retrace your steps to the Post Office, cross to the north side of Main Street and proceed towards the Bear's Paw (four posters). Continue into the north side of High Street (three posters).

On this suggested walk you will also pass three properties that are participating in the Heritage Open Days "free access to interesting properties" scheme and you are encouraged to view their special heritage features.

The West Cheshire Heritage Open Days booklet, which includes seven properties in Frodsham, is available for free from Frodsham Community Centre, Frodsham Library, Castle Park Arts Centre and local participating properties. Please check opening times.

Further details about the Frodsham and District History Society can be obtained from Kath Gee at [Kgee96@aol.com](mailto:Kgee96@aol.com)

## Councillors hold site meeting at Saltworks

TOWN councillors have had a face-to-face meeting with Cheshire West and Chester's environment chief in the Saltworks area of Frodsham.

The meeting, with Frodsham Town Council chairman Cllr Judith Critchley and Waterside ward member Cllr Mallie Poulton, followed the last meeting of the Town Council when members expressed concern about the poor maintenance of public spaces in the town – particularly in the Saltworks area.

Cllr Poulton said ponds in the Saltworks area had become overgrown and could not be seen.

It was only a matter of time, he warned, before a child wandered into one of the ponds and was drowned.

Cllr Karen Shore, Cheshire

West's lead member for the environment, was at the meeting, admitted she had been unaware of the issue and promised to visit Saltworks.

Now the meeting has taken place – and Cllr Critchley and Cllr Poulton say it was "constructive."

They are looking forward to working with Cllr Shore in future and hope to see her again in Frodsham.





# Another bumper crop of exam results for Helsby High

**HELSEBY High School students produced another bumper crop of outstanding A Level results – and also rose to the challenge of the new, more demanding English and Maths GCSE examinations.**

Head teacher John Dowler congratulated all students and also praised the commitment of staff.

Speaking after the A Level results were revealed, he said: "We wish all our students, who have worked so hard to achieve such an excellent set of results, every success with their future endeavours."

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the young people from Helsby High School for, yet another, admirable set of A-Level exam results. "Students of all abilities have made excellent progress during their time in the Sixth Form.

"We are very pleased with the successes of all students, which are a reflection of their hard work and commitment, as well as the dedication of our staff and the support of their families. Some students have achieved an exceptional set of grades and we are thrilled that so many "Helsby students realise their full potential in our sixth form.

Our young people have contributed so much to the school during their time with us and I am sure that they will use their wide range of skills and qualifications to achieve further success in the future."

A total of 28 students achieved at least one A\* grade or the equivalent, with an overall A-Level pass rate of 99 per cent. Deserving of particular mention are the 15 BTEC Engineering and IT students who achieved 30 Distinction\* grades between them.

There were many outstanding individual results to celebrate, including Jack Handley, who

achieved 3A\* grades and will now study International Business at Leeds University and Jodie Read with 2A\* and an A who now looks forward to studying Psychology in Education at York. Ben Cartwright, Thomas Coupe, Luke Frewin, Isaac Howarth, Adam Johnson and Oli Legg each achieved 3 Distinction\* grades and will be moving onto university courses and modern apprenticeships.

Dealing with the GCSE results, Mr Dowler said students had risen to the challenge of the more demanding English and Maths exams and achieved exceptional results.

Provisional analysis indicated that 78 per cent of students had achieved the equivalent of A\* – C in English and Maths and 85 per cent had achieved at least five A\* – C grades.

He went on: "This year's results include many outstanding performances where students have made excellent progress since joining Helsby High School.

"An impressive number of students have secured the top grades and achieved beyond expectation. But the students' hard work is only part of the picture and these excellent results would be difficult to achieve without the dedication of staff and support of the parents."

"We would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 students and highlight the 61 students who achieved at least five A\*/A or 9-7 grades and the 26 students who achieved eight or more A\*/A or 9-7 grades.



