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**News from The Folly (Settle & District Community News, February 2012)**

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We have an inspiring season ahead in The Folly, with four new exhibitions and a varied range of activities to appeal to all ages and interests. More detailed information will appear in the April issue of Community News, but to whet everyone's appetites, exhibition themes include

- the story of Dalesman magazine
- new portraits of local people by Settle-based artist Sam Dalby.

Later in the summer we shall be commemorating

- the 175th anniversary of the discovery of Victoria Cave; and
- the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in separate exhibitions.

The Diamond Jubilee year is also special for us in a more personal way. Those of you with long memories, may recall that the Museum of North Craven Life was founded as a Silver Jubilee project for North Craven back in 1977. We started life higher up Victoria Street in what is now Currier Cottage and our future home in The Folly was then but a distant dream.

35 years later we have much to celebrate and so we shall base our Diamond Jubilee exhibition around the theme of community celebrations. The aim is to gather commemorative objects and photographs from every parish in North Craven and put them on display in The Folly for everyone to enjoy, and we shall be very grateful for the help of Community News readers in enabling this to happen. We are looking for all kinds of items, not just those connected with different royal occasions such as Coronations, Weddings and Jubilees. For instance, they could also include things to do with Peace and Millennium celebrations and any special village, school, church and chapel anniversaries. If you have anything tucked away in a cupboard or drawer (e.g. mugs, plates, spoons, programmes, photographs, diaries, minute books, letters etc.) which you would be able to lend for a few months, I should be delighted if you would get in touch with me as soon as possible. We should of course take great care of all loans and display original material in locked cases.

For regularly updated information, please see our website [www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly](http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly) and look out for our 2012 leaflet which will be available in March.

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