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### **News from the Folly (Vibrant Settle, March 2016)**

Here we all are once again, North Craven Museum volunteers meeting in The Folly to make sure we are all ready to re-open on March 22nd! We know that without us there would be no exhibitions, no-one to welcome our visitors, no one to keep our digital archives up to date, tidy the gardens and patch up the paintwork. Our reward is to see as many people as possible come in and enjoy an hour or so looking round.

We believe we have something to interest everyone this season. You may discover that a photo of someone you know, your home or your street, is on show in our opening exhibition, Back in Settle. This has been inspired by the successful Facebook group founded three years ago by Mick Harrison. Since then over one and a half thousand people across the globe have shared personal or family recollections and photographs of our area online, stories and pictures that would have otherwise been lost to us. Three members of the Back in Settle group have made a careful selection of these peeks at the past to create an unmissable exhibition which will be on view until June 5th.

On the top floor 1916: Chronicles of Courage continues our story of the First World War as part of the lottery funded Craven wide project. Discover the stories of local men and women who served their country in many different ways through that year of terrible battles such as Jutland and The Somme. 1916 was also the year when conscription was introduced and a time when conscientious objectors sought ways to honour their beliefs. Reconstructions of a section of trench and of a field dressing station will form a backdrop to accounts of outstanding bravery and humanity. There will be much more besides such as special exhibits to mark the Tour de Yorkshire's visit to Settle, a chance to share memories of Bill Mitchell, an opportunity to picture life as it really was in the shanty towns of Ribbleshead, and a new set of activities to tempt younger visitors. Later in the year we will celebrate the 199 year history of Zion Chapel which closed last year having once been the heart of Upper Settle.

We think many people will want to visit more than once this year and hope many will therefore take advantage of our money saving annual tickets which for just £7.00 give unlimited access to the Folly and its exhibitions during opening times for a full 12 months from the date of purchase. All our admission charges go towards The Folly's day to day running costs.

Our opening times are the same as last year:

- Tuesday, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm.
- Group visits welcome by appointment.

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