Daisy Power, Jack Handley, Jodie Read, Oli Legg, Jenny Boxall, George Tudor, Molly Sutton, Antonia Sibson.



Some of the top performing Helsby High School Students



# Golf club's "Wheelchair Classic" raises £16,000

**ABOUT 160 players took part in the annual fundraising "Wheelchair Classic" at Helsby Golf Club - raising a fantastic total of around £16,000.**

The day consisted of a golf competition, a meal and then the highlight - the presentation of wheelchairs to deserving youngsters.

Finally a raffle and charity auction took place and a total of around £16,000 was raised on the day!

The wheelchairs were presented to Sophia Flood aged 5 from Northwich, Lily Wakeling aged 15 from Heswall and Bethany Kelly

aged 16 from Uttoxeter.

The youngsters were joined on the night by their parents, family and friends.

It had been intended to present two further wheelchairs to Leo Bailey Heath aged 7 from Werrington, Stoke on Trent and Ariella Burn aged 14 from Bebington, Wirral, but unfortunately Leo and Ariella were ill and unable to attend.

Golfing honours on the day for the men were Messrs Pearson and Dougal and for the women, mother and daughter duo, Anne and Karen O'Neil.

Organisers of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal would like to thank the main event sponsor Jigsaw Law and the Ellesmere Port Lions for their hole sponsorship.

A spokesperson said: "Once again many thanks go to all our supporters and local businesses for their generosity and helping to raise such a fantastic amount."



The presentation party including the youngsters and their families, Powered Wheelchair chairman Steve Cunniffe, club president Jim Potter, captain Neil Johnson and lady captain Gill Smith.

## Plan to re-locate Frodsham police station

POLICE are seeking feedback on a proposal to relocate Frodsham Police Station to the nearby fire station.

The force is asking local people to give their views and take part in an online survey.

For years, the police station has been in Ship Street, but it is currently not manned on a permanent basis and doesn't have a designated help desk.

The fire station is also in Ship Street and is considered suitable as a joint police and fire station.

The new location will also offer PCSOs the facility to book on and off their shifts, saving them valuable traveling time to and from their current location at Blacon police

station and giving them more time out on patrol at key locations.

A Cheshire Police spokesperson said: "There is no proposed change to the current public service offer. The police contact point installed to the exterior of Frodsham Police Station would be moved to the new location. Public access to the station would not be diminished and the new location would have Constabulary signage to its exterior thereby maintaining a visible presence in the vicinity."

There is already a commitment by Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane and Cheshire Fire Authority to share premises where possible, subject to the operational needs of both services.

If the proposal is agreed, the current police station would be surplus to operational requirements and available for disposal. Any proceeds from this would be reinvestment in future police estates proposals across Cheshire.

Members of the public can have a say on the proposal by taking part in an online survey which will open from 9am Tuesday August 29 until 5pm Monday September 25 at [www.cheshire.police.uk/frodshamsurvey](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/frodshamsurvey).

The results will be reported to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who will make a decision and feedback from the survey will be published on [www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk).

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## Reader's Letters

**Congratulations Castle Park Arts Centre!** Susan Hancell, Frodsham

In our world of constant grumbles and complaints so I thought I would take a few moments to say something really positive!

Congratulations Castle Park Arts Centre!

I use the centre twice a week to paint and draw. I also use the centre to meet my family and friends.

The centre is always full of groups and families and individuals all chatting and enjoying their refreshments as well as taking time to enjoy the arts and crafts on display in the many around them. The staff are so welcoming and friendly too.

I cannot really do justice to the impact this centre has had on my life. I have learnt so much about how to draw and paint and as a very 'mature' student it has helped me to develop and enjoy my interest in art.

Frodsham town should be very proud and grateful to have in its midst such a vibrant and enriching centre.

Congratulations and a great big thank you to everyone who helps to run Castle Park Art Centre.

(If you are reading this and you haven't been I can recommend it! It is just off Fountain Lane WA6 6SE)

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