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**News from The Folly (Vibrant Settle Newsletter, Jan 2015)**

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A very happy and prosperous New Year from everyone at The Folly and may it be a good one for Settle!

At this time of year people often ask whether we are enjoying putting our feet up for the winter months while The Folly is closed. Nothing could be further from the truth! In addition to planning next season's programme - more of that next month - we have a wonderful team of volunteers working hard behind the scenes on a whole range of jobs connected with organising the museum collections, admin, IT and maintenance. We have around 10,000 objects, photographs, documents and printed items in the museum collection, providing an important resource for people from our immediate area and all over the world who want to learn about our heritage and history, either directly or through our website, by letter or e-mail. The public and especially those with North Craven connections have a vital part to play in ensuring that material of local significance is brought to our attention rather than finding its way into the nearest skip. During 2014 we have received a number of interesting donations, including personal items belonging to the late Alf Sewell, who, along with Tot Lord, discovered Sewell's cave and a medal unearthed by a metal detectorist, struck in 1875 to commemorate the presentation of two lifeboats to the National Lifeboat Institution by the people of Settle. Sometimes particular exhibitions cause further material to come to light and this has been very much the case in 2014 where people have come forward with fresh information and items relating to World War I and the Riley/Longstaff families. Extending our knowledge of the North Craven area is one of the most important aspects of the museum's work and we'd like everyone to be on the alert for what may be lying in long-forgotten drawers and cupboards or making an appearance in car boot sales - it's amazing what can turn up! We're always happy to help enquirers, so do get in touch.

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