



News Release

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Tuning up for Weaver Words, Frodsham's First Literature Festival

Former Cheshire Poet Laureate Andrew Rudd and virtuoso violinist Daniel Axworthy are weaving together a magical evening of poetry and music to open Weaver Words, Frodsham's first Literature Festival.

They launch the 12 day festival with 'Word Weavers: Three Poets and a Musician' in the company of two other leading North West poets, John Latham and Alicia Stubbersfield, on Wednesday 29th August at Frodsham Community Centre.

Andrew, from Frodsham, is also celebrating being chosen to take part in a maj



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poets selected by North West Libraries, with each poet providing one poem to be published on posters, postcards and a calendar, featured in libraries all over the region.

The poetic dozen, which also includes Weaver Words performers, Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and John Lindley, will each present two days of events in different libraries across the North West.

Andrew said: “I am delighted to have my work selected for Poetry Places 2. I worked a lot with libraries when I was Cheshire Poet Laureate. In quiet and often unnoticed ways they add real value to our communities. Libraries are wonderful places for poetry.

“John Latham and Alicia Stubbersfield are both amazing poets, and it is marvellous to be sharing the opening night of the Festival with them. Daniel Axworthy plays the violin with sensitivity and passion - so you are in for a real treat. Daniel and I will finish the evening with the world premiere of a suite of music and poetry called 'Nowhere Else but Here'.”

The Weaver Words Festival promises a feast of literary performances, readings and fun workshops for both adults and children. Carol Ann Duffy will be appearing at Frodsham Community Centre on Wednesday 5th September and Dr Who writer Eddie Robson escapes from the Tardis to launch a special science fiction weekend on Saturday 1st September, complete with Daleks.

Marking Charles Dickens' 200th anniversary will be talks by academic Juliet John and a dramatised version of *A Christmas Carol* performed by Gerald Dickens at the Heathercliffe Hotel, in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice, on Sunday 2nd September

Wacky Tim Quinn's Marvel comics, crime writing, poetry events, an open mic night, a Daphne du Maurier afternoon tea at the Old Hall Hotel and numerous workshops in drama, cartoons, book-making and creative-writing are all included in the line-up.

Fun activities for children include a book character fancy dress competition at Frodsham Community Centre on Saturday 8th September and throughout August a Story Box Trail around town centre shops. Entry forms are available from Dandelion Gifts, Millmark Foods and Frodsham Community Centre.

The Weaver Words Festival runs from Wednesday 29th August to Sunday 9th September. A free 40 page brochure is available from Frodsham Community Centre, Dandelion Gifts, Castle Park, Frodsham and Helsby libraries. More details are on the festival website

www.weaverwords.org.uk and tickets can be booked online, through the Box Office 0845 557 7469 or in person at Frodsham Community Centre or Dandelion Gifts.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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