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**News from The Folly: We Made The Market Place (Community News Oct-Nov 2011)**

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The family activities at The Folly had a slightly different format this year. Instead of a selection of activities throughout the season, usually on a Saturday, it was decided to hold three art-based activities on consecutive Tuesdays in August. The Folly team started their planning in Autumn 2010 - aided, abetted and inspired by two local artists, Linda Clemence and Liz Smart.

The first activity was "Creating a Craven Countryside Collage". Liz and Linda created a magnificent background (in the Parlour at The Folly) which involved The Three Peaks. Although there were not many children at the first session, there was a lovely atmosphere as the children (from the Middle East and Mexico!) created horses, stone walls, the Ribbleshead Viaduct, "The Fellsman" train, trees, wagons and roads.

The second activity was an ambitious plan to recreate Settle Market Place. This had involved a great deal of planning and preparation on Linda's and Liz's part involving architectural plans and many boxes (kindly donated by Folly volunteers) and a series of wonderful photographs of the buildings in the Market Place, taken by Naomi Clemence (Linda's daughter). About a dozen children (and parents and grandparents) attended this event and all worked very hard to recreate some fantastic replicas of the beautiful buildings in Settle Market place. Two Settle Town Councillors, Steve Amphlett and Tony Hardwick, also attended and seemed to enjoy the activity.

The last activity, again very well attended, was a "finishing off" period. Some children completed buildings started the previous week and then added more to the collage (caterpillars for the trees!).

The resulting collage and "Market Place" look wonderful and are on display in The Parlour at The Folly – DO COME AND SEE THEM! Apart from Liz and Linda, many Folly volunteers worked very hard to enable these activities to take place but a special mention must be given to Andrew Lord, a student at Settle College, who did his Work Experience at The Folly in July and came and helped at every activity in August.

The next family activity is on Oct 30, 'The Big Draw', which is a national event and will be led in the Folly by local artist Sam Dalby. Watch out for reminders in the local press. The current exhibition closes on Oct. 31 but the Folly will be open again for a Christmas family activity on Sat Nov. 26 when we will be making Christmas decorations. And talking of Christmas, advance notice of mulled wine and mince pies on Sat. Dec 10! See you then.

**Dates for the Diary Section**

- Sunday Oct. 30 'The Big Draw' National event led by local artist Sam Dalby in the Folly
- Saturday Nov. 26 'Make a Christmas Decoration' A family activity in the Folly.

- Saturday Dec. 10 Yuletide Event. Seasonal words and music in the Folly. Mulled wine and mince pies. Free admission Refreshments £3.00

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