



Dear Friends,

Following on from last year's momentous Diamond Jubilee celebrations and a spectacular day that saw around 5000 people enjoying a huge street party on Farsley Town Street, Farsley Festival is pleased to announce that it is back for 2013, with plans to be even bigger and better than before!

Taking place on Monday 27th May, between 1pm and 5pm, the festival will draw the Spring Bank Holiday weekend to a close by once again stopping the traffic on Town Street and inviting the whole community to come out and enjoy their village in style. This free event is supported by Leeds City Council's Outer West Area Committee and this year's theme is a celebration of all things Farsley; including the village's history and heritage, the local schools, community groups and businesses, and of course the people.

There will be activities and fun aplenty, with something on offer for everyone. Plans include inflatables, arts and crafts, a mini teepee festival for the little ones, music, games and more. Everyone is invited to pack a picnic and grab a seat at one of our street party tables or take your choice from a range of culinary delights from the best of Farsley's eateries.

Families are encouraged to join in this year's sheep parade, titled 'who do ewe think ewe are?' and celebrate Farsley's history as a mill town, by hunting for weird and wonderful sheep, made by local schools and businesses. Organisers are also keen to find out if Farsley's got talent and are inviting all local bands, choirs, singers and dancers to perform on our community stage. Acts already confirmed include a tea dance band and Bollywood dancing.

Also new for 2013, a makers market of locally produced food and crafts will occupy the car park of Sunny Bank Mills, providing refreshments and showcasing the artistic talents of Farsley. It is hoped that following its launch at this year's festival, the makers market will be a regular fixture in the village. If you are interested in being a stallholder keep an eye out for details on our website or get in touch with team.

The team behind the festival are eager for as much as Farsley to be involved as possible and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support the event both by helping on the day itself and joining a local steering committee, who can think creatively and come up with wild and wonderful ideas to try at the festival over the coming years. If you think you could bring something to the team please get in touch.

Please find attached an information sheet detailing specific ways your school/business/community group can be involved.

If you have any questions or ideas about the festival, please contact the team on 07861622940 or email farsleyfestivalgroup@gmail.com. Look out for more information in coming weeks on farsleyfestival.wordpress.com or follow us on Twitter @farsleyfestival.

Hope to see you all at the party!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Howard and the Farsley Festival Group.