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NOT for the first time, nor indeed the second or third, there is much talk in Frodsham of the possibility of the town getting a swimming pool.

The recent public consultation carried out by the Town Council predictably threw up numerous requests for a pool. There is ongoing debate on the issue in the social media.

And there was a lengthy debate at the monthly council meeting resulting in an invitation to Sport Cheshire to attend a future meeting to outline the necessary procedures - and obstacles.

All of which is fine - providing it leads to something.

During the council meeting, several councillors rightly warned that the public would take a dim view of yet another failed attempt to provide a swimming pool.

Some 25 years ago it nearly happened. The old Vale Royal Council, we are told, was ready to fund construction but the project collapsed when it proved impossible to fund ongoing running costs.

That is the problem with swimming pools. They are phenomenally costly to maintain yet their users, in the main, expect them to be inexpensive to use. Over the years, we have reported on numerous pools which have fallen into disuse and then dereliction

because they did not prove viable. We do not want that happening in Frodsham.

So yes, we applaud the efforts being made to provide a swimming pool in the town and we believe the Town Council is right to get the facts before pressing ahead.

But we caution against raising false hopes. We do not want the initiative to fizzle out like the last one.

Deadline for the November issue is October 21

New trees to be planted

A PLANTING plan has been approved for 25 new trees in the community orchard in Frodsham's Hob Hey Wood.

In addition, five trees will be planted to replace dead trees, the Town Council has decided.

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& The Knoll Surgery, Frodsham - 4pm - 5pm



David fights off cancer – by climbing a mountain

A 51-year-old Frodsham man is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for a little-known pre-cancerous condition – Barretts Oesophagus.

David Luckett lives in the town with his wife, Margaret, and three dogs and runs a training and consultancy business at Runcorn.

He was diagnosed with Barrett's more than five years ago and, after carrying out a considerable amount of research, became annoyed to find that very few people had heard of it.

He said: "Oesophageal cancer is relatively unheard of, yet one person dies of it every hour in the UK.

"The symptoms of Barretts – a pre-cancerous condition – can be recognised as an early stage before cancer.

"They are not lumps or bumps or blood etc. - but acid indigestion, aching back, sensation of food sticking when swallowing. Something that is well known as a discomfort by most people, but not thought of as life threatening.

"The amount of money raised by my climb has already become my second concern. Raising the profile of this condition is number one. If I can save one life, then any

monetary figures are irrelevant."

David has been doing 10-mile walks and has climbed Snowdon a few times in preparation for the Kilimanjaro climb.

He has never done anything like it before so will find the climb a challenge.

"Why Kilimanjaro? I needed something big to make a statement and give me a vehicle to promote awareness of this condition.

"Why climb a mountain?... because it's there!"

David is being sponsored by his own company and himself so all monies raised by his climb will go to the charity, the Barrett's Oesophagus Campaign.

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Council webcasts 'boring' says resident

FRODSHAM'S ground-breaking webcasts of the monthly Town Council meetings are "boring" according to local resident Terry Dillon.

He should know – he has watched every one of the videos since the council started its webcasts earlier this year. He has also attended most of the meetings.

"You might think it a bit sad," he said. "But sometimes you can't take it all in at the meeting and you can always skip through the video to the part you want.

"But it's boring. Half the time, you can't hear the councillors speaking. They have buttons to press to switch on their microphones but often they forget.

"There's also a lot of static noise which makes it difficult to hear what people are saying. They've not got it right."

Mr Dillon started attending council meetings when the controversy over the sale of the Park Lane Play Area first arose.

But he is wondering whether to continue watching the webcasts.

"They tend to be boring – particularly when you can't hear them. I'm told the static noise might be caused by councillors using their laptop computers. But whatever it is, they need to get it put right."

Frodsham is believed to be the only town or parish council in Cheshire West – and possibly the country – to broadcast its meetings on the web.

Roundtable bonfire night

FRODSHAM and District Roundtable are holding their annual bonfire and fireworks display on Saturday, November 8 at Frodsham Community Centre of Fluin Lane.

Gates open at 6pm with the fire being lit at 7pm and the Firework display from 7.30pm.

