

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

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Steaming Sunday 5th June 2011 from 1.00pm to 4.30pm

Our Bancroft Engine will steam as usual with weaving demonstrations, artefacts, Cornish boiler under steam, model engines, all on view. The shop and cafeteria will be open as usual, free car park on site.

The Bradley engine rebuild continues and will again be open to view. The two main parts of the base are assembled, levelled and virtually ready to accept other parts. All after stitching of one of them due to cracks.

Current activities include preparation of patterns for the main shaft bearings as the "brasses" were missing; an outrigger half-bearing differs somewhat from the other bearings and will require its

own pattern. The big end pin is the subject of a little re-work as it displays roughness on the journal and a not insignificant taper as well. The big end brasses are past their useful life, a design for the wooden pattern is complete and Trust members have the capability of machining this particular bearing after casting, the original brasses are beyond re-use or repair. Regrettably, outside help will be needed to machine the main shaft bearings.

Finally we are delighted to mark Fred Frot's return home at the start of the week after an absence due to a spell in hospital, he is progressing well and expects to visit us at the mill this weekend.

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