

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

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Steaming Day Sunday 8th April

Easter Sunday opened bright and clear, we had visitors from shortly before 11.00am with several taking the guided tour. It was a successful day's steaming with visitors from far and wide including an executive member of the International Stationary Steam Engine Society and his family who had travelled from their Easter break location on the Fylde coast. In sole charge of the Bancroft Engine was Tony Nixon, a comparatively new member, who epitomises the possibilities open to members. The engine gave its usual impeccable performance whilst a brief stop was made for a boiler inspection during the afternoon. Propagation conditions for the Craven Amateur Radio Group could hardly have been better with all high frequency amateur bands available from the start of proceedings. The group's first call brought a reply from Siberia and contacts came thick and fast thereafter. Bancroft was complimented on the fact that its website is always (!) up-to-date so that contacts can view the museum whilst in contact with CRAG.

During this week we have had a number of lovely letters from children of St. Joseph's R.C. School in Barnoldswick telling us how much they enjoyed the talk that we gave them and their visit to Bancroft. The letters will be on display in the museum over the coming months.



Chris Evans, who did much to preserve the Bradley Engine whilst it was still in Cross Lane Mill, has been a frequent correspondent and visitor since his move to Scotland a few years ago. He has exercised his talent for steam and his charm on owners north of the border to promote the restoration and operation of unused horizontal steam engines in some distilleries. This beautiful specimen of a small engine is in the Ardmore Distillery at Huntly, originally founded in 1898 at Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire by the Teacher family. The engine was built by Geo Chrystal of Perth.

(Photo by Chris Evans)

There are more pictures and news items on the "Current Newsletter" page of the website.

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