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**NEWS FROM THE FOLLY**  
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We look forward enthusiastically to another productive year, with a varied programme of exhibitions and activities which we hope will appeal to increasing numbers of visitors.

The season begins at Easter with an exhibition of work from community groups in North Craven inspired by our Archive Alive! project. Next, from late June to early August, we shall be hosting Sheep: from Lamb to Loom, which features the work of the Somerset-based painter Kate Lynch and sound artist Alastair Goolden who explore West Country sheep farming traditions and provide us with opportunities for comparing them with our own. As a complete contrast, from August to the end of October, we are showing, courtesy of The Craven Museum, an exhibition celebrating the centenary of the Craven Football Association, including memorabilia and photographs relating to many North Craven clubs. All three exhibitions will be complemented by a programme of on-going activities, talks and family events which will be advertised throughout the season.

Early in 2008 we ran a successful volunteer recruitment campaign, which enabled us to open The Folly for many more days. Once again, we are appealing for help, both with stewarding and/or a variety of 'behind the scenes' activities, e.g. work with the Museum collections, publicity, assisting with special events, etc. Full training is given and free car parking is available to volunteers who live outside Settle. If you feel you could help on a fairly regular basis, please do get in touch. Your support would make a real difference and help to put The Folly ever more firmly in the public eye.

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