

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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Steaming of Sunday 18th March

The 2012 Steaming Season opened to nice weather and an enthusiastic crowd. The familiar Bancroft Mill chimney still carried ladders and scaffolding bearing witness to the ongoing steeplejack work to secure its future, the last major attention that it had was from the famed Fred Dibnah some 13 years ago when the work was filmed for TV. Visitors to the steaming were greeted by increased cafeteria space for 2012 and a resited reception.

All the other winter work was complete and the 91 year-