

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

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AlfieM presents the Mayoress with flowers



Mrs Beach and John Wilson (Chairman) from Ellen Road Mill Museum

## MILL SETS THE SCENE FOR 2011

Bancroft Mill in Barnoldswick, after a very busy first steaming in March, has had a further two successful steaming days. The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Beckett spent a happy hour at the museum on 10<sup>th</sup> April with a tour of all the facilities followed by the Mayoress starting the Bancroft Engine in a short ceremony. She was awarded a certificate to mark the occasion.

Work done over the winter months has secured the continued safety of the boiler, now 99 years old, with a safety certificate valid for a further ten years. Its working pressure has been increased to fifty pounds per square inch ensuring easier engine starting especially in colder weather whilst giving better operating conditions for the engine. The Bancroft engine, in all its majesty, has responded positively to many new parts made by members over the last two winters. It is much more efficient and operates quietly belying the 91 years that it has been operating on the site of the former cotton mill.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April the museum was able to welcome a member of the Ellen Road Museum from Milnrow who was paying his first visit to Bancroft, he has lately taken the position of Chairman of this kindred Lancashire organisation. Whilst the Milnrow engine is the biggest remaining mill engine in this country, at 3000 horse power and with many volunteers, Bancroft has been able to offer help to its members with a new project that is in hand and new links have been forged between the two organisations. The static displays, almost unique to Bancroft, drew much favourable comment whilst provoking thoughts of similar displays at Milnrow. There were two visitors from Toronto, Canada, who spent much time at Bancroft.

Work done by volunteers in Barnoldswick over the last 30 years is providing an interesting and stimulating trip for visitors whether steam aficionados or the general public. The next steaming is on 15<sup>th</sup> May when musical entertainment will be provided in the intervals.

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