

### Corona Lockdown Issue



### WEAVER WORDS FRODSHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL

#### Frodsham's Biennial Literature Festival is Postponed

In the last issue, way back in February we were proud to announce the return of our Literature Festival, thanks to the grant from the Arts Council and support from local groups.

Unfortunately we spoke too soon. The much loved festival was incompatible with the need for Social Distancing to combat the spread of Covid-19 and had to be postponed until the same time next year. The good news is that the line up of artists is largely unchanged.

See [www.weaverwords.org.uk](http://www.weaverwords.org.uk) for more details, competition entry, and online ticket sales when the box office reopens in 2021.

#### Other Postponements

Just about all the major events planned for summer and autumn are expected to be rescheduled.

The Panto Group hope to hold their auditions in September.

Performances by Zodiac and the Frodsham Players are also expected to take place later in the year.

In August we will be looking at all the remaining Bookings and Affiliations with a view to preserving as many as possible.

FCA staff will reappear about this time to service the confirmed bookings.

Our next Blood Donor Session has been scheduled for Thursday 6th August. The NHS operate an online advance booking service to minimise queuing.



### Temporary Closure of the Community Centre

As one group after another started cancelling their bookings in March we were concerned that we would soon be unable to continue paying the FCA staff. Thanks to the Government's furlough scheme all the paid staff all still on our books looking forward to getting back to work.

When that will be will depend on the loosening of the lockdown constraints and the adoption of safer working practices by all who use the Centre.

Only one group has continued with us through the lockdown and that is the NHS Blood Transfusion Service. They have been able to operate with a safe distancing policy and extra cleaning of surfaces, door knobs etc. When the other Centre users come back they may have to do something similar.



#### FCA AGM 2020

Usually we hold our Annual General Meeting on the 4th Wednesday of June. In the current circumstances this would be difficult, if not impossible, and we would not be in a good position to make any decisions about the future of the Centre. Our management team has therefore decided to postpone the AGM to coincide with the next FCA Council meeting in October.

Hopefully by then the bookings and financial position will be clearer.

#### Friendly PayPal

As part of our measures to reduce the risk of spreading infection associated with the handling of notes and coins we have been investigating alternatives to cash and cheque payment.

Many of our user groups who have group bank accounts pay by bank transfer and this is to be encouraged. There are however some less formal groups who prefer cash. Paypal have recently offered a service that allows you to make payments using your smart phone simply by scanning a QR code and entering the amount you wish to pay. You can also collect money from members of your group by creating a Money Pool.

This requires participants to have personal Paypal accounts but that is much simpler to set up than a group bank account.

We are also improving the facilities for payments using credit and debit cards.



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#### The 200 Club is still going strong.

The winners for the last 3 months are listed below. They are all members of the FCA and make a contribution of £5 per month. Half of that is returned in Prize money (better odds than the lottery!). The rest goes to the upkeep of the Centre Building. You can join the 200 Club online by following the Membership link on our website 'Centre.frodcomm.org.uk'.

We are currently offering free FCA membership to all those who join the 200 Club during the lockdown.

#### 200 Club Winners - March 2020

No 027 R Mitchel	£300
No 016 S Warren	£50
No 026 C Dillon	£25
No 038 T Slator	£15
No 098 A Shaw	£15

#### 200 Club Winners - April 2020

No 051 Mr & Mrs Lloyd	£50
No 031 K Blasbery	£25
No 024 M Jacks	£15
No 066 V Salisbury	£15

#### 200 Club Winners - May 2020

No 076 BJ Warren	£50
No 061 G Bury	£25
No 152 P Dempsey	£15
No 004 SE Mackenzie	£15

#### Frodsham Downhill Run 2020

Unfortunately our local Rotary Club have had to cancel the Festival in the Park this year. Consequently the Downhill Run will not take place but we do hope to run it next year..