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News from the Folly: the Horner Collection and Farming in Bowland exhibitions. (Settle & District Community News June 2008)

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Hard on the heels of Annie Farrer's enormously successful exhibition of paintings, there follows 'something completely different'. We are delighted to be able to display, on loan from the Craven Museum, 24 photographs from the Horner Collection, together with further examples donated to us by the Horner family. These portray events, landscapes, buildings and people in different areas of North Craven, spanning a period of about 100 years. We are very grateful to Mrs Jean Jelley and her family for allowing us to dedicate the exhibition to the memory of Ken Jelley, a greatly-valued Folly volunteer and highly-accomplished photographer who took over the Horners' business in 1961 and ran it until his retirement in 1997.

Alongside this is an important display designed by Heritage Trust for the North West, entitled 'Farming Life and Farmsteads in the Forest of Bowland', which is about the work of Slaidburn Village Archive and the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group who have visited and recorded the history of a number of farm buildings in the vicinity of the Hodder Valley. The exhibition also contains fascinating illustrations of some of the historic farmsteads further afield, around Settle and Bentham, together with old farm implements from the collections of North Craven Building Preservation Trust and Heritage Trust for the North West.

Both of these exhibitions run until 28 October, making the purchase of a Folly season ticket for £5 an attractive investment. There is much of interest to local and family historians, as well as lovers of fine photography and architecture. Come and see!

These two exhibitions commence on May 10th 2008.

Please contact me or visit our website at www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly for further information.

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