

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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Our newest volunteer Alain Thompson of Barnoldswick starts the Bancroft engine for visitors during the opening steaming of 2011 on 13th March watched by her parents. Alain has worked throughout the winter, often in cold conditions, to keep the engine in pristine condition and to improve its appearance in many ways. Another of her ambitions is to learn to weave on our 1920's Pilling loom made in Colne, she has already had some initial instruction.

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A crowd of visitors saw the engine start at 1.00pm. An increase in the steam pressure from the boiler, in its 99th year, has improved the engine's performance although considerable work was necessary to achieve that end. Following winter tasks the engine is now very quiet and very smooth.

Visitors were plentiful including a family from the USA with Bancroft Mill on their visiting schedule. The mill car park was full almost throughout the day.



Final adjustments by Jim G. ensured a good start for the weekend.

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