



Maria Stripling – Chair

Maria has been the Chair and Festival Director of DAF, since setting it up five years ago. She is standing for the post of Chair of the new DAF Board and very much looking forward to working with all of those who have been involved with DAF in the past, as well as the new members of the Board, and future volunteers.

Maria lives in Didsbury with her husband Robert, Midge the family dog and two cats. She is a member of the Albert Tennis Club and enjoys tennis and walking. She also organises the Didsbury Open Gardens charity event, which involves local gardeners opening their gardens to the public, in aid of local charities. Maria hopes to support DAF for years to come and is keen to see local organisations and community groups also supporting DAF. She looks forward to seeing the festival evolve through continued community engagement and lots of new artistic ideas.