

Helter Skelter returns for Bee Festival





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The Hive

Welcome to The Cheshire Hive, a special limited edition newspaper for kids, food-lovers, gardeners, music-lovers and bee-keepers.

With music festivals, plays, exhibitions, races and all things bee related, there's something for everyone in Frodsham, a lively market town in north Cheshire, halfway between Manchester and Liverpool.

Parking in Frodsham is free and details of regular train and bus services to Frodsham from Chester and Manchester are available at www.cheshirehive.co.uk.

Through events, Frodsham Foundation is shining a light on both well established and a new generation of talent in the

area. With around 1,200 businesses and 200 community groups, there is considerable talent. Please let us know what you think and tell us about any special talent you spot in the area or things you think we should know about.

Frodsham Foundation doesn't have any shareholders, so any profits we make from events and projects go back into future projects and activities. If you would like to get involved just visit www.frodshamfoundation.net, we would love to hear from you.

Bee Festival 11 & 12 May

Our next large event in Frodsham is the two day Bee Festival on 11 and 12 May. Bees are very special to Frodsham, so

join us for our Bee Festival commemorating 200 years since the birth of a very special beekeeper with a global reputation.

The dramatic decline in the number of bees in Britain is in the daily news, with real concern about the impact on food supplies. At the Festival we'll be combining real issues including bees, beekeeping and bee friendly plants with music, food, drink, games and activities for the whole family. As you will have seen from the front cover, a stunning 50ft Helter Skelter will be at the Festival, so grab a mat and enjoy the ride. Entry to the Festival is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Visit www.cheshirehive.co.uk for more information on the Bee Festival.



Wake up to the buzz

Britain has almost 270 different species of bee, but numbers are dramatically declining due to a combination of disease, loss of habitats and use of chemicals.

Bees are vital to so much of British life; they pollinate our food, help keep our farms in business and help our gardens, parks and countryside to thrive.

Bees are particularly important in Frodsham, featuring on school uniforms, football kits, Council publications and heritage signs around the town. Join us at Frodsham's Bee Festival for advice on bees, beekeeping and bee friendly plants as well as observation bee hives, candle rolling and bee hotels. Plus find out at 11am on 11 May why Frodsham is celebrating 200 years since the birth of a special beekeeper.

There will be plenty for the whole family to do with music, food, drink, ice creams, face painting, games, workshops, football, It's a Bee Knockout and not forgetting the beautiful 50ft Helter Skelter.

Join us and find out more about prominent national campaigns including the Co-Operative's Plan Bee and Friends of the Earth's Bee Cause campaign which is aiming to make 2013 the Year of the Bee. Plus the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, RHS and RSPB will be at the Festival to answer questions and provide advice.

Chester GiANTS will also be joining us as they help campaign to raise awareness of the plight of bees with Bugs Royale on 2 June in Chester. The GiANTS will be opening the Festival at 10am on Saturday 11 May in true carnival style and there will be goody bags for everyone who joins us dressed as a bee (including adults!).

Sadly, because last year was such a terrible year for bees, with more than 50% of Cheshire's hives being lost, we won't have a huge amount of honey on offer so come early if you want local honey.

April was a buzzy month for beekeepers, not only were they tending to their devastated hives but hundreds of beekeepers and campaigners marched on parliament to Save the Bees and delivered a petition signed by 2.6 million people to the prime minister. European member states have now banned the use of certain chemicals for a period of two years whilst they assess the impact on bee health.



Bee Friendly Frodsham

Bees don't just produce honey and wax, they pollinate more than 1,500 different crops so about a third of what we eat is directly or indirectly dependent on bee pollination. The Soil Association estimates that pollinating insects add some £430million to the British economy by pollinating crops.

Yet, as has been widely publicised, bees are in trouble, affected by disease, chemicals and habitat loss. Most UK species have declined dramatically in recent years with, according to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, two species of bumblebee now extinct. Bees need flowers to feed on and places to nest, but in the last 60 years the UK has lost 97% of its important natural grasslands.

