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**NEWS FROM THE FOLLY IN SETTLE (Bentham News - April 2008)**

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From 2008 we are extending our season from Easter through to the end of October, opening on all Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm. Our first exhibition runs until 6 May and is of paintings by Annie Farrer, one of the country's foremost botanical artists, who grew up in Clapham. Annie has recently begun experimenting with different techniques and methods of working and her Folly exhibition, entitled *Plant Forms on Paper: a Fresh Approach* provides a first opportunity of seeing some of her new work. Annie herself will be present on certain days during the exhibition to talk about her painting. Please contact me for further details if you are interested.

Following this are two more exhibitions with strong local connections. *Farm Buildings in the Forest of Bowland*, features material from the Slaidburn Village Archive as well as items from our own collections, and explores farmsteads and farming life and tradition in the Bowland area. Alongside, we shall be displaying, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Ken Jelley and the Craven Museum, a selection of photographs from the Horner Collection, depicting 19th and 20th century local life and events.

The detailed content of all our exhibitions this year means that we hope many people will be inspired to make return visits. To provide for this we have produced Season Tickets which give the holder unlimited access to The Folly until the end of October. The tickets cost £5 each and we are inviting people who are UK tax-payers to consider gift-aiding their purchase, which will enable us to claim back tax on the full amount. Since we receive no revenue funding from any outside source, this would be a most valuable way of visitors making a small extra contribution to the costs of keeping The Folly open. Season Tickets also make ideal presents for family and friends.

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