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**News from the Folly (Vibrant Settle Newsletter Dec 2013)**

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Christmas in The Folly got off to a great start this afternoon (30 November), with a record attendance - 149 people - for our 'Make a Christmas Decoration' family activity. We were delighted that a large number of adults took part alongside the children and enjoyed looking round the house and exhibitions as well. By the end of the afternoon there was a wonderful smell of oranges and cloves throughout the building from the pomanders people had made - very Christmasy! Thanks to everyone who supported us and to our activity team for working so hard to prepare beforehand.

We're greatly looking forward to a return visit on Saturday 7 December from the costumed Leeds Waits who will be re-creating a 17th century Christmas round The Folly fireside. Richard Preston, who built The Folly in the late 1670s and his wife Lettice are returning to their old home for the evening and taking part in the festivities. If you enjoy a bit of time travelling in good company, reserve your tickets now since space is limited.

Our final event of 2013 and positively the last chance to see our highly-praised 'Family Stories' exhibition, takes place on Tuesday morning, 10 December when you can drop in to look round, enjoy mulled wine and mince pies and do some Christmas shopping with a difference at the same time. We have some great Folly-themed stocking fillers, a selection of local books and you can order a print of a remarkable drawing of Settle done by a 15-year-old schoolboy from Leeds in 1940.

We look forward to seeing you!

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