Find out why bees are so important to Frodsham at 11am on 11 May.

Hear from the wonderful Maggie Taylor of the North Cheshire Beekeepers' Association about Bees, Bugs and Bottles of Honey at 1pm and meet the inspirational Pam Warhurst of Incredible Edible at 2pm as she reveals how a small idea has brought worldwide attention to a town in West Yorkshire.

Norton Priory will also be on hand with instructions on how to make bee hotels and lots of bee related activities.

Tickets to these events are free but due to the limited availability please book your tickets in advance by calling or texting 07970798247 or email kate.dodgson@frodshamfoundation.net.

Children can also attend the chocolate workshops and find out about the origins of chocolate, sample chocolate and make a chocolate product. Again the workshops are free but donations very welcome - please see the back page for times and further details.

The final treat is a beer brewing workshop that our very own award winning brewery will be hosting at 3pm on Saturday 11 May. Book your tickets early as these will go very quickly!

The Festival is open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 11 May and 10am to 4pm on Sunday 12 May.

Help raise awareness of bees by coming along dressed as a bee and by entering the Be My Bee Competition and It's a Bee Knockout. Full details at www.cheshirehive.co.uk.

Cover Story: Helter Skelter returns to Frodsham

Fifty years ago, on 20 April 1963, The Beatles performed at the Mersey View Pleasure Grounds in Frodsham.

The Pleasure Grounds were a popular tourist attraction, venue for new bands and famous for having the highest Helter Skelter in the country which, some say, inspired The Beatles' 1968 song of the same name.

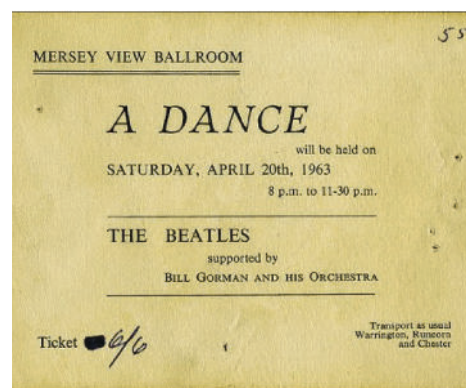
Local builders JG Davies & Co built the Helter Skelter in 1908 for Mrs Parker Hoose at a cost of £300 (approximately £30,000 today) and a staggering 3,600 riders used it on its opening day.

Although the original slide was sadly demolished in 1977, it is commemorated by the Helter Skelter pub on Church Street, which serves an ever changing mix of local and new micro beers and real ciders.

The Helter Skelter was just one of the attractions for day-trippers to Frodsham. The original may no longer exist but locals and visitors still enjoy walking the Sandstone ridge with views over the Cheshire Plain and the Mersey. 50 years on from The Beatles performance, bands are still performing on the hill (see Frodsham's Charity Music Festival details on p9).

The Helsby Running Club also organise the popular annual 33 mile Sandstone Trail Challenge. 200 walkers and runners will take part in this years Challenge, finishing at Frodsham's Community Centre on Fluin Lane on 11 May.

Just two original wooden Helter Skelters remain intact in England. This 1930's blue and red example is one of them. Not only does this provide entertainment at

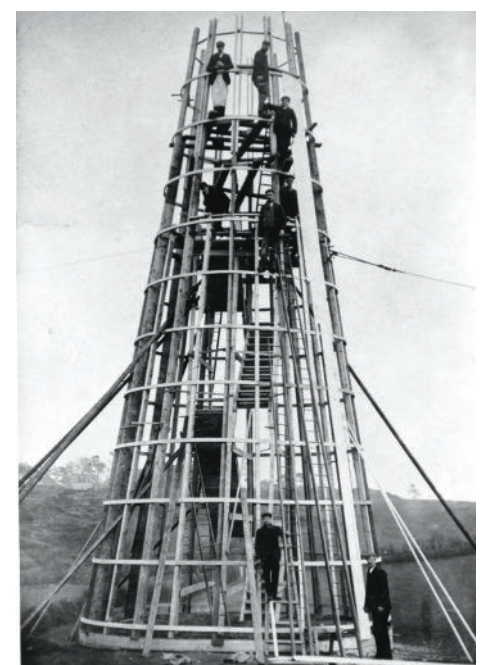


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the Glastonbury Festival, it also featured in The Beatles Anthology video for the track 'Helter Skelter'.

