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

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Three art-based family activities were held in early August in the Folly parlour on consecutive Tuesdays, the first being the creation of a large collage – 'Our Street Party'. This was left open after the activity and visitors to the Folly were invited to add their contributions (which some did) and is now on display on the upper staircase.

In the second week – 'You've been Framed' – children and parents decorated card picture frames and were then photographed in their frames. The resulting photographs will be emailed to the participants.

The last week saw great excitement with a wonderful cave (the creation of Nancy Forster, aided and abetted by husband Barry): children crawled through this with helmet and torch, noticing the flora and fauna carefully crafted by the Forster family.. They then went on to create their own cave inhabitants (not a few dinosaurs!) to add to a cave entrance created on the wall. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The artwork was inspired by Linda Clemence and Liz Smart with 'crowd control' by Susan Gleave and Elva Pryall.

We had a delightful event at the end of August with Nick Jones and Alan Daltrey presenting an evening of poetry and paintings entitled 'Along the Settle & Carlisle'. Nick's speed sketches and (slower) paintings from Armathwaite to Settle stations were all linked by the iconic red gas lamps and Alan's poems evoked the age of steam in both word and rhythm.

Looking ahead, on Sunday October 14 at 8.00pm you can sit round the fire in the hall to hear tales of faery, myth and mystery as part of the Settle Stories Festival. On October 21 we will be hosting 'The Big Draw' again led by Sam Dalby and on November 3 the Leeds Waits will entertain us with music performed on period instruments

Meanwhile, the two exhibitions, 'Victoria Cave Revisited' and 'Time to Celebrate' are running until the end of October and you can have a delicious home-made scone tea on Saturday afternoons.

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