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- 6 - Vouchers will be issued by 29 November 2014. All vouchers expire on 31 January 2015 whether or not they have been presented.
- 7 - The vouchers cannot be exchanged for money by any applicant.
- 8 - All businesses, groups and societies must present the vouchers for payment by FTC by 28 February 2015; payments by FTC will be made to those with valid claims on or before 31 March 2015.
- 9 - FTC reserves the right to limit the issue of vouchers so that its liability in terms of paying against valid vouchers does not exceed the budgeted figure of £5,000 - and in applying such a limit FTC may either reduce the value of the voucher or choose to issue the vouchers on a first come first served basis up to the budgeted figure.

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Castle Park gem sparkles again

FRODSHAM'S Castle Park Arts Centre is set to enhance its image as a unique venue to engage with the arts and hopes to firmly establish itself as the largest independent art gallery in Cheshire.

The Centre's Gallery 2 and adjoining room have undergone extensive refurbishment over the last three months and formally reopened at the beginning of October.

The revitalised gallery will enhance the Arts Centre's exhibition facilities and thereby attract a greater number of emerging and established artists throughout the region and beyond, who wish to promote their artworks.

The refurbishment project was funded from the Biffa Award; a multi-million pound environment fund managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT), which utilises landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services) and from the Cheshire West and Chester Rural Support Funding Grant Award.

Gallery 2 was formally opened by The High Sheriff of Cheshire; Susan Sellers, followed by an evening of celebration.

Approximately 150 invited guests, including The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Chester, representatives from Cheshire West and Chester Council, Frodsham Town Council, the sponsors plus Centre volunteers and members, attended the reopening.

Peter Vickery – Chairman; Castle Park Arts Centre" - said, "The refurbishment of Gallery 2, will herald in a new chapter in the Arts Centre's quest to be recognised as a unique venue for engaging with all aspects of the Arts. We are now able to accommodate, not only more artists wishing to display their artworks, but also host more art workshops, lectures, demonstrations plus a diversity of art groups and musical entertainment."

In keeping with the Art Centre's



tradition of hosting a six week rolling programme of exhibitions, Gallery 2, once reopened, will display a collection of artefacts, photographs and documents chronicling the impact of the Great War on Frodsham's local community and remembering Frodsham's heroes of 1914 – 18.

This exhibition presented by Frodsham Town Council, will be complemented by a display of additional artworks from local artists which will be on display in Galleries 1 and 3 at the Centre.

With the reopening of Gallery 2, the Castle Park Arts Centre, which will be up to full operational capacity once again, would therefore like to send a message to all artists and art groups that this unique venue, which has an increasing footfall year on year, is an ideal environment to exhibit, promote and network.

Further details about the Castle Park Arts Centre's services, facilities and contact details are available on our website at www.castleparkarts.co.uk

Neighbourhood plan needed - and the sooner the better

MEMBERS of Frodsham Town Council want to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan - and the sooner the better.

But first they are to consult neighbouring parish councils to see if they would like to join in the venture.

The monthly meeting of the council decided to commence the process, subject to the views of neighbouring councils.

Cllr Andrew Dawson said if the council wanted to influence future developments in the town, a Neighbourhood Plan was essential.

First it would be necessary to define the area the plan would cover. It seemed logical that they should adopt the parish boundaries as they would be from May next year but before deciding on this it would be a good idea to ask neighbouring parishes to see if they wanted to be involved.

Chairman Cllr Mark Warren said a Neighbourhood Plan steering group should be formed consisting not only of members of the council but also representatives of the local community.

The council was told the cost of the plan could be £50,000.

Cllr Lynn Riley said a Neighbourhood Plan would involve the whole community and should reflect the town's big ambitions.

It was an opportune time to launch the plan in view of the town's wish to build a swimming pool.

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Theatre company come to Frodsham

ANDREW Curphey Theatre company celebrated their 5th Anniversary last year in style when they had video messages of support from Frodsham's very own Gary Barlow and James Corden and continue to have help from their hugely supportive patron Marjorie Barlow.

With performing arts classes in Frodsham, Runcorn, Widnes and Warrington this year the company is expanding and offering acting classes with LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) tuition included. The company pride themselves on being exceptional value for money and class fees are extremely competitive.

The Acting Classes will allow participants to establish the essential talents to become a confident, committed and well-rounded actor. Sessions will use the preparation and performance of dramatic scenes to support the development of self-confidence and communication skills. Improvisation, devised and scripted performance will all be explored.

Analysis of different characters will also allow students to get to the heart

of how feelings and emotions dictate behaviour, and will encourage them to become more emotionally and self-aware. Voice technique, expression, body language and the 'art' of performing to an audience will all be developed. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their achievements.