We are delighted that this beautiful 50ft Helter Skelter (fully operational) will be at Frodsham's Bee Festival on 11 (10am - 5pm) and 12 May (10am - 4pm) at Castle Park, Frodsham.

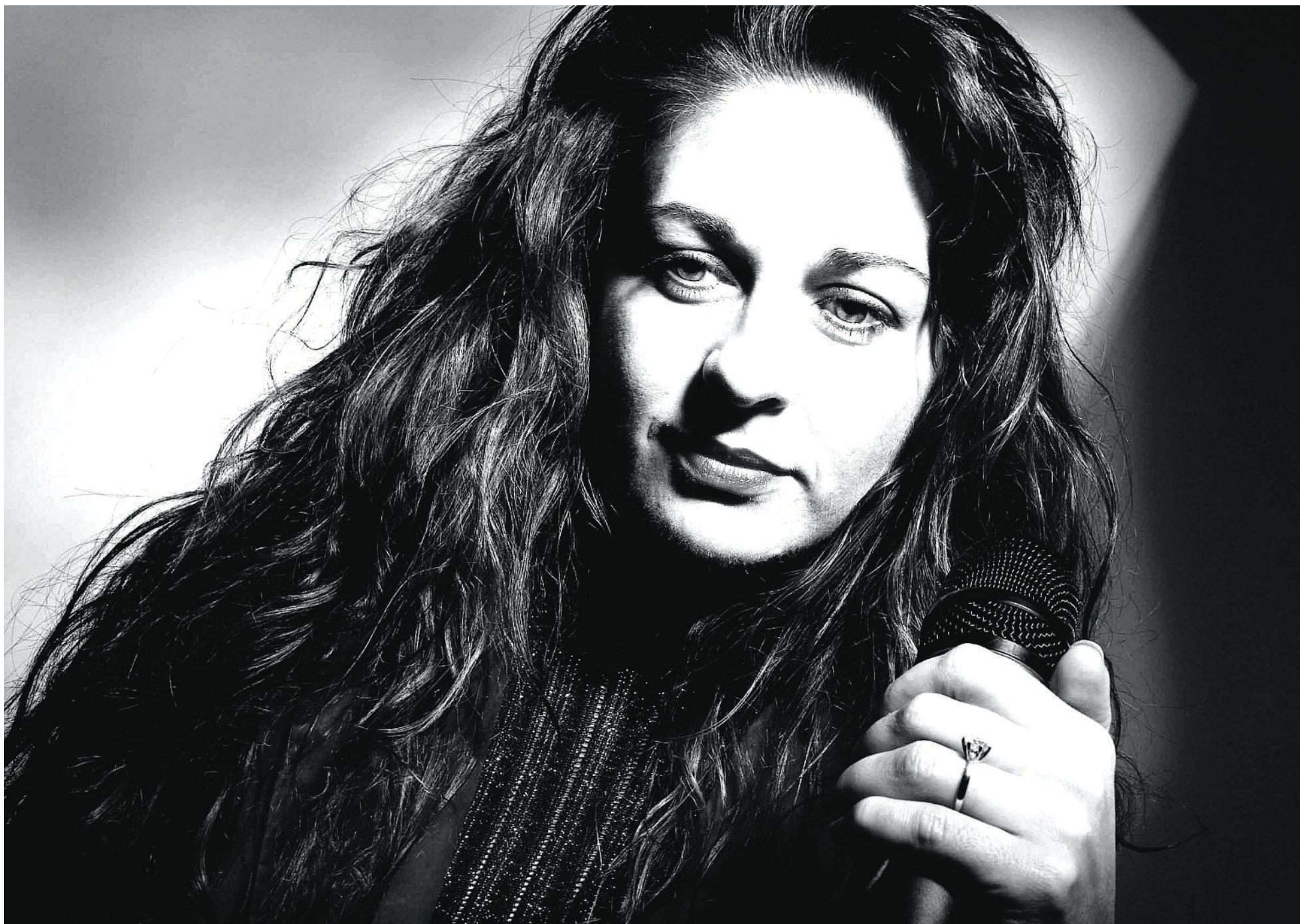


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The Festival has been organised by Frodsham Foundation to celebrate the Town's bee heritage with the generous support of numerous volunteers, O2, Cheshire Beekeepers', Frodsham Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester Councilors Lynn Riley and Andrew Dawson.

Visit www.cheshirehive.co.uk for more information on the Bee Festival.

Two days only, grab a mat and enjoy the ride.



Debbie Richards

Music at the Bee

Four local bands will be performing at Frodsham's Bee Festival on 11 May. Paul, Jack and Stuart of Jack the Lad will be playing hits from the sixties to the noughties from 1pm.

Debbie Richards, musician, music teacher, mentor, poet and lyricist will be performing from 2pm.

Retro, a Rock and Soul Band will be on stage at 3pm. Martin is on lead vocals with Al on guitar and vocals, Dave on bass, Al on drums and Pam on sax and vocals.

The four members of The Undecided; Ben Porter, Joe Woolf, Tom Jacobson and Will Hunt attend Helsby High School and will be performing at 4pm. Their most recent song Shout it Out is on iTunes.





Keep Calm and Collaborate

After 42 years in the business of teaching dance to Cheshire's masses it goes without saying the Janis Anderson School of Dancing knows how to put on a show. Under the new creative direction and vision of daughter Jennie Donnachie, the latest show 'Keep Calm and Dance On' was a huge success and achievement for the school. The 'Best of British' theme incorporated new styles such as street and Ballroom with their traditional repertoire of Ballet, Modern and Tap.

I had the privilege to be asked to collaborate on the project by Jennie to produce a photographic documentary of the dance school in the weeks running up to the show, I was also tasked with capturing a portrait of all 500 plus dancers in-

