



News Release

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Weaver Words tickets selling like hot cakes!

Tickets are flying out for Weaver Words, Frodsham Literature Festival, which returns in April (2-6) for five days of events, talks, workshops and competitions.

Since the box office opened at the beginning of February, booking has been brisk, particularly for some of the literary workshops and for the performance by the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy on Friday 4th April.

A literary lunch with festival patron, Tim Firth, writer of *Calendar Girls*, who will be speaking at the Forest Hills Hotel, earlier in the day, is also proving a popular attraction.

Entries for a new adult creative writing competition, the Frodsham Flash Fiction Prize, sponsored by Cheshire legal firm FDR Law, are also beginning to pile in. The deadline is Friday 14th March for submitting an ultra-short story of 300 words or less. Prizes worth £500 are on offer to authors of the best fiction.

Festival manager Lynn Pegler said: "I'm delighted to say tickets have been selling like hot cakes. We still have a month to go but at this rate we hope there will be several sell-out events.

"The support for Weaver Words has been amazing. There is a real buzz in the town about what is happening. Lots of people have come forward to volunteer their help. And we are particularly grateful to our sponsors: the Arts Council, Frodsham Town Council, local solicitors FDR Law and Cheshire West & Chester Councillors Andrew Dawson and Lynn Riley who have secured us £1,000 from their Members' Grant Fund. We have also been lent lots of fascinating World War One memorabilia and a big thank you goes to Frodsham and District History Society in particular.

"I've heard of all sorts of people who have had a go at writing their first ever story, thanks to the flash fiction prize. A 300 word piece is not quite such a daunting challenge as a full short story and it's wonderful the competition has been responsible for sparking so much local creativity."

A free 28 page Weaver Words brochure is available to collect from Frodsham Community Centre, Dandelion Gifts, Castle Park and other publicity points around the town.

For more details see the festival website www.weaverwords.org.uk. Tickets can be purchased online, through the box office 0845 557 7469 and in person at Frodsham Community Centre or Dandelion Gifts.

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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