

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

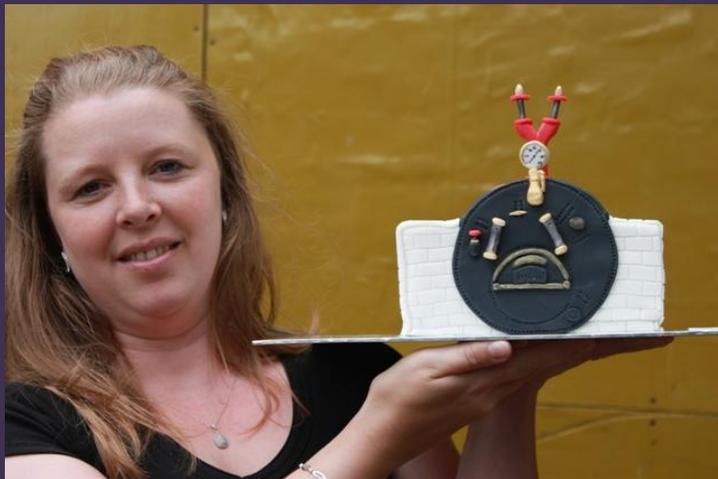
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## Sunday Steaming 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012



### BANCROFT'S CORNISH BOILER –



#### 100 years-old BOILER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

A magnificent replica of the Bancroft Mill Cornish boiler was kindly presented to Bancroft by Mrs. Angela Williams of Barnoldswick on Sunday to be ceremonially cut and sampled by visitors and members alike. The boiler was officially commissioned 100 years ago last Tuesday. Mrs Williams, who recently has started to operate as Fondant Fantasy in the town made sure that

the cake, was complete in every detail having water sight glasses, pressure gauge, a safety valve and glazed brickwork. It was a serious shame to cut it, yet apart from being aesthetically impressive it was a very nice cake and not a crumb was left! Angela is seen here delivering the VERY unique cake.



The steaming coincided with an official visit from the Ridings Region of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club; members took a guided tour of the museum in two parties concluding with Mrs Josephine Ascott from Birstall starting the Bancroft engine in celebration of her own birthday.

Some Jaguar owners are seen here enjoying a piece of cake.



Mrs Sally Edmondson (R) of Steeton officially cut the cake, assisted by our Mrs Barbara McCarten. During the visit the Bancroft car park was graced by a number of beautifully-turned-out Jaguars, alas without any of the celebrated D or E types. A Vee 12 that purred its near silent way into the mill yard attracted much attention.

L: Barbara and Sally in cake cutting mode.



L: Mrs Ascott starting the engine aided by our Tony Nixon.

Meanwhile we were able to welcome members of the Barnoldswick 41 Club who spent much of the afternoon at the mill on a tour and mingling with other visitors, it was their first official visit and, they say, not their last.

A kind and anonymous person has mailed me some press cuttings from Times Leader newspapers and the Craven Herald, I'm very grateful, thank you! H.

### Heritage Days.

Our next steaming is the annual event where all are admitted to the Bancroft Mill Engine Museum free of charge. For this we shall steam on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September with the usual opening times. More details of times and extra attractions in our next issue due to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> September.