involved in the show in costume. As a photographer I am always looking for new challenges and to be granted open access to the rehearsal processes involved in producing the show was a fascinating experience offering a chance to explore this new subject matter in my own way.

Upon arriving to begin recording the rehearsals I was immediately impressed with the passion and enthusiasm flooding through the school in all sessions from the teachers Janis, Jennie and Emma Stokes and the dancers. As well as capturing the performance elements of the process I was drawn into showing these moments along side the action as this seemed to capture the essence of the school. The second thing I noticed upon completing my first night of rehearsals was the sheer diversity of dances included in the show and the incredible logistical task of including over 500 local people in a show that is different each night

with ages from 3 to 80, I am still not quite sure how they did it, but it was seamless and very professional.

Over my time with the Janis Anderson School of Dancing I gained huge respect for the warm welcoming, community atmosphere nurtured under the wing of school head Janis, just like the dancers I felt right at home and managed to capture some interesting images through our collaboration which will hopefully help them to share the new direction the school is taking. Its clear that over their 42 years they have learned that collaborating with talented local people and businesses can bring huge success.

Keep Calm and Dance On raised £3400 for charity and was shared by the NSPCC and The Baby Grow Appeal at Countess of Chester Hospital. Jennie and 30 of the School's dancers will be performing at the Bee Festival at 1.50pm on

Sunday 12 May.

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Bluebells at Hob Hey Wood provide vital early food for bees

Bee friendly habitats

Last year was terrible for bees, insects and crops alike. With failing crops, cold and wet weather and heavy snowfalls, over 50% of Cheshire's hives have been lost. Bees rely on pollen and nectar to survive so flower rich and diverse habitats are crucial.

