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**NEWS FROM THE FOLLY**  
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2009 was a very successful year, with our greatest-ever number of opening days, four different exhibitions and a varied range of talks and family activities. The Folly is increasingly being seen as one of our area's top visitor attractions, with plenty of interest for local people as well. In 2010 we shall be celebrating our tenth season since opening the newly-restored building to the public and we intend to make it a memorable anniversary, with many special events throughout the year. Our first exhibition, 'A Malham Family of Painters', opens on 30 March and includes work by three generations of the same family of artists: Katharine Holmes, her mother Philippa and her grandmother, Constance Pearson. Alongside their work, we shall be mounting displays illustrating life in Malhamdale, especially during the war years, using many of Constance's letters and family possessions. Talks and other activities will accompany this exhibition so look out for full details of these, together with the rest of our 2010 programme in our new leaflet, available later this month from the TIC and on our website at [www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly](http://www.ncbpt.org.uk/folly)

Our tenth anniversary year is a good time to thank our loyal band of volunteers who have worked so hard to keep The Folly open and the Museum running throughout this period. Some people may not be aware that we have no paid staff at all and no regular funding from any outside source. Our volunteers are absolutely vital to us and provide a really important service to our local community and economy. In order for us to continue, we need to recruit more help. Working in The Folly and being involved with the Museum is very enjoyable and if anyone would like to have an informal chat about volunteering possibilities, please contact the Hon. Curator, Anne Read on 015242 51388 or Pat Simpson on 01729 822361

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