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News from The Folly (Settle & District Community News, December 2013)

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Although our main opening season finished on 3rd November, there is still plenty of Christmas cheer to enjoy at The Folly during December. An important date for your diaries is 7 December at 7.30 pm, when the costumed Leeds Waits, playing on period instruments, make a welcome return to The Folly to celebrate a 17th century Christmas in front of a roaring log fire. This promises to be a very entertaining evening, with a certain amount of audience participation, so please book your tickets in advance since space is limited! A few days later, on 10 December, drop in between 10 am and 12 noon for mulled wine and mince pies and the very last chance to see all our 2013 exhibitions. If you're looking for a special present, we have a number of Folly-themed stocking fillers to tempt you and the chance to order a print of a remarkable drawing of Settle made in 1940 by a 15-year-old Pudsey schoolboy, Geoffrey Jenkinson who went on to become a professional artist in the USA.

During the winter months, we have a great deal of work going on behind the scenes, involving the museum collections and preparations for next year's exhibitions. We are particularly looking for someone (maybe a member of Settle Photographic Group?) who has the necessary equipment and time to digitise a collection of 35mm plastic slides. These were taken in the 1960s and 1970s by the late Dick Hilton of Newby and record the flora of North Craven. They form an important resource, which would be made much more widely accessible through digitisation and we should be extremely grateful for any offers of help.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Folly during December.

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