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NEWS FROM THE FOLLY (Vibrant Settle March 2013)

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We reopen on 26 March with the promise of a varied and attractive season ahead. We begin with a double bill of exhibitions which will continue to 7 July. As reported last month, we are delighted to be hosting 'Victoria Cave Revisited' for another few months, to give people from all over the country the chance of visiting through the spring and early summer. Alongside this we are showing 'Climb up to the Moor', featuring original paintings by Wensleydale artists Judith Bromley and Robert Nicholls. Their work explores moorland life through the seasons, highlighting the fragility of the landscape and raising awareness of the importance of moorland conservation. The majority of Judith's paintings are oil on block canvas: land- and sky-scapes, portraits of the moorland floor, details of the geology and plant life. Painted especially for this project, Robert's are watercolour studies of moorland animals and birds. Students from Richmond School recorded birdsong, wind and water for a sound installation to accompany the exhibition and there will also be a film presentation of one piece of bog as it changes through the seasons. An intriguing aspect of the exhibition will be the 'Ground Cover' installation inspired by the moorland floor, to which visitors will be encouraged to add their own contributions. Signed copies of prints and of the book which accompanies the exhibition will be available for sale.

We are looking forward to the official opening on 13 April by the Chairman of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line of the redesigned Settle-Carlisle railway exhibition wall displays. On that same evening Nigel Mussett is giving a talk entitled 'Settle-Carlisle Railway: Busting the Myths'. This is bound to be popular and since space is limited, tickets are already available, so please book now.

During 2012 we conducted a pilot visitor survey in The Folly and are planning to extend this to cover the whole of the 2013 season. It was encouraging to discover that 93% of those surveyed last year rated their visit as 'excellent' or 'good'. So do come along and see what we have to offer and remember that for local people especially, our Season Ticket, priced at only £7 for a full year's admission, offers fantastic value.

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