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Unbelievably, we are now entering the final weeks of our 2013 season and time is running out for those people who haven't yet been to see our 'Family Stories' exhibition. As well as giving fascinating insights into the lives of three very different Craven families, it provides some wonderful snippets of information about such everyday and essential matters as finding a good husband, making snail broth and what to wear if leech-gathering happens to be the way you earn your living. Our local dialect gets a good airing too – you can listen to Bill Mitchell chatting to Kit Calvert about Dales life in the early 20th century and read about conditions in Knaresborough workhouse where the Master describes his wife and Nutty 'as throng as three in a bed!' All this and a great deal more, together with a prize kitchen utensils quiz and a full range of really original activities for everyone in the family. Not to be missed.

The 'story' theme continues in the various special events we are hosting during October, which give everyone the chance of gathering round a good log fire in The Folly. On 4 October at 7.30 pm, Settle Sessions are holding an evening of poetry-readings, featuring Mike Barlow, winner of the National Poetry Prize, as well as plenty of local talent. The following week, on 10 October, we are delighted to be welcoming the Settle Storytelling Festival back to The Folly for 'Ignite: an Evening of Stories and Fire'. Who could resist a title like that?? Towards the end of the month, on 20 October from 12.30 – 4.30 pm we are once again holding our very popular 'Big Draw' event. Led by Settle artist Sam Dalby RP, this is a wonderful opportunity for everyone young and old to come together and create a big picture. No special artistic skills are needed – Sam is brilliant at bringing out the hidden talent in everybody.

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