Hob Hey Wood, owned and managed by Frodsham Town Council, is ten acres of mature clough woodland with wildflowers including bluebells and wild garlic providing pollinators with important early sources of pollen, nectar and shelter. Hob Hey Wood is accessible from Townfield Lane and Bradley Lane.

Frodsham Transition Initiative, Cheshire Landscape Trust and the Town Council also planted dozens of apple trees on Churchfields last year as the start of a community orchard. In 3 to 5 years when the fruit trees mature they will provide free food for the community as well as crucial food and shelter for pollinators.

Businesses are also improving the local habitats. The award winning Warburton Farms cover 1,200 acres in Frodsham and Kingsley and is an impressive example of a farm business which operates to maximise sustainability at the same time



Left to right: Richard, George, Graham and Geoff Warburton

as playing a valuable role in connecting agriculture to the wider community.

The Warburton family have been farming Depmore Farm since 1881 and Hatley Farm since 1930. Committed to sustainability, they draw upon the help, knowledge and experience of three generations of the family to produce wheat, barley, potatoes, oilseed rape and beef cattle. The seasonable farm shop, run by Gill Warburton sells home grown potatoes and eggs and is open May to October with most local shops and butchers also selling their Red Tractor Farm Assured potatoes and beef.

The Warburton family hosted 95 school visits last summer alone welcoming more than 2,000 visitors and 7 work experience students as part of their drive to reconnect young people to where their food comes from and how it is produced. The farm also has two Sites of Biological Importance (SBIs) and supports a wide range of wildlife, ponds and bird habitat. The Warburtons also have an extensive scheme of hedge laying, restoration and management, key to their environmental plan and crucial habitats for wildlife, birds and insects.

Can you grow Frodsham's tallest sunflower?

Bee friendly plants and seeds will be available at the Bee Festival on 11 and 12 May with free seeds and planting activities for children. We are also supporting the Big Sunflower Project to raise awareness of centronuclear and myotubular myopathy by growing sunflowers. The tallest sunflower will be announced at the St Laurence Festival on 10 August. More information on the Project and tips and hints for growing sunflowers is available at www.centronuclear.org.uk.

Incredible Edible



Free food to share © Incredible Edible

As food prices rise find out how one group in West Yorkshire has gone from humble beginnings to worldwide attention in just a few years.

Everyone understands food and food gets people talking but the residents of Todmorden, a market town in West Yorkshire, do more than just talk, they plant.

Gone are the waste areas, along with prickly bushes in the health centre car park, gone are the dog toilets along the canal banks, instead replaced with raised beds, lavender bushes, strawberry plants and beans that everyone can help themselves to. The health centre has an apothecary's garden and fruit trees along the boundary. The grounds of a retirement home are full of raised beds and the high school has invested in a commercial sized polytunnel and serves food the pupils have grown themselves. Even the local police have planted raised beds of corn, salad and herbs.

Commuters pick herbs at the railway station to take home for tea and read recipes suggesting ways to cook rosemary and parsley whilst waiting for their trains.

"Some people said they'd be trashed within days, but no one's vandalised them, there's no fag ends or beer cans, it's fantastic," said Incredible Edible's Pam Warhurst.

Everyone benefits: residents get free fruit and vegetables, the council has less waste ground to care for and more people shop locally, benefiting local shops.

Pam, Mary and other trailblazers adopted the principle of let us, as a community, get on with what we want to do, whether its as a farmer, shopkeeper, a teacher or a parent.

Pam and other Incredible Edible volunteers work with schools, colleges and the local housing trust to reconnect people with where food comes from, how it's grown, how it's transformed by processing and cooking as well as running grafting, permaculture and bee-keeping courses.

So what is Incredible Edible's aim? For the town of Todmorden - slightly larger than Frodsham, to become self sufficient in food by 2018. The question is, could we do the same in Frodsham?

