



## News Release

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### Weaver Words Weekend planned for September

Weaver Words, Frodsham's successful literature festival, will be back on stage again this September with a one day fund raising spectacular in preparation for an exciting five day festival in April 2014.

Two of the most popular events from the town's first literature festival in September 2012 are being reprised on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Frodsham Community Centre to raise funds for the main festival which will run Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

A giant book exchange and coffee morning will get the day off to a literary start from 11am -1pm. Former Cheshire Poet Laureate Andrew Rudd will again be hosting an entertaining mix of poetry and music with *Word Weavers 2*, featuring the stunning violinist Daniel Axworthy and guest poets. His event starts at 8pm and tickets are £8.

And in the afternoon, Professor Sue Zlosnik follows in the footsteps of author Daphne du Maurier, with an afternoon tea and a new talk *Daphne du Maurier's Cornwall*, starting at 3pm. Last year a similar event sold out within days but for those who did manage to get a ticket, there's still much to discover about the life and work of this famous writer. Tickets cost £10, including afternoon tea.

Sue, who lives in Frodsham and is Professor of Gothic Literature at Manchester Metropolitan University, has now taken over as chair of the Weaver Words Committee from Sue Thomson who continues as a member.

Sue Zlosnik said: "The response to last year's first festival was tremendous. More than 1,300 people attended events and over 300 school children entered the creative

writing competition. The feedback was fantastic and everyone said they were keen for it to become a regular event.

“It took a super human amount effort from lots of volunteers to stage a 12 day festival last September so we have decided that in future we will make the main Weaver Words Festival a biennial celebration and aim to concentrate more events into a shorter period.

“At the moment we are in discussion with a number of high profile figures from the literary world, so watch this space for more details of talks and workshops to be included in the April 2014 festival.”

Booking for the two ticketed events on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 opens on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. Tickets will be available from Frodsham Community Centre, Dandelion Gifts or online at the Weaver Words website, [www.weaverwords.org.uk](http://www.weaverwords.org.uk).

The Weaver Words Committee is very keen to recruit new members to help with running the 2014 festival. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the festival project manager, Lynn Pegler by emailing [pm@weaverwords.org.uk](mailto:pm@weaverwords.org.uk).

## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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