

F&DHS Heritage Shop Project 2017



• **103a Main Street** •

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The chiropodist occupies the former carriage entrance to 101/103 Main Street. These houses, which were built in the early 19th century, are Grade II listed. They were, in the 1860s, a private boarding school, Frodsham Academy, founded by Rev. Robert Pringle Borwick, a Presbyterian minister from Scotland. In 1871 there were 23 boarders, whose dormitories were in the rooms above the carriage entrance. The classroom was over the stables at the rear. By 1881 Rev Borwick had moved his school across the road to what is now the Yuet Ben and renamed it Manor House School.

This building was then occupied by a series of chemist shops. In 1891 it was Frederick Dunsford, chemist and dentist, who had moved his business from the south side of Main Street.

Ad 1891

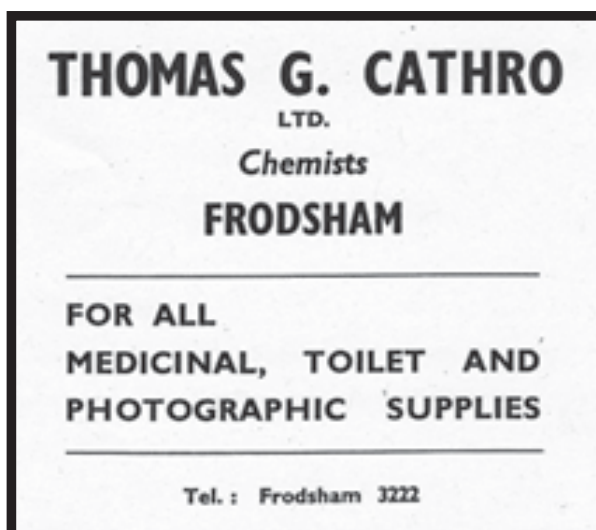
F. W. DUNSFORD, Chemist and Dentist
Member of the
Pharmaceutical Society **FRODSHAM.**

From 1899 Arthur Kennerley, chemist and druggist, lived here. His advertisement in Bennett's Business Directory reads "Patent medicines at store prices for cash". He was followed by Arthur Maxwell Kneale, who hailed from the Isle of Man.

In 1914 Thomas Gorrie Cathro bought the business. This business thrived and remained in Frodsham for many years, Miss Dorothy Cathro taking over on the death of her father in 1945. For a period in the late 1930s/40s the shop took over the role of post office until a new one was built. Miss Dorothy Cathro acted as the post office assistant.



TG Cathro's Chemist shop c.1914



Ad 1960



Ad 1985

In the 1970s when Miss Cathro decided to retire the business was bought by Mr M Pollitt, a junior pharmacist there, who retained the name "Cathro". He later bought Earlam's chemist and transferred the dispensing side to that shop in Church Street. When Cathro's finally closed it was a café specialising in ice creams for a short time, before becoming a bookmakers.

The former carriage entrance was converted to a chiropody surgery c.2002.