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News from the Folly (November 2006)

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After a successful summer and extended autumn season, we have still much to look forward to before the end of the year. As previewed in the last issue of Community News, we are hosting a solo exhibition by Philippa Troutman from 19 November to 10 December, entitled 'The shanties of Ribblehead'. Philippa, who lives in a former railway house on the site of one of the shanty towns, has walked the area extensively, exploring the sites and researching their history. Her work, in the form of drypoints, etchings, screenprints and drawings is concerned with the lives of the men, women and children who lived in the shanties and will appeal to a wide audience. All the work is for sale and includes beautifully presented sets of cards featuring images from the exhibition.

'Deck the halls' is the title chosen by Alan Hemsworth and friends for their seasonal programme of music in The Folly on Saturday, 16 December. This annual event, at which mulled wine and mince pies are served from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, is becoming a well-established part of North Craven's Christmas celebrations, so do come along and join us if you can.

Meanwhile, we are planning two major exhibitions for our 2007 season. Settle College celebrates its centenary next year and research is underway to produce a comprehensive display featuring the life of the school decade by decade. If anyone has material to contribute, they are invited to contact Mrs Jennifer Gill at Settle College. The other main exhibition 'Elgar in Craven' celebrates the 150th anniversary of Elgar's birth and his important connections with our own area through his lifelong friendship with Dr Charles Buck. This anniversary coincides happily with the 40th anniversary of Settle Orchestra, whose members are also preparing to mount a small display of their own history.

For further information about The Folly and the Museum of North Craven Life, please see our website at <http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/>

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