



BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

GILLIANS LANE, BARNOLDSWICK

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Steaming Sunday 5th June 2011

Steaming proceeded as usual without a hitch on Sunday and was well attended; we had a special welcome for our popular member and engine driver Fred Frot seen here on the day. Fred has been quite unwell and hospitalised for some time under intensive care. Members and visitors alike were delighted to welcome him back – to light duties. Fred was accompanied on this occasion by his family from France.

The Bradley engine rebuild continues and was again open to view, grouting was taking place over the weekend and there was maintenance work elsewhere in the museum.

We have been conducting free guided tours around the museum site over the past few weeks that have proved to be a welcome addition to our programmes. Therefore from Saturday 11th June we shall have this facility available on a regular basis with tours starting at noon and at 2.00pm. The tours remain free of charge but a modest donation is always welcome. A guide to the mill has been produced in a publishable version; negotiations are ongoing to have it printed.

Talking of free events, Bancroft Mill will again be taking part in the Heritage Open Days Scheme and will be open to all on Saturday 10th September with a short engine run in the afternoon to warm it up and tours of the site as above. We are trying to organise staff so that we can open the cafeteria as well. On Sunday 11th September there will also be free entry with all the usual facilities functional, refreshments etc. The Trust hopes to present weaving displays on both days, a display of hand spinning is planned for Sunday, a new venture for the mill.

The next steaming is on Sunday 26th June commencing at 1.00pm, we shall be open to visitors and working at the mill on the intermediate Saturdays as usual.

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