

# Settle Flagmakers

Settle Flagmakers were an ambitious and talented group of craft workers formed in 2001 as part of Settle Community Festival. In 2002 the Flagmakers created a series of Medieval style flags celebrating Settle and created a wonderful fantasy medieval pavilion in the Market Place to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

After several years, Settle Flagmakers ceased to exist as a group but Settle's talented crafters continued to create works of art and those are admired wherever they are shown.

Treasure Island allowed us to play host to a tropical island with a display to warm the darkest winter day in the Yorkshire Dales. Visitors marvelled at the knitted parrot and Settle's only palm tree. Some were so enthralled that they made their own contributions as reported in the local press.

Top left: Jeanne Carr and Veronica Allsop, two of Settle Flagmakers bringing their unique art to Gallery.

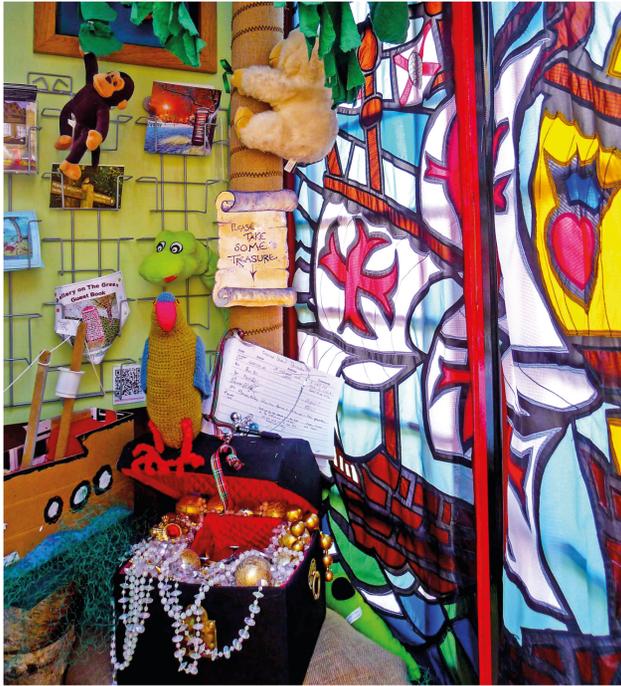


## Twelve Days of Christmas

The marvellous Twelve Days of Christmas astounds everyone with its seventy-eight intricately knitted figures acting out the famous song. We are pleased to show it here in the Folly.

During the 16th Century, Catholics were not allowed to practise their faith. In order to teach their children their basic doctrines, they made up nonsense songs so as not to arouse the suspicions of non-Catholics. Today everyone enjoys the song and the pleasing images.

Below: The skill involved in making these little figures would be a challenge to even the most experienced knitter.

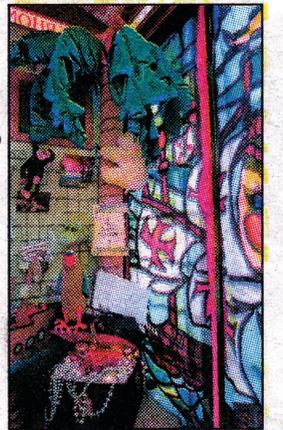


The knitters of the 12 Days of Christmas. These ladies were not Flagmakers but came forward in response to an article in Community News.

Back row: Jeanne Carr, Catherine Holland, Shirley Crosby, Alison Tyas and Joyce Elliot. Front row: Jacqui Lewington, Betty Beesley and Janet Lillywhite.

## Monkeys left in phone box gallery

Local "artists" have really thrown themselves into the Treasure Island exhibition at Settle's Gallery on the Green. As readers may know, the gallery is located in a former telephone box and has become a popular attraction in the town. And, for its latest exhibition which conjures up a tropical paradise, it invited visitors to leave a Christmas card. But, as gallery trustee Alison Marshall explains: "Visitors have not only left Christmas cards, but also added another parrot, various monkeys and other creatures, plus a snake. We are calling this positive vandalism! Some galleries may worry about theft from a location that is always open, 24 hours a day all year round. Instead, we get contributions."



Above: A newspaper clipping from the Craven Herald.

