

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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



Steaming, Sunday 28th August

Heather Sheldrick (l) and Elaine Rose (r), known as Bernulf entertained visitors at Bancroft Mill on Sunday. Their rise to fame several years ago was linked to self penned music that included "James and Mary Jane" named after the mill engine which, in turn, was named after the founder and his wife. It was an award winner. Naturally it featured amongst the performance at Bancroft, not for the first time, but it has been too long since the previous visit. For those who missed the chance to get their DVD: heathersheldrick@mac.com; will find Bernulf.

In between their performances the Bancroft engine ran impeccably having benefitted from many new bearings in the valve gear over the last two winters and an increase in steam pressure from 40psi to 50psi, still a far cry from the 160psi that was supplied to it when the mill was working.

Work continues on the Bradley engine, over the weekend the first major lift from the in-house-constructed lifting beam and supports took place with the high pressure cylinder being lifted into place. It represents an important step forward and was watched by our professional welder, John R. who made the fabrications. The Acrow supporting the beam represents no more than a belt and braces approach to the first big lift whilst the biggest challenge will be to lift the two flywheel halves later in the project. They stand at 4.4 tons each.



Bancroft will have a stand in The Square, next Saturday 3rd September on Barnoldswick Day when we shall be pleased to meet old friends and make new ones!

The above and more news on our website:

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