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**News from The Folly (Settle & District Community News, June 2013)**

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As I write this on May morning, the sun is shining and we are looking forward to a wonderful weekend of Maytime activities, and a first outing for the new period dressing-up clothes which have been lovingly created by our talented volunteer team. These will be available for the rest of the season, so that children can dress up as they go round the house and be photographed in the parlour against a specially-painted backdrop. Parents and grandparents: if you're looking for something a bit different to do with the children close to home, do come in, have fun and take some pictures for the family album!

Looking ahead to 28 June we have an intriguing talk in store: 'Three Brothers Against Napoleon: the Dawson Family at War'. Philip Abbott of the Royal Armouries in Leeds will talk about his research into Pudsey Dawson (senior) of Bolton Hall and Langcliffe Hall and his sons William, Henry and Charles who played an active role in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic War, using original material from the The National Archives and the Royal Armouries collection.

By the time you read this, 'Victoria Cave Revisited' and 'Climb up to the Moor' will be on display for only a few weeks longer. If you haven't yet had chance to call in at The Folly, don't miss out on the opportunity of seeing these two excellent exhibitions and choosing a signed moorland print as a special present for someone (or even for yourself).

On 9 July both of these will be replaced by a very important commemorative exhibition entitled 'Family Stories: 150 Years of Discovery with the Yorkshire Archaeological Society'. We are delighted that the Society has chosen The Folly as their main venue in Yorkshire for this landmark exhibition and that it will feature three well-known Craven families: the Bollands of Settle, the Listers of Gisburn and the Wilsons of Eshton. In addition Folly visitors will have the rare opportunity of seeing the 15th century Fountains Abbey stock book and a Settle deed from the time of the Crusades. Watch the local press and our website for details of the many exciting events we have planned to complement this stunning exhibition.

For more information on the above, please visit our website <http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly>. Find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/follysettle>.

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