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News from the Folly

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The Museum of North Craven Life will be open throughout October on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday 10.30am to 4.30pm. Extending the season by a month offers more opportunities to visit our current exhibitions “Farming Life and Farmsteads in the Forest of Bowland” and “Photographs from the Horner Collection”. Visitors through the season have been enthusiastic, many returned to explore displays in greater detail. The Folly is a recommended addition to your list for half-term.

Two groups, the Slaidburn Village Archive and the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group have combined to present displays of stonewall building methods, doorheads, plans and architectural features of farmhouses, timber houses and barns. Old farm implements and original photographs provide an evocative insight into traditional farming methods and family life. The research was collected in the Hodder Valley but similar features occur in the Dales.

A selection of photographs from the Horner Collection illustrates events and locations in the Settle area, a variety of transport methods and local people; it is interesting to look at the same places now. Anthony Horner took over the business at age 16 following his brother Michael’s death and “travelled around the area on foot with a handcart that houses a portable darkroom” making a unique record of the area and its inhabitants.

October will be the last opportunity to see these two exhibitions. Many visitors tell stewards that they will look at stone walls and farm buildings in a new light in future and how fortunate Settle is to have “such a beautiful building with an interesting museum”.

Two recent publications would make good Christmas presents and are on sale at The Folly.

- “Connections, Artists and Writers in North Craven”, price £3.99, is packed with information and an enjoyable read. There are many colour illustrations of artists’ work as well as trails to follow with links to artists and writers, these are equally enjoyable as winter armchair journeys.
- The Slaidburn Archive book “Old Sheepwashes of Bowland and Chipping” costs £5 and records life in farming communities, it is interestingly written with original photographs.

This year the Museum has been open for twice as many days as last year and has had a steady flow of visitors from many parts of the world. If you have not visited this year we offer a warm welcome and an interesting time looking around the house and exhibitions.

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Further information:

There are two events after the end of the season

- Thurs 20th November 2008: “Wigglesworth 100 years ago”. Talk by Margaret Graham at The Folly, 7pm, Tickets £5 from Lamberts News.
- Thurs 27th November 2008: “Photographers for a Century - the Horner family’s technology”. Talk by Colin Harding at The Folly, 7pm, Tickets £5 from Lamberts News.

Lamberts News, Cheapside, Settle, BD24 9EW; tel: 01729 823 580

Further information might be found on the following websites:

- Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group <http://www.yvbsg.org.uk/>
- Slaidburn Village Archive <http://www.slaidburnvillagehall.com/>
- “Connections, Artists and Writers in North Craven” www.ncbpt.org.uk/publications/