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News from The Folly (Settle & District Community News, Oct 2015)

We may be into the last month of our 2015 season but to tempt you in for another visit we have just launched a colourful new exhibition on the top floor. Textil/Juvel features the work of 8 contemporary craft artists from Sweden. You might expect materials such as wood, wool and reindeer skin to feature but the ways these familiar materials are used will be new to you. On display are vibrant textiles created using original techniques, large scale jewellery and designs using metal and seeds. You will not be able to miss our startling Packman! Display panels introduce the artists and allow them to tell the stories behind their creations. After the Folly closes on November 1st this touring exhibition, devised by Chrysalis Arts with KVHC of Sweden, will move on to Accrington and then Scarborough. Our exhibition on the potteries of Black Burton which includes the largest collection of Burton pots on public view also continues to the end of the season, a revealing slice of local industrial history.

Mike Brears was unable to give his planned talk on October 2nd because of other commitments, but Mike has promised he will be with us next year so watch out for the 2016 programme in the New Year.

Although the house and museum will be closed for the winter we will open up for The Big Draw on Sunday 2th October, 12.30 to 4.30. Part of the annual national celebration of drawing the session is open to everyone regardless of age or skill with a pencil. Help create something special for the Folly Parlour wall. We will also be hosting Settle Sessions' next gathering on Friday November 20th at 7.30 when the guests will be Ann Pilling and Chris Considine.

You must join us on Saturday the 12th December for our popular Yuletide celebration. Enjoy seasonal music from Octameron and festive refreshments. 10.00 until 12.00 Later that day from 2.00 to 4.30 we will be open for Christmas Fun at the Folly, our last family event of 2015. Our shop will be open for both events, your last chance to prepare for the winter power cuts by buying one of our candle holders available in onyx and fossil stone. There is also talk of a Christmas party for children so watch out for posters and keep an eye on our website.

Finally, although we will be closed winter light is perfect for taking time to appreciate the features on the front of this Grade 1 listed building. There are nine different styles of window to identify and spot the niches which probably once housed imposing carvings.

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