All teaching will be guided by the LAMDA curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to take accredited LAMDA examinations in acting and communication at various times throughout the year.

Acting classes for all ages will take place at various times on Tuesday evenings. If you would like more information or to book a place visit www.actheatrecompany.co.uk, email andrew@actheatrecompany.co.uk or call 07590529115.



Old telephone kiosk could house defibrillator

FRODSHAM Town Council is to look into the possibility of taking over a telephone kiosk which BT intend to decommission.

The kiosk is at the junction of Howey Lane and the A56 Chester Road – and Cllr Andrew Dawson thinks it would make an ideal location for one of the town's defibrillators.

He told the council: "BT wish to decommission this kiosk and this presents an opportunity for it to be

taken over for community use. It could be a location for a defibrillator.

"More than 30 kiosks across Cheshire West and Chester are in the same position and there may be others due to be decommissioned in Frodsham."

Cllr Dawson said telephone kiosks had the advantage of having electricity laid on and being available 24 hours a day. But he warned that taking over the kiosk

would not be cost free. He was not suggesting the council should spend money at present. But they should express interest.

Chairman Cllr Mark Warren said there was a general lack of information about the location of defibrillators in Frodsham and using the kiosk could help the situation.

The council agreed to make inquiries about a possible take over of the kiosk.

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Castle Park 'neglect' claims

SOME parts of Frodsham's Castle Park are in a "disgusting" condition through neglect, a concerned member of the public told the Town Council.

Terry Dillon, who lives near the park, said the problem appeared to be occurring because gardeners were being diverted to carry out work in other parts of Frodsham.

Although the lawns and flower beds close to Castle Park House were well kept, other areas were not. He singled out the children's play area, the American Garden and the area surrounding the tennis courts as those being neglected.

The pond in the American Garden was in a disgusting condition with bottles, cans and old footballs floating in it and an outbreak of blanket weed.

Mr Dillon also complained that the gates into the park at the top end of Park Lane were being closed early.

"This is a public footpath and the gates are supposed to be open from dawn to dusk. But sometimes they are closed as early as 4.30pm which

means that people can't get into the park."

Chairman Cllr Mark Warren pointed out that Castle Park was not the responsibility of the Town Council but of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWC).

Cllr Lynn Riley, one of Frodsham's representatives on CWC, said she would raise the issues highlighted by Mr Dillon with the appropriate department.

But local residents could report any matters of concern themselves - either at the library or on the internet.

'Earnest' is brought up to date

"The Importance of Being Earnest"- Oscar Wilde's best loved and most regularly performed comedy - has been given a classy up-date from Cheshire-based Consensus Theatre.

And the production at Frodsham Community Centre gave a boost to the Neuro Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The groups production has been moved to the vibrant 1950s.

Phillip Wade, founder member of the group, said: "The 50s were about fun and that's what we create on stage.

"We don't have a director as such we all take responsibility and offer suggestions, if they don't work we change them.

Sebastian Farrell, another founder member, added: "It's a very refreshing way of working - and one

which really brings out the best in us all as actors and in the characters themselves."

The small group of experienced and well-seasoned actors from

across the region will be performing Wilde's play at various venues over the coming months, concluding with a one night performance at the Brindley Theatre, Runcorn next June.



Reproductive Health Group offer free and discounted IVF cycles

THE Reproductive Health Group opened the UK's first integrated fertility hospital, the Centre for Reproductive Health, at Daresbury Park earlier this year and feedback from patients and visitors has been highly positive.

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World War 1 commemorations continue

EVENTS to commemorate World War 1 have been continuing in Frodsham – spearheaded by the Mayor, Cllr Allen Wales and members of the Town Council’s WW1 Commemoration Working Group.

The Mayor, accompanied by Geoff Abnett and Cllr Pammi Taylor, members of the working group, visited Frodsham CE Primary School assembly where they presented commemorative books marks to pupils in the reception class.

Pupils impressed the visitors with their knowledge of events taking place around the country and with their pride in being part of the commemorations.

The Mayor and his deputy, Cllr Fran Sutton and other working group members also visited St Luke’s RC Primary School, where Cllr Wales invested two pupils, Jess Capel and

Charlie Villiers, as Frodsham’s new Junior Mayors.

Watched by their parents, the Mayor said: “I am delighted to have invested Jess and Charlie as our new Junior Mayors, and look forward to working with them at various upcoming events, such as Christmas Festival, Remembrance Services and school events”.