Visit Frodsham's Bee Festival on 11 May and hear how small things that capture the imagination create big changes and how a simple sign saying 'Help Yourself' has transformed a community. Incredible Edible's Pam Warhurst will be speaking in Castle Park House at 2pm on Saturday 11 May. Tickets are free but limited so reserve your tickets in advance by texting the word PAM to 07970798247 or visit www.cheshirehive.co.uk for more information.

Festivals and events 2013

With Music Festivals and Classic Car Shows, Wedding events and Halloween, Frodsham is a hive of activity, with something for everyone.

To subscribe to Frodsham's What's On News visit www.frodshamfoundation.net and subscribe to the enewsletter. If you would like us to include your free or charitable event please email kate.dodgson@frodshamfoundation.net.

These are just some of the events to look forward to in 2013.

1 May - 1 September: Frodsham Young People Life through the Lens competition

Exhibition at Castle Park Arts Centre from 20 September to 1 November with an Awards evening on 18 October. For more information visit Life thru the Lens www.yearofhealthandwellbeing.org.uk

18 May: Annual Town Meeting, Consultation and Community Grants Event

12pm onwards, Main Street Church, Main Street, Frodsham. Contact Frodsham Town Council
Tell the Town Council your views on matters of key interest to you, including open spaces, leisure, recreation, play provision, planning, community events, crime prevention, communication, volunteering, swing bridge and library. Applications for grants by 13 May.

10 June Frodsham Cricket Club's Donkey Derby

Frodsham Community Centre,
A fun day out for all the family supporting your local village cricket team. On the day you will find fun and activities including: 8 Donkey Races with 6 donkeys with a Tote, Family games and stalls, Refreshments, BBQ, Tombola, Donkey rides.



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15 June: Frodsham Charity Music Festival

2pm - 10pm BEST WESTERN Forest Hills Hotel

Tickets £10 from Dandelion Gifts and Forest Hills Hotel. Last year, 850 people enjoyed the sunshine, then danced the night away to 8 local bands, helping to raise £16,538.00 for LOCAL causes. Bands performing this year are: The Undecided, Retro, 2 Way Traffic, The Last Chance Band, The Prefects, Junction 12, Compare the Beercat and Amy Bee

30 June: Delamere Charity Family Fun Cycle Day

Contact Frodsham and District Rotary for more information.

7 July : Downhill Run and Festival in the Park

This year the annual Frodsham Downhill Run will again take place to coincide with the Festival in the Park on the 7th July. The run will start at the Memorial on Frodsham Hill at 12.30pm and will finish in front of Castle Park House, a distance of approximately 1.3 miles.

All entrants are welcome in this fun run, from under 10's to over 60's, and all runners will get a tee shirt and a certificate. Prizes will be awarded to the first home in each category of runner. Contact Frodsham Community Centre for entry forms.

28 July: Annual Motor Show

10am - 4pm Frodsham Community Centre

200+ cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles. Categories of exhibitors include classics, american vehicles, custom /

modified vehicles, special interest vehicles, Commercial vehicles.

Proceeds to charities and other local good causes supported by the Rotary Club.



Frodsham Charity Music Festival

10 August: St Laurence Day Festival

10am - 4pm Castle Park

With food, drink, music and judging of Frodsham's tallest sunflower in support of The Sunflower Project. Visit www.cheshirehive.co.uk for more information.

7 September: F13 Grand Prix

Frodsham Community Centre
Frodsham's first ever soap-box Grand Prix. Home designed and built soap-boxes operated by people power will participate in a number of races alongside wheelie bin runs, wheelbarrow dodgems and the baby buggy dash. All vehicles can be decorated and carry advertising. Contact Frodsham Community Centre.

21 September: BIG Wedding Event

10am - 3pm Frodsham Town Centre
Everything you need for your perfect day in one picturesque Market Town. With dozens of businesses dedicated to providing inspiration and helpful advice for weddings, Frodsham is The Wedding Town. The town has everything you need, from formal wear, florists, hair, beauty, photographers, cake designers, jewelers and gifts to venues and entertainment. Join us on Main Street for our second BIG Wedding Event and receive a goody bag of treats and special offers.

