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News from The Folly (Vibrant Settle Newsletter, Feb 2015)

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We've got a varied programme of exhibitions and events lined up for our 2015 season, which opens on 31 March. Our new exhibitions are: '1915: Reality Hits Home' and 'A Community Skill'. The first of these continues our World War I theme from last year and looks both at life on the home front in North Craven and daily life for the men and women serving abroad. We shall focus on gas attacks and the tremendous role of the military padres in raising morale and tell the stories of two remarkable local men: Bertram Lambert, who invented the gas box respirator and Revd. Theodore Bayley Hardy, VC, MC, DSO of Bentham and Hutton Roof, who was the most highly decorated non-combatant in WWI. 'A Community Skill' showcases the museum's superb collection of Burton-in-Lonsdale pottery and explores the reasons for the development of the industry in Burton and the involvement of a high proportion of the local population.

Both these exhibitions will be supported by a lively mix of talks and other activities, including an Easter Party on 1 April for our younger visitors. More details next month but please make a note of the date now!

During 2015, The Folly will be open for a minimum of 161 days, involving nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer time contributed by our stewards and other volunteers who prepare the building for opening. This is a real community commitment for which we are enormously grateful, but inevitably every year some people have to drop out for a whole variety of reasons and we need always to be recruiting new stewards. Could you help in this way for a minimum of 4 hours per month? Stewards work in pairs for two-hour shifts, so how about recruiting a friend to come along with you and work together? No previous knowledge of The Folly or of local history is necessary. Full training is given and the main role of our stewards is to give a warm welcome to our visitors and make sure that everyone has an enjoyable time. If you like meeting people and would like to find out more, please do get in touch for an informal chat.

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