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**News from the Folly (Vibrant Settle eNewsletter, Aug 2013)**

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Just had a good start to the month with a great colour feature in the Yorkshire Post magazine (link to [pdf](#), 358kb) about The Folly and our 'Family Stories' exhibition celebrating 150 years of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Yorkshire's largest and oldest history society, in which the writer names both the YAS and The Folly as 'historical gems'. If you haven't yet been in to see this excellent exhibition, do come along and bring your friends and family. There are plenty of games and activities to keep everyone occupied!

We've got a lot going on this September. In the afternoon of 7th, from 2 - 4 pm, Shirley Jones of the West Yorkshire Archive Service will be running a free family workshop for everyone to have a go at writing a charter with a quill pen, using historic ink and finishing it off in style with a wax seal. Later on that day at 7 pm, Shirley, who is Head of Conservation for the Archive Service, will give an illustrated talk about the highly skilled and painstaking process of restoring the 15th century Fountains Abbey stock book, one of Yorkshire's greatest treasures. The stock book, which is currently on display in The Folly, records the livestock kept by the monks of Fountains on the lands then owned by the Abbey and includes several references to Craven farms, such as Trenhouse on Malham Moor. Shirley will explain the various stages in the restoration process and show how a book of this period was constructed. The stock book, now in the Bradfer-Lawrence collection at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds has a further interesting local connection. Well-known Settle archaeologist and collector, Tot Lord had originally acquired the book for his Pig Yard Club museum and passed it on to Harry Bradfer-Lawrence who was a frequent visitor to Tot's home at Townhead.

We are once again taking part in the annual Heritage Open Days scheme and so on Sunday 15 September there will be free admission to The Folly and the chance to dress up and join in with a full range of activities, including a prize kitchen utensils quiz! A few days later, on Friday, 20th, Dr David Johnson will be giving a talk on the historical landscape of North Craven. David's talks are always very popular, so be sure to book your tickets early.

Last, but by no means least, we are delighted that the museum's model of the Ebbing and Flowing Well in Giggleswick has been restored to full working order thanks to the considerable efforts of Mike Slater and Ken Waters. The model was originally made in 1988 by the late Jim Nelson and Jim Leach as a memorial to Stanley Simpson who had died the previous year and who was a founder member of the original museum committee. It is a great pleasure to have the model working again and to hear and see the well water ebbing and flowing just as it should. We'd be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers seeing the real well in action.

For information on our events, please see: <http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/events/>.

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Appended: Two images of 'before and after' in connection with the Fountains Abbey stockbook talk - an amazing piece of restoration work.

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