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News from the Folly (Settle & District Community News, Nov 2010)

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Writing this as the season draws to a close, I'm reflecting on the fact that we have hosted two stunning and colourful exhibitions and had great success with other activities. Katharine Holmes is so popular and her exhibition 'A Malham Family of Painters' generated a lot of interest, both locally and further afield. Her talk, which was a sell-out, was followed by a traditional Yorkshire Dales tea, most of the recipes coming from her mother's kitchen.

At the end of July that exhibition came down, to be immediately replaced by Andy Latham's 'Landscapes of the Ribble' and 'Water Works' by Settle Photographic Group alongside a museum display of Water in North Craven Life, Work and Leisure. So the Folly went all watery with an easy guided walk, led by Veronica Caperon covering some of the local water features and encouraging people to learn how to take better photographs. Then followed a talk (another sell-out) by Mike Clarke on the history of the Leeds/Liverpool canal and a family activity in August to make a water picture. So many children came and so many strange and wonderful creatures were made that it was a bit of a zoo – in more ways than one!

The latest family activity, entitled 'Drawing Down the River' was part of an annual national event, 'The Big Draw'. Led by local artist Sam Dalby (who drew the river) people of all ages were encouraged to come along to the Folly and make a contribution. Trees, ducks, fish, boats, bridges and I suspect a dinosaur or two made their appearance. The resulting work of art can be seen in the Folly parlour if you happen to be coming to any of our next three events. These are:

- 'Call My Bluff' on Thursday Nov. 11 at 7.30 which will be a chance for you to test the experts, with a glass of wine as encouragement
- 'Make a Christmas Tree' on Saturday Nov.27 at 2.00pm;
- and our annual Yuletide event on Saturday Dec.11 from 10.00 – 12noon when mulled wine and mince pies will be served and you will be entertained with seasonal words and music.

Throughout the season, on Saturdays, we have been serving coffee and biscuits or tea and scones, trying to generate some much needed funds. Being an independent museum, we have to charge for entry, but even so, expenditure exceeds income. Behind the scenes, work continues cataloguing and labelling items in the museum collection, filling in forms to apply for financial assistance, meetings, making and distributing posters and tickets – and more meetings! Grateful thanks to all our volunteers who help with these tasks and turn up faithfully week after week to act as stewards.

Dates for the diary

Thurs Nov. 11 at 7.30 'Call My Bluff' Test the experts with the help of a glass of wine
Tickets £6.00 available at Settle T.I.C.

Sat. Nov. 27 at 2.00

'Make a Christmas Tree' a family activity involving tinsel glitter and glue/

Sat. Dec.11 10.00 – 12noon
Mulled wine and mince pies/ Seasonal words and music
Free entry – Refreshments £3.00

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