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**NEWS FROM THE FOLLY (Settle & District Community News April 2008)**

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Firstly, I should like to thank all those who responded to our appeal for volunteers in the last issue of Community News. We have been able to recruit a substantial number of new stewards and are now looking forward to our extended opening season with fresh confidence! If anyone is still thinking about volunteering, it is certainly not too late to get in touch and I should be delighted to hear from you.

At the time of writing, preparations are well advanced for our first exhibition, Annie Farrer's *Plant Forms on Paper: a Fresh Approach*, which opens on Good Friday and runs until 6 May. This promises to be a stunning show and provides a great opportunity for visitors to enjoy examples of Annie's work from all stages of her artistic career, including her latest experimental techniques. Annie herself will be present on certain days during the exhibition to talk about her work. Please contact me for further details.

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.

Please contact me or visit our website at [www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/](http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly/) for further information on any of the above.

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