11 October: Sportsman's Dinner

BEST WESTERN Forest Hills Hotel. Contact Frodsham and District Rotary.

31 October: Halloween

Castle Park. Join us for our second scary halloween event.

30 November

Frodsham's fantastic Christmas Parade and light switch on, with live music, Christmas market and performances.

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www.foresthillshotel.com
Frodsham Charity Music Festival
www.frodshamcharitymusicfestival.co.uk

Frodsham Community Centre
www.frodcomm.org.uk/cc/
Frodsham Foundation www.frodshamfoundation.net

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Fabulous Food

From pubs to tea shops, takeaways to fine dining, there's no shortage of places to stop and have something to eat and drink in Frodsham.

- Warburtons Farm Shop, Hatley Farm WA6 6XX
- Netherton Hall, Chester Road
- Castle Park Arts Centre cafe
- Cheshire Cheese Inn, 29 Main Street
- Yuet Ben, 64 Main Street
- HE Coward butchers, 68a Main Street
- The Old Hall Hotel, Main Street
- Queens Head, 92 Main Street *
- Millmark Foods, 101 Main Street
- Park View Garden, 104 Main Street
- Taj Mahal, 104 Main Street
- 4 Seasons, 109 Main Street
- Top Taste, 111 Main Street
- The Cottage Tea Shop, 121 Main Street
- The Bears Paw, 127 Main Street *
- Devonshire Bakery, 1 High Street
- Crowthers Cake Studio, 1 High Street
- The India Garden, 3a High Street
- Naga, 13 High Street
- The Red Lion, 17 High Street *
- Frodsham Tandoori, 25 High Street
- Chinese Delight, 15 Bridge Lane
- Sammy's Buttercup, 33 Ashton Drive
- The Willow Tree Cafe @ Gleaves, Mill Lane
- Amore 4 - 8 High Street *
- The Golden Lion, Main Street
- The Cholmondeley Arms, Church Street
- Hales Greengrocer, 13 Church Street
- Costa Coffee, 14 Church Street
- WE Lawless & Sons Bakers, 21 Church Street

- A Pickup butchers, 26 Church Street
- Melia's, 27 Church Street
- Leonidas chocolate shop, 29 Church Street
- Helter Skelter, 31 Church Street
- Oswalds @ Helter Skelter, 31 Church Street
- EJ's Frydays, 37 Church Street
- Sayers Bakers, 38 Church Street
- Coffee & Cakes, 6 Eddisbury Square
- Pizza Pan, 8 Eddisbury Square
- Ring O Bells, 2 Bellemonte Road,
- Bulls Head, Bellemonte Road, WA6 6BS
- The Bellemonte Hotel, Bellemonte Road
- BEST WESTERN Forest Hills Hotel, Overton Hill WA6 6HH
- Frodsham Golf Club, Simons Lane, WA6 6HE
- The Travellers Rest, Kingsley Road, WA6 6SL
- Jenkinsons Cafe, Lady Heyes, Kingsley Road, WA6 6SU
- Frodsham Brewery, Lady Heyes, Kingsley Road



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Lovelinks

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Draw will take place on
Saturday 18th May.

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Thank you

Frodsham Foundation has organised the Bee Festival on 11 and 12 May to celebrate the town's bee heritage. The event would not be possible without the kind and generous support of numerous volunteers and helpers, in particular; Maggie Taylor of North Cheshire Beekeepers' Association, Pam Warhurst of Incredible Edible and Arthur Smith.

Enormous thanks also to Ron Sayle and 4th Frodsham Scouts, Graham Veal and the Frodsham Junior coaches, Martin Woolf, Retro, The Undecided, Jack the Lad, Debbie Richards, Frodsham and

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Finally, thank you to staff and Councillors at Frodsham Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council and Ward Councillors Lynn Riley and Andrew Dawson for grants, resources and the invaluable support.

