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News from the Folly: January 2008

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Settle's historic Folly, home of the Museum of North Craven Life, is one of the very few wet-weather attractions in the area and is thus of great importance to the local economy. Until now we have opened from July to September on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, plus Bank Holiday weekends and the October half term. From 2008 we have decided to extend our season to run continuously from Easter through to the end of October (on the same three days per week), in order to meet public expectations and bring The Folly into line with most other visitor attractions. To do this, we urgently need to recruit more stewards. Volunteering is very enjoyable and rewarding in the lovely surroundings of The Folly, with a changing programme of exhibitions, and one meets many interesting and appreciative visitors. Stewards work in pairs for a 2-hour session. Full training is given and as from next season free car parking will be available to stewards who live outside Settle. If you feel you would like to help and could offer a minimum of 2 hours per month for all or part of the season, please contact me on (015242) 51388. Your support could make a real difference and would be enormously appreciated!

Our first exhibition of 2008 will run from 21 March to 6 May and is of paintings by Annie Farrer, one of the country's foremost botanical artists, who grew up in Clapham. Annie has recently begun experimenting with different techniques and methods of working and her Folly exhibition, entitled Plant Forms on Paper: a Fresh Approach provides a first opportunity of seeing some of her new work.

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