Following the investiture, Jess and Charlie performed their first task as Junior Mayors and, along with the visitors, presented commemorative bookmarks to pupils.

Similar visits are to be made to Weaver Vale and Manor House

primary schools in the near future.

Chester-based Theatre in the Quarter gave two performances of “All Over By Christmas” at Frodsham Railway Station (pictured below) – events which proved great crowd-pullers.

St Laurence Parish Church held a Heritage Weekend in the church, including an exhibition of parish memorabilia, books, WWI stories and photographs, talks and poetry readings and music.

Visitors were taken on conducted tours of the churchyard to see the memorials of the young men of Frodsham who gave their lives in the war. Refreshments were served at the free-of-charge event.

The Mayor opened the event with an interesting and informative illustrated talk.

More events to commemorate The Great War 1 are planned.

Heroes of World War 1 is an exhibition of original and replica artefacts, photographs and documents to be held in Gallery 2 at the Castle Park Arts Centre from Friday October 3 to Thursday November 6. Entry is free.

“Ypres” – a film presented by historian and film-maker Ed Skelding will take place at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Frodsham on Tuesday October 28 at 7.30pm.

The film takes a chronological journey through the first two years of fighting.

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Rotary Motor Show hailed great success

FRODSHAM and Helsby Rotary Club's annual Charity Motor Show was a great success again this year raising over £2,000 for local and international good causes!

The event at Frodsham Community Centre, attracted over 230 vehicle exhibitors of all types – classic cars, American cars, motorcycles, commercial vehicles and customised vehicles. Local businesses supported the event by advertising in the programme, a number of trade stands were present and hundreds of people came to view the magnificent exhibits.

The weather provided yet another wonderful day for everyone to enjoy themselves and there was plenty to do for the whole family as well as for the petrol-heads to admire the many wonderful entries. Among the attractions were Frodsham Model Car Club, which staged live racing of their radio-controlled cars on an indoor track and let members of the public 'have a go' at driving their model cars with a prize for the fastest time!

A miniature steam railway provided train trips from Warrington & District station not only for children but also a number of adults. The local fire station turned out some of their older vehicles which were a popular attraction for young children. Additionally, there was a fun fair and a very popular ice cream van. The Rotary Club provided sustenance for the hungry with beef burgers and hot dogs and the Inner Wheel Club of Frodsham and Helsby provided a wide range of refreshments and some delicious homemade cakes and scones.

There were a total of 11 car clubs present to display their members' vehicles including the Merseyside MG Club, the Ford Escort XR Owners Club, the UK Chrysler Cruisers Club with some cars sporting magnificently customised paint work, North West Casual Classics and the American Auto Club North West.

After a 'drive through parade' of a number of the vehicles through Frodsham town centre, the judges, namely Rotary President Frank Ball, last year's President Fred Bishop and

Rotarian Ian Bishop had the difficult job of awarding the prizes in each of the seven categories to:

Classic – Pre-1960
Panhard Levassor 1924 – David Rothford

Classic – Post-1960
Triumph TR3 1961 – Derek Martin

Two Wheeler
Ducati 250 Racing Bike – John Hind

American Vehicle
Studebaker Special 6 1923 – Mike Radcliff

Custom / Special Interest Vehicle
Willys 77 Coupe 1933 – Paul Kennedy

Club Stand Award
American Auto Club North West

Best in Show
Triumph TR3 1961 – Derek Martin

Rotarian Alan Laird who was the main organiser of the show for the Rotary club, ably assisted by his wife Karen, commented, "Our Charity Motor Show is fast becoming the main motor show in Cheshire with exhibitors coming from as far afield as Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool and Birmingham as well as locally. Its increasing popularity is well recognised by the exhibitors and this year, helped by the excellent weather, has been our best-attended event yet".

Frank Ball together with Frodsham Mayor Alan Wales presented the prize in each category together with a Certificate to the winners. Finally, Rotary President Frank Ball thanked everyone for attending, particularly the exhibitors without whom there would be no show, the trade stands, Frodsham & Helsby Inner Wheel for the refreshments and cakes, and finally the paying members of the public for coming along, participating, and for their donations which would be used to contribute to local, national and international charities.

