BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

Steaming, Sunday 23rd October



Bancroft's second steaming of October 2011 featured a Lancashire, Welsh Morris Dancing group "Stone the Crows" who performed in the intervals. As there were up to 8 of them performing at any one time it was stretching Bancroft's resources as well as the skills of the dancers to find enough space in the engine hall for them. Dressed as ravens, with blackened faces, wielding a stout rod apiece they presented a spectacle never seen before at Bancroft. The other visitors (and volunteers) were very impressed. Alas a group of all black subjects in a group presents a very difficult subject to photograph. "Stone the Crows" brought their own musicians who performed from on the bridge below the rope race, some are shown here. There were also a tambourine player and a second accordion player.



We had a repeat visit from Ian Jowett whose father was Managing Director Of the Bristol Tractor plant at Sough, Earby, many year ago. His previous visit last year was along with the Jowett Owner's Club and the ex Bristol Tractor Company's employees who were each meeting the other group for the first time. He thus had no time to see Bancroft. He and his partner spent the whole afternoon with us and each started the engine under FredF's direction.

It was nice to see Geoff France again who is making a good recovery, and we understand that RoyF is well on the mend after surgery.

Next steaming is on 20.11.11, more details 7 days before the event.

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