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## MUSEUM OF NORTH CRAVEN LIFE LAUNCHES ITS 2012 EXHIBITIONS

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The 2012 programme at the Museum of North Craven Life in the Folly, Settle, opens with two exciting exhibitions: 'Off the Page: the Story of Dalesman Magazine' and 'Portraits by Sam Dalby'.

Anne Read, Hon. Curator of the Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly says, "We are delighted to be opening our 2012 season with these two landmark exhibitions. Both are firmly rooted in the Craven area but will appeal to visitors of all ages from far and wide. Sam Dalby's portraits of local people continues a tradition established by Dalesman in its earliest years, of showcasing the lives of notable local residents and his portrait of former Dalesman editor, Bill Mitchell makes a special link. Alan Bennett is our President so his portrait will seem very much at home in The Folly."

A special feature of the exhibition – and one which will be of particular interest to art collectors both locally and nationally – is an auction for Sam's pencil drawing of Alan Bennett. Sealed bids, starting at an initial price of £500, are invited and the winner will be announced when the exhibition closes on 1 July. Sam has kindly agreed to donate all money raised to The Folly Appeal.

Both exhibitions will be held at the Museum of North Craven Life, The Folly, Settle BD24 9HS from 3 April to 1 July 2012 inclusive. The Folly is a stunning exhibition venue. Built in 1679 by Richard Preston, a wealthy lawyer, it is listed Grade I in recognition of its outstanding architectural importance and is being restored by North Craven Building Preservation Trust, a registered charity, as part of a phased rescue and development project.

Dates and opening times: Tuesday, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm. Group visits welcome by appointment.

- Car parking nearby at Greenfoot pay & display or in the Market Place.
- Admission charges go towards the Folly's day-to-day running costs:
- 16 and under – free; adults – £2.50; (gift-aided £2.80); concessions – £2; (gift-aided £2.20); season tickets – £6.

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