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Saturday 11 May 10am - 5pm

10am Chester GiANTS will be opening the Festival in true carnival style. Come along and see the fabulous GiANTS. Dress as a bee and receive a goody bag.

11am chocolate workshop

Free chocolate workshop by Ministry of Chocolate. Learn about the history and origins of chocolate, chocolate tastings and make your own chocolate products. Places are limited. Reserve your ticket by texting 07970798247 with the word CHOCOLATE or collect your ticket on the day from the information point.

11am Arthur Smith: WC Cotton and Bees

Find out why Frodsham loves bees so much as Arthur takes you through the life and works of a very important bee-keeper who left his mark on Frodsham. Places are limited for this talk taking place in Castle Park House. Text ARTHUR to 07970798247 to reserve a

ticket or collect your ticket on the day from the information point.

11am onwards Go Ride Games

Bring your bikes and helmets and join in the games.

12noon - 4.30pm Festival of Football

Frodsham Junior football teams will be celebrating their successes with a Festival of Football.

1pm Jack the Lad

With Paul on guitar and vocals, Jack on drums and Stuart on bass, Jack the Lad play hits from the sixties to the noughties including The Kinks, T.Rex, The Clash, Thin Lizzy, Green Day, Stereophonics and many more. This trio, named after Paul's son and drummer in the band, have been together for about 18 months and have played to audiences across Cheshire.

1pm Bees, Bugs and Bottles of Honey

Join Maggie Taylor, training co-ordinator for Cheshire Beekeepers' Association as she introduces you to bees and bee-keeping. Tickets are free but limited availability. Text HONEY to 07970798247 to reserve your tickets or collect from the information point.

2pm Incredible Edible: Small things, big change

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2pm Debbie Richards

Song writer, singer, teacher, poet and lyricist. Visit www.debbierichards.co.uk to find out more about Debbie's work.

3pm Beer brewing workshop

Free introduction to beer brewing by Barrie Davidson of Frodsham Brewery. Limited availability - to book tickets text BEER to 07970798247 or collect your ticket from the information point.

3pm Retro

Retro are a Rock and Soul Band based in West Cheshire, fronted by Martin, lead vocal, with Al on guitar and vocals, Dave on bass, Al on drums and Pam on sax and vocals. Retro have been together for 5 years and play good old fashioned (and new) rock and soul music.

4pm The Undecided

The four members of The Undecided, Ben Porter, Joe Woolf, Tom Jacobson and Will Hunt attend Helsby High School. The Undecided formed 2 and a half years ago, playing their first gig at Frodsham Festival in 2011. Recently, they recorded one of their own songs and two covers. Their song (Shout It Out) is now available on iTunes.

Sunday 12 May 10am - 4pm

11am chocolate workshop

Free chocolate workshop by Ministry of Chocolate. Learn about the history and origins of chocolate, chocolate tastings and make your own chocolate products. Places are limited. Reserve your ticket by texting 07970798247 with the word CHOCOLATE or collect your ticket on the day from the information point.

1.45pm Janis Anderson School of Dancing

Following on from their success at their latest show, Jenny will be directing a

group of 30 dancers.

2pm chocolate workshop

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2pm It's a Knock Out

Organised and Officiated by Frodsham's very own Ron Sayle.

Yes teams, you will get wet but it will be great fun. There can only be six teams of 8 members. If you would like to enter please visit www.cheshirehive.co.uk. The minimum age is 14 on the May 12th 2013.

Throughout the weekend

Ride on the 50ft Helter Skelter
Winner of Frodsham's Be My Bee Competition will be announced
Roll candles at the Cheshire Beekeepers' stall
Make bee hotels and clay beehives and bees at Norton Priory's stall
Face painting
Bee friendly plant sales
Children's wildflower and sunflower planting
Arts and crafts and other bee related activities

Plus visit Castle Park Arts Centre's Animal Artist Association exhibition.

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