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It's the last day of this year's exhibitions as I write and some of us are heaving a sigh of satisfaction. It takes an enormous amount of dedication on the part of our volunteers to prepare for and host, not only the exhibitions, but also the talks and children's activities and workshops. The good news is that visitor numbers are up by 44% on last year and though some days have been quiet, the overall picture is very encouraging.

There has been added activity behind the scenes this year, sorting, cataloguing, labelling and photographing the museum collection, writing articles for extra publicity and a wide range of administrative tasks. The behind-the-scenes team are a bit like the engine of a ship – none of the rest could function without them.

There is a huge autumn picture in the Folly parlour – a result of the Big Draw led by Sam Dalby in October. Owls, squirrels and a hedgehog feature among the autumn leaves but, try as I might, I couldn't spot a dinosaur, which is very unusual!

We have just two more events lined up for December: 'Christmas Fun at the Folly' on December 1 which is a children's activity taking place before the switch on of the Settle lights (maybe a dinosaur will feature at this event). The annual Yuletide Event will be on Tuesday December 11 with mulled wine and mince pies and this will also be the last chance to see the current exhibitions so do drop in. There will be a warm welcome!

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