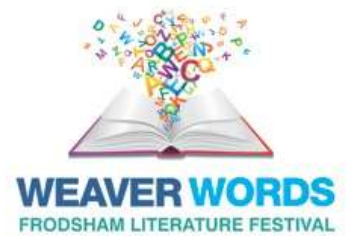


News Release

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Weaver Words, New Frodsham Literature Festival Glittering Line-up

A glittering literary feast of events, talks and workshops is now confirmed for Weaver Words, Frodsham's new 12 day literature festival, Wednesday 29th August to Sunday 9th September 2012.

Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and Charles Dickens' great great grandson Gerald Dickens lead an impressive line-up of authors and performers who will be appearing at venues around the town.

A free 40 page brochure is now available to collect from Frodsham Community Centre, Dandelion Gifts, Castle Park and other publicity points around the town.



Launching the new Weaver Words Literature Festival brochure are festival volunteers from Helsby High School, sixth form students, (left to right) Hannah Bergstrand, George Crawford Hunt and Laura Pegler.

The photo was taken outside the Old Hall Hotel in Frodsham, venue for the Daphne du Maurier event.

Promoted by Frodsham Community Association and supported by an Arts Council start-up grant, Weaver Words also includes the launch of a new children's writing competition, sponsored by the festival's patron, award winning Calendar Girls writer, Tim Firth.

A special Pre-School Children's Book Day on Wednesday 29th August marks the start of the festival and for the adults, a lively evening launch event of poetry and music with the *Word Weavers*, hosted by former Cheshire Poet Laureate, Andrew Rudd.

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

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 will provide a wide range of fun events for both adults and children to enjoy.

Festival Chairman Sue Thomson said: "Weaver Words is going to be a fantastic celebration of books and literature. The new festival really seems to have captured everyone's imagination. We've already had an amazing response from community groups and individuals supporting us and wanting to get involved. And we're still appealing for more volunteers who would be willing to help out during the festival period.

"Frodsham Community Centre will be the central venue at the heart of the festival but we are delighted that Castle Park, the Old Hall Hotel and the Heathercliffe Hotel will also be hosting events."

If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the festival project manager, Lynn Pegler at pm@weaverwords.org.uk.

If you would like more information about the festival, please ring the Box Office on 0845 557 7469 or check out the Weaver Words website, www.weaverwords.org.uk.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

For more information about Weaver Words, Frodsham's first literature festival, please contact Festival Manager, Lynn Pegler, on 01928 789042/07783 686246. pm@weaverwords.org.uk