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Museum of North Craven Life: Re-opening for 2004: new Exhibitions: 'A Century of Service' & 'Education in Malhamdale'

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The Museum of North Craven Life, housed in Settle's historic Folly, reopens next Tuesday (6 April) for the 2004 season, with two new exhibitions for visitors to enjoy. The first, entitled 'A Century of Service', portrays the family business in North Craven during its heyday from Victorian times to the mid-20th century, when it lay at the heart of a community which was still largely self-supporting. The exhibition includes a fascinating range of objects, photographs, advertisements, bills and other memorabilia, illustrating the huge range of goods and services available to local people. As one advertiser put it: 'You can have the *variety* of a Town Shop with the advantages of *personal attention and sense of responsibility*. We allow 1/- (5p) in the £ for cash.' Visitors and local people alike will find much to stir half-forgotten memories of the good old days!

The second new display, which has been meticulously researched and mounted by members of Malhamdale Local History Group, has as its theme 'Education in Malhamdale, 1400-2003'. In an attractive series of panels, it traces the progress of education in the dale from the early chantry school in Kirkby Malham church, through to the present day, amply illustrated with documents and photographs.

The Folly will be open from 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. on 6 and 9-13 April inclusive. Thereafter, it will open over the May and Spring Bank Holiday weekends and subsequently every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 July to 30 September.

Further information about the history of The Folly, other exhibitions and visiting arrangements is available on the website at www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly or by telephoning (015242) 51388.

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