## BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

## Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick, BB18 5QR,

near to Colne and Skipton

www.bancroftmill.org.uk

Registered Charity no: 517795

## Sunday Steaming 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012



## BANCROFT: ART IN THE ENGINE HALL.

Visitors to Bancroft Mill at Barnoldswick on Sunday were once again able to watch an artist at work in the engine hall whilst the mighty mill engine ran gently in the background. The artist, Mrs. Noreen Lobo of Barrowford, produced near-lightning studies of visitors and volunteers throughout the day adding a new dimension to their visit. Subjects of all ages came forward and left with a souvenir of their day at Bancroft.

The Bancroft chimney has had long months of attention recently, the first service since it was last repointed and oiled by the famous Fred Dibnah about 14 years ago. Complete and without scaffolding it now looks like a new chimney against the backdrop of the hills surrounding the town.

Amongst many visitors was our life member Geoff Shacketon a noted steam expert and author of the "Textile Mills of Pendle and their Steam Engines". A native of Nelson, Geoff was educated at St Johns School and later at Colne Grammar School from where he went on to follow an international career in power plant engineering.

Bancroft will steam again on 22nd of this month when members of the popular Lancashire Society led by Sid Calderbank will entertain. More later.