

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

GILLIANS LANE, BARNOLDSWICK, BB18 5QR,
NEAR TO COLNE AND SKIPTON

Steaming, Sunday 2nd October 2011

Our steaming might have been an anti-climax for many of the visitors to Bancroft last Sunday. The chimney at Fernbank Mill in Barnoldswick was due to be dropped across the site at some indeterminate time after 1.00pm when the traditional fire was lighted to burn away the heavy props supporting it at one side. As the timbers burnt through there was a moment of drama when a steel band from around the chimney snapped and fell to the obvious dismay of one of the demolition gang who was a trifle too close and not wearing his hard hat. When the dust had settled over the sad remains of yet another defunct Barnoldswick Mill, visitors left the site and started to arrive at Bancroft.



Amongst guests was a couple who had two parents working in the mill pre 1930, we've been able to add their names to the growing register of ex employees. The list has nearly reached the 300 mark! Can you add to it?

Tom Fryars, a regular who is well known for his collection of old Crossley vehicles including this one shown here, paid a visit. The vehicle is immaculately presented and restored, it was much admired.

On Monday immediately following our steaming we had a visit from children of level 5 at the Church School in Barnoldswick, all anxious to learn about the cotton industry in their town. They had a talk from JimG followed by a tour conducted in two parties by Jim and HarryM around the site. The visit closed with an impromptu sing-along by the children, it was nice and something of a practise for their planned visit on 20th November to entertain us all.



Our next steaming is on 23.10.11 when we expect to feature "Stone the Crows", a Welsh Morris Dancing Group.

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