

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

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## Steaming on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011

The mill enjoyed a fine group of visitors on Sunday despite early rain and some key volunteers being unable to attend. There was a family from Melbourne, Victoria, who arrived early and keen to see all followed by a lady from New Zealand with a local relative. Nearer to home there was a family from the Netherlands and a visitor from N. Ireland. The photo shows Alain T running the loom for the first time unaccompanied and weaving tea towels at a great rate. She is here dealing with a single broken thread – expertly! Alain joined us about a year ago and has spent time on the Bancroft engine and the Rockford Lathe under reconstruction.



The engine was started at 1.00pm by Mrs Caroline Thomason from Embsay who is depicted here, it was her first visit to Bancroft although Tony, her husband, once a marine engineer, visits quite regularly. Another visitor has been in touch with us for some information over the last ten days, she was then able to establish that she and another high-profile guest at the last steaming are actually related. They have both lived nearby for most of their lives and were totally unaware of the existence of the other.

Further work on the chimney is anticipated during the late summer and autumn with enquiries out for tender at the present moment. The next steaming will be on 28<sup>th</sup> August when we shall have Heather Sheldrik and Elaine Rose entertaining us. Following that will be ‘Heritage Days’ with free entry steamings, on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September and with a visit from His Worship the Mayor of Pendle on the 10<sup>th</sup>. More on all these subjects later.

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