

## The Membership Secretary The Folly Fellowship

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# I want to join the the *Folly* Fellowship



## Benefits of membership

Every year you will receive our widely acclaimed magazine *Follies* and the academically praised *Follies Journal*. In addition, members with email have access to regular e-bulletins. As a member, you will be able to visit follies, parks and gardens not normally open to the public. Regional Secretaries regularly organise expeditions around the country and in continental Europe and new members are warmly welcomed. Membership of the Folly Fellowship is open to all. No qualifications are necessary, just an interest in, or enthusiasm for, these quirky examples of our architectural past, and present. By joining us, you will be helping to preserve this remarkable aspect of our heritage.

Full details of membership can be found on the attached slip. If the slip is missing, membership enquiries can be made via the web site at <http://www.follies.org.uk> or by emailing [membership@follies.org.uk](mailto:membership@follies.org.uk)



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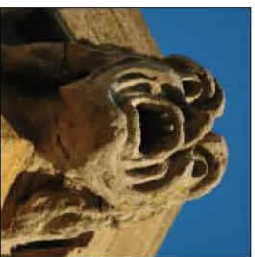
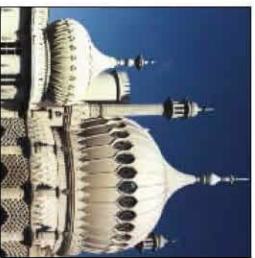
welcomes new members

Welcome to the Folly Fellowship, the amenity society set up in 1988 to protect, preserve and promote awareness of Britain's unique heritage of follies, grottoes and garden buildings in our environment.

## What is a folly?

In Britain alone, the Folly Fellowship has recorded over 1,500 sites which boast follies, grottoes or garden buildings. However, it is impossible to define absolutely where architectural extravagance ends and true folly begins. Few areas of expertise will have so many varied and borderline cases. The folly is to be found in a state of mind, rather than in architectural style or function. If you believe a particular building to be a folly, then folly it is. Folly is in the eye of the beholder; after all, when creating a folly, "the builders threw away the rules."

Lord Berner commented of his folly at Faringdon, Oxford: "The great point of this tower is that it will be entirely useless."



## What is the Folly Fellowship?

The Folly Fellowship was founded in 1988 to protect, preserve and promote follies, grottoes and garden buildings. Initially a group of enthusiasts keen to record what was at first seen as a peculiarly British aspect of architecture, it has grown into a serious conservation and consultative architectural heritage charity, while not losing sight of the basic fact that these buildings are meant to be fun – they were built for pleasure before purpose.

An early realisation was the international flavour of the genre. Although the British Isles can count more follies per square mile than any other region, there are examples to be found all over the world and the Fellowship has organised visits to outstanding folly sites in Continental Europe as well as across the United Kingdom.

Existing members come from all walks of life – from academics, architects and artists to photographers, plumbers and postmen – with one key link: a common interest in where architecture, landscape, history and the eccentric collide.

## How do I join?



Membership of the Folly Fellowship is open to all. There are various categories of membership; please check this list to see which applies to you, then fill in the form, make out your cheque or money order to "The Folly Fellowship" and send it to:

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- Individual (£25)       Joint (£30)
- Donation .....

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