

PRESS RELEASE 24.04.09

101 things to do with old books! Community Groups Celebrate

There was a party atmosphere on Thursday evening at The Museum of North Craven Life in The Folly, Settle, as over 50 representatives from more than 20 groups from across North Craven gathered for the opening of the Archive Alive exhibition, funded by the Heritage Lottery fund. The exhibition celebrates the innovative work done by the groups on projects inspired by a collection of local archives.

“You wouldn’t believe what could come out of a set of old books!” one visitor remarked. The projects are certainly diverse and creative – from film making and country dancing to banners and poetry. Some serious local research has also been inspired, for example the history of tourism in Clapham and the story of the Ingleton Waterfall Walks.

Settle’s Mayor – Barbara McLernon – and Hilary Hicks from the Heritage Lottery fund were in attendance, as was John Collins (the book collector and dealer whose collection inspired the whole project). John Miller, secretary and trustee of North Craven Building Preservation Trust who have managed the project, formally opened the exhibition saying how fantastic it is that so many more local people are now discovering the museum at The Folly and its collections. “This project really has brought the archives alive...and has opened up many opportunities for further co-operation between the museum and community groups”.

The exhibition continues until 23rd June (open Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10.30 – 4.30) with activities throughout the galleries – listen to poetry from 19th Century Long Preston and Dales country dance music; create a bunch of flowers with meaning and follow a trail of the most peculiar North Craven Dialect words – like ‘attercops’ and ‘bummelkites’ – can you guess what they mean?!

There really is something for everyone!

For more details drop into the Folly or ring Sue Mackay, Project Officer, on 0797 022 0979, email sue@ncbpt.org.uk

END

NB: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT TO FOLLOW ON MONDAY