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“Sheep: From Lamb to Loom” (June 27th – August 4th 2009)

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The next exhibition in the Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly, Settle, which runs from June 27th – August 4th, is truly unique. Called “Sheep: From Lamb to Loom”, it is the result of three years of fieldwork by the artist Kate Lynch as she followed seven sheep-farming families in Somerset and Devon with her sketchbook. She chronicles the sheep and wool at market, in the tannery and in the workshops of wool graders, spinners and weavers. Alastair Goolden accompanied Kate, recording sounds and voices. The resulting collection of Kate’s charcoal sketches and oil paintings with Alastair’s textured sound installation, evokes the working lives of shepherds, artisans and craftspeople and is a celebration of our age-old relationship with sheep.

Complementary Yorkshire displays are being provided by Lawkland Young Farmers, Skipton Auction Mart sheep sales and the Wool Marketing Board. Local businesses have given examples of how wool is used and their work will be on display.

Throughout this exhibition, The Folly will be open on Wednesdays in addition to the usual Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 10.30am – 4.30pm.

During the exhibition there will be opportunities for hands-on experience.

- Tues June 30th 10.30-4.30pm: “Sheep to Shawl”: Can we card and spin the wool and knit a shawl in just one day? Come and cheer us on and help us out.
- Mon July 6th: 10.00am-4pm: Felt Making Day School with Vicky Mulligan, local artist, £25 including materials, teas and coffees. Places must be booked in advance at The Folly.
- Tues Aug 4th: Make a sheep! Collage or felt a sheep souvenir of Settle

For more information on any of the above, please see our website at <http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/> or phone 01729 822 893.

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