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**2005 Opening: 'Stitching the Story' & 'Settle in World War II'**

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The Museum of North Craven Life, housed in Settle's historic Folly, reopens on Good Friday (25 March) for the 2005 season with a major new exhibition for visitors to enjoy. Entitled 'Stitching the story: the making of the Airton Tapestry', it celebrates the achievement of a group of local people who decided to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the building of Airton Friends Meeting House by designing and creating an embroidered panel. This colourful piece of embroidery forms the centrepiece of the exhibition, portraying people and events in Airton's Quaker history together with characteristic scenes in and around the village. Other sections follow the fascinating story of how the panel was researched and made and of its links with the long tradition of using stitches to tell a tale.

Also on view, and offering a foretaste of a much larger display planned to open in July, is 'Settle in World War II'. It focuses especially on the celebration of VE Day as the 60th anniversary approaches, together with the remarkable fund-raising efforts of the people of Settle Rural District in association with War Weapons Weeks. As reported in the Herald a few weeks ago, Settle people adopted H.M.S. Ribble during Warship Week in February 1942. Much interesting information about the ship is coming to light and will be featured in the display. Visitors will also be able to watch a video showing historic footage of Settle in wartime.

The Folly will be open from 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. on 25-29 March inclusive. Thereafter, it will open over the May and Spring Bank Holiday weekends and subsequently every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 July to 30 September.

Further information about the history of The Folly, other exhibitions and visiting arrangements is available on the website at <http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly> or by telephoning (015242) 51388.

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