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### **News from the Folly**

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The Folly reopened at Easter for the 2005 season with two new exhibitions on view.

**Stitching the Story:** the making of the Airton Tapestry celebrates the achievement of a group of local people in and around Airton in Malhamdale. To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the building of their Quaker Meeting House, they researched and produced a skilfully embroidered panel which portrays people and events in Airton's Quaker history together with characteristic scenes in and around the village.

The second exhibition, **Settle in World War II**, marks the 60th anniversary of VE Day and offers a foretaste of a much larger display, **North Craven in Wartime**, which will open in July and continue until the end of October. This will portray many different aspects of life on the 'home front' in our area of Craven, including fundraising, farming, rationing, home defence services, evacuees, entertainment, celebration and much more. Specially highlighted will be the story of HMS Ribble which is being meticulously researched by Mr Billy Fell.

HMS Ribble was the ship for which the people of Settle Rural District raised an amazing £197,000 during Warships Week in February 1942. Also on view will be a video showing historic footage of Settle in wartime.

If anyone has material relating to life in North Craven during the war years: objects, cuttings, programmes, photographs, posters etc. which we might borrow or copy for the display, I should be delighted to hear from them as soon as possible, on (015242) 51388.

The Folly will open on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays from 10.30a.m.-4.30p.m, beginning on 2 July 2005. In addition it will open on Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 June, in association with the North Yorkshire Open Studios scheme, sponsored by Art Connections, when an exhibition of work by a range of professional artists from across the county will be on view.

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