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## LOTS TO DO AT FORDHALL FOR 2013

Well, 2012 is done and dusted. It was a busy year and we loved every second of it! We've now got to get on with the next 12 months ahead of us.

The Tearoom, Farm Shop and Offices were closed over Christmas, so we all had a well-earned break and a chance to re-charge the batteries... Ben the Farmer on the other hand has had to keep on going through the festive season! All his piglets are now weaned and all the ewes are in lamb ready for March! The cows have enjoyed the mild winter out in the fields and have still been able to graze the grass for most of it! Although, the standing water has meant the ground has become quite boggy... bring on the spring sun!

We are starting to organise our volunteer weekends, events, courses, workshops, music nights, school visits, guided walks, functions and holiday activities as well as keeping Arthur's restaurant and the Farm Shop on top form.

Here is a sneak peek at some of the exciting things we have coming up this year...

We are fortunate to have one of the country's most sought after comedy shows 'Can You Dig It?' to perform here at Fordhall on Sunday 3rd March. Jo Stephenson and Dan Woods are two of the UK's finest comic songwriters – they have come up with the best vegetable cultivation-based musical comedy show ever!

Tickets for the evening are £20 and include a delicious supper from Arthur's Restaurant at half time. (Discounts are available for children and those who don't want to eat).



Next up, we have the wonderful **Brigit Strawbridge** (from BBC2's It's Not Easy Being Green) coming to Fordhall to hold a **Bee Aware Workshop** on Saturday 1st June. Learn about the importance of bees as pollinators and the problems they face. Brigit will take participants on a walk around Fordhall, whilst teaching about this beautiful, but endangered species. Tickets for the workshop are limited and cost £25. This full day workshop will include a two course lunch from the tearoom and refreshments throughout the day.

We have some brand new courses this year, including **Introduction to Green Wood Working, Biodynamic Workshops** and an **Easter Wreaths Workshop** – as well as the very popular **Basket Weaving Workshops**. For more information, or to book on any of these courses, please do get in touch and do remember that all profits made are reinvested into our educational work at Fordhall. Tel: 01630 638696 or email [project@fordhallfarm.com](mailto:project@fordhallfarm.com)

So, here's to a jam-packed and fun-filled 2013 at your local community owned farm!

*See you soon!*

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