See more photographs of the event and all the exhibitor's vehicles at www.cheshiremotorshow.co.uk



Nicola is Crown Green bowling champion again

LOCAL crown green bowler Nicola Boulton is the National Ladies Champion for 2014, after winning the £1830 British Crown Green Ladies Individual Ladies Merit at Pennfields Bowling and Social Club, Wolverhampton.

In a field of 64 top class bowlers, Nicola won six games culminating with a 21-7 win in the final over Yorkshire's Alexis Lunn-Gadd.

Nicola has been a regular in the Frodsham Red Lion first team in the Mid-Cheshire League and the Goshawk Mouldsworth first side in the Frodsham League for over ten years and also for the Wharton Conservative Ladies in the Mid-Cheshire Ladies League for the past few years.

This is Nicola's eighth ranking title of events of £1000 and over and with the latest title, she has become only the fourth player to have won the triple of the Ladies Waterloo Hotel Championship

at Blackpool, the British Ladies Champion of Champion, at the Waterloo Hotel Blackpool and now the 2014 British Crown Green Ladies Individual Merit.



Swimming pool dream revived

IT has been Frodsham's dream for more than 40 years – a community swimming pool.

Some 25 years ago it nearly came true when funding and a site were available to build one. But it didn't happen because money could not be found to run it once it was built.

Now the dream has been revived following the Town Council's recent town-wide consultation showed strong demand for a pool still exists.

The council is to ask Sport Cheshire to attend a future meeting to give a presentation on all aspects of providing a pool – including funding through grant aid.

Councillors debated the issue at length at their monthly meeting after Cllr Darren Kelly put forward the idea of employing a specialist consultant to advise on the feasibility of a project to build and maintain a pool.

He believed the council did not have the expertise to progress the idea and would "keep going round in circles" unless it sought expert advice.

Members explored a number of possibilities including setting up a working group to draw up proposals, seeking advice from the parish council at Penketh, Warrington, which already has a pool and involving neighbouring parishes such as Helsby, Kingsley, Manley, etc., whose residents would also benefit from a swimming pool at Frodsham.

Cllr Lynn Riley said a pool would be costly to provide and even more costly to maintain. Frodsham had not chosen to have a wind farm built on its doorstep. But now it was going to get one, money from the community benefit fund promised by the developers could perhaps be used for a swimming pool.

If a neighbourhood plan was drawn up it could include a pool and the whole community could become involved. But if grant funding was to become available the proposal would have to be seen to be sustainable.

The meeting was told one possibility was for a pool adjacent to Helsby High School. But a possible obstacle to obtaining grant funding wherever the pool was located was the presence of pools at Northwich and Ellesmere Port – only eight miles away.

It was finally agreed to ask Sport Cheshire to give the council a presentation on the likely "funding landscape" if it was decided to go ahead with the project.

Cllr Riley said: "We are very much at the starting gate on this."

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Thrills and spills at the soap box derby

THE second annual soap box derby at Frodsham Community Centre - the F14 Grand Prix - again attracted large crowds and numerous entries.

It was an opportunity for local people - friends and families, schools and youth groups, charity groups and businesses and service - to design and build soap box

cars. Local people rose to the challenge and some weird and wonderful "one-person powered" vehicles took part in the event, providing plenty of thrills and spills.

Overall winner was the AA team, made up of Dave Mulholland and Stephen Roberts with driver Archie Bye, aged nine.

Other winners were: Family and Friends class: Jones Racing Cart; Business class: Wilkins Chimney Sweep; Charity class: Speed Kills; Best dressed cart: Bumble Bee

(Wayne Cox and Aaron Cox, aged seven); Best designed cart: Wilkins Chimney Sweep.

Judges were the Mayor, Cllr Allen Wales, who also presented the prizes, and Cllr Mike Pusey.

Other events included wheelie bin racing and a grand parade of all the carts. There were refreshments, stalls and demonstrations, with Frodsham Model Car Club allowing members of the public to drive their vehicles inside the community centre.

The F14 Grand Prix raised money for the upkeep of Frodsham Community Centre.



The Winners of the F14 Grand Prix Soapbox Derby. AA team members from left, Dave Mulholland, driver Archie Bye aged 9 and Stephen Roberts.



F14 Grand Prix Soapbox entrants have a trial run around the track.



Left, the Mayor of Frodsham Allan Wales presents the £20 prize to Madie Baldacchino aged 7 and John Baldacchino for the best engineered vehicle.



Left, the Mayor of Frodsham Allan Wales presents the £20 prize to Aaron Cox aged 7 and Wayne Cox for the best dressed vehicle.



A close race at the F14 Grand Prix Soapbox Derby, Frodsham Community Centre.



Welcome

This is the latest news about what is happening in our busy community.
From your local Cheshire West and Chester Councillors, Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley.

Connecting Cheshire, our local scheme to boost Superfast fibre broadband availability, has arrived in Frodsham. We were out on market day to raise awareness and encourage more people to plug into the high-speed technology that can transform lives and businesses.

The £28.5m project funded by the EU, Government and CWaC will provide fibre broadband to more than 80,000 homes and businesses and by Spring 2015, over 875 miles of fibre-optic cable will have been laid and more than 400 new roadside cabinets installed.

Recently installations have seen broadband speed rise from around 5Mbps to over 35Mbps, bringing a real boost to local businesses and residents.

Andrew an early adopter of Superfast Broadband said - 'you can imagine what it is like in my house, all 5 of us have every conceivable connected gadget - its only the dog that isn't connected to the internet - and that will only be a question of time. Once Superfast Broadband came to Frodsham I was bound to be one of the first to get it.'

You can contact info@connectingcheshire.org.uk, to find out more about free business advice for small businesses and sole traders. And don't forget that there are training opportunities for everyone in the local library, just pop in for more details and free access to the Internet.



How do you get to work?

Do you ever think of leaving the car at home and making your way into work on foot or by bicycle, bus or train? You know it's healthier and better for the environment but perhaps you need a little motivation. It's not too late to sign up to the Workplace Challenge that gets us thinking about alternative ways of getting to work.

Anyone can sign up to the Challenge through the www.itravelssmarter.co.uk website where you will find tips and suggested routes to guide you through the Challenge.

Once you have started logging journeys, workplaces and individuals can compete and collect travel points based on the amount of miles accumulated which can be redeemed at numerous retail outlets including Raleigh, Go Ape! And I want one of those. The winner gets a new £500 bike

A little funding goes along way

Sometimes to Tipperary and back. It was truly wonderful to join the crowds who welcomed Theatre in the Quarter to Frodsham station on the 19th September for their the fantastic production 'All Over by Christmas'.

This very professional production was supported by children from Weaver Vale primary school who sang beautifully and it brought a tear to many an eye at the thought of waving off Frodsham's sons and daughters 100 years ago.

In much the same way, our congratulations go to St Laurence's who staged a really interesting Heritage Weekend on the 20-21st September that again reminded us all of the many ways in which Frodsham made its WW1 war effort. There were some very human stories from families that have lived here for generations and photographs that told the story of what Frodsham looked like 100 years ago. Do you know where the auxiliary hospital was during WW1? If you don't, just ask the History Society or get your hands on the commemorative booklet created for this event.

Last month saw a very busy and very noisy library as we welcomed over 120 children who had completed the summer reading challenge of Mythical Maze.

Having read 6 books over the 6 weeks of the summer holiday our children brought their families along to cheer them as they received their certificates and medals. Its lovely to see the amazing creative ways in which our grants are put to use in Frodsham.



Bridge Latest

It seems along time ago now since work on the Swing Bridge started and it's been interesting to see the much-improved structure emerge from its wrappings.

The final 'swings' will allow the finishing touches to be made and work is underway on the actual highway to provide some additional improvements for pedestrian and cycle users.

Please keep the 10th October free for the official opening around lunchtime. You can come and join us for an open day before the traffic rejoins its original route at midnight on 11th October.

Highways

The recent Town consultation showed most of you were in favour of creating a new crossing at the Netherton end of town to provide a safe place to cross for the many students who walk to Helsby High and improves access to the marshes.

This scheme is being jointly funded by our CWaC member's grants and FTC and just like the Swing Bridge, shows what we can do when we all work together.

The preparations are underway and the formal consultation due to start with the aim of it all being done by Christmas.

And Grants just get things done

Following on from the national pilot work at the Princeway Medical centre around integrating social care and health comes more good news.

As part of the national Ageing Better programme, a £5.2m grant to help deal with the issues of social isolation and loneliness is coming our way. Working alongside Age UK and 11 others, the Brightlife project will start next April and look for the small things as well as new innovations that can make a big difference as we all get older.

Here in Frodsham we have already secured the funding and started work to set-up an OPAL Club (older People Active Lives) for some of our older residents so please look out for more information

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