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The Settle-Carlisle Railway: Scenes from the Line

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Weekend visitors to Settle's historic Folly and museum will be able to enjoy two special attractions, alongside the full range of current exhibitions. A new Settle-Carlisle Railway room has recently been opened, featuring as its centrepiece a scale model of Settle station as it was in Midland Railway days. The model, which is nearly 5 metres in length, was made by the late Mr. Norman Wilkinson, who constructed it during the 1950s and 60s and subsequently bequeathed it to the museum. Mr. Wilkinson's interest in the line began when he was a pupil at Giggleswick School in the 1920s and it is this period in the life of the station that he depicts in minute detail. The model and its painted backdrop of Settle have recently been cleaned and restored with the aid of a grant from the Yorkshire Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and help from members of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line. Also on show is a fine sequence of black and white photographs of the line and a varied collection of memorabilia and artefacts from Midland Railway times.

On Bank Holiday Monday, visitors will have the chance to watch and ask questions of a member of the Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers who will be demonstrating the art of hand-spinning throughout the day.

The Folly is open during the holiday weekend on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, from 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. Further information about the history of The Folly, other exhibitions and visiting arrangements is available on the website at www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly.

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