

# Centre Points

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## Source of Weaver Words

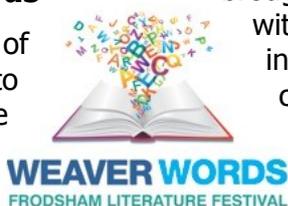
Early in 2011 a group of people got together to consider the future of the old 'carnival' and see if there was something else FCA could do instead. We wanted something to include the whole community, raise funds for the centre and work around the traditional fairground visit at the beginning of September.

A number of ideas and suggestions were raised but most popular was an Arts Festival and the next meeting decided that perhaps 'Arts' was too wide a concept, but what about a Literature Festival?

A new and very enthusiastic committee was formed with 'new faces' from all over Frodsham joining Sue Thomson, Graham Reeves and Lindsay McGregor from FCA. FCA also appointed Lynn Pegler as project manager and the bid to Arts Council England was successful with a grant of £10,000 so there was no looking back. Another grant of £1,000 came from the CWaC councillors' budget and smaller donations have come from WEA, Mid Cheshire College and Foreshaws Davies Ridgeways LLP Solicitors as well as support from many local groups and businesses.

After much debate and many suggestions "Weaver Words" became the title for Frodsham's first Literature Festival and Tim Firth accepted the invitation to be the festival patron.

Each member of the committee



brought a wealth of talent with fantastic ideas, wide interests and many, many contacts to bring a diverse and exciting programme together. The committee has also embraced the challenges of this new festival for Frodsham creating a range of events to appeal to all ages and tastes, producing a stylish 40 page brochure, providing a new web site with on-line ticket sales, managing venues, box-office contacts and contracts. And not only that: Sue Zlosnik, Lynn Pegler and Lindsay McGregor will be leading events from Daphne Du Maurier to under fives storytime.

Many of the Weaver Word events are taking place at the Community Centre but also at Castle Park Arts Centre, Castle Park House, Heathercliffe Hotel, the Old Hall Hotel and Frodsham and Helsby Libraries. Local shopkeepers have joined in and supported the story box trail – an adaptation of the advent boxes normally seen at Christmas – and added special displays to the shop windows.

During the festival we are also welcoming 'festival makers': volunteers from surrounding areas willing to act as stewards at events, provide tea, move chairs and make sure everyone is having a good Weaver Words experience.

Weaver Words 2012 may be the first Frodsham Literature Festival but we're sure it won't be the last and hope that with the enthusiasm generated by our audience and the

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community  
another will  
take place in  
2014.

## Evening Steward.

Groups who meet regularly in the evenings may have noticed that Chris Riley has been off and volunteers have covered the office over the summer. Chris hopes to be back in October so we are looking to appoint a temporary evening steward for a couple of months.

If you would be interested in the position, please get in touch with Berit Beech as soon as possible.

## Summer Clean

Taking advantage of the quiet summer period and in preparation for the Weaver Words Festival, volunteers and have carried out some painting and general maintenance around the Centre. Thank you to everyone involved and please look out for future opportunities to join in.

And the Good Fairy who led the team and put in more hours than anyone is Berit Beech. Thank you Berit (and thank you John).

## Welcome Back

It would be helpful if all groups could forward their programmes to Jean in the Office and Elaine Prisk for 'What's On'. Copies can be emailed to publicity@frodshamcc.co.uk or leave a copy in the office.

## FCA 200 Club Winners

### July Monthly Draw

145	C Bradford	£50.00
5	C Royle	£25.00
65	L Whittingham	£12.50
134	D Jackson	£12.50

### August Monthly Draw

101	B Bateman	£50.00
15	D.L.Thomas	£25.00
115	J Snelson	£12.50
9	D Speed	£12.50