

## News Release

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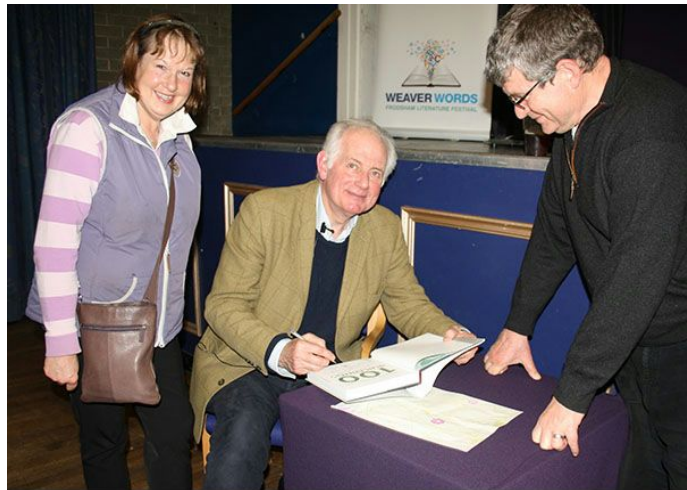
### Tickets flying out for Weaver Words Literature Festival

Tickets for literary events and creative workshops at Weaver Words, Frodsham's five day literature festival in April, are flying out.

Most popular are bookings for much-loved poet Roger McGough on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and TV architectural historian Dan Cruickshank on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April - both likely to be sell-out events.

Also going down well with literature enthusiasts is *An Evening with Charles Dickens*, a performance of his best-loved stories by his great great grandson, actor Gerald Dickens, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets are also going fast for *Word Weavers* on the opening night Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, featuring Frodsham poet Andrew Rudd and violinist Daniel Axworthy; Jo Bell, former Cheshire and Canal Poet Laureate, reading her



**Don Cruickshank**



**Jo Bell - Canal Poet Laureate**

waterway poems aboard the Anderton Boat Lift boat on the River Weaver on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April; and the final Gala Night Celebration featuring Jaywalkers, John Gorman and the launch of a new illustrated poetry book *Salford Quays Unlocked* by local writer Lynn Pegler.

Festival chair Prof Sue Zlosnik said: “All the events are proving popular, particularly the big names. Unlike some of the larger literary festivals, Weaver Words is also very much about community involvement. We are running a wide range of creative workshops for people to try new skills from writing comedy to ‘*Words for Well-being*’.

“Both adults and children are invited to sharpen their wit as well as their pencils for two wonderful workshops on creating cartoons by cartoonist Colin Shelbourn. There is also a one-day writing course involving a nature ramble on Frodsham Hill, led by celebrated Frodsham writer Katharine Norbury who now teaches creative writing at Goldsmiths, University of London.”



The festival is supported by the Arts Council, Peel Group, FDR Law, Frodsham Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester councillors Lynn Riley and Andrew Dawson.

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 of all festival events check out the festival website [www.weaverwords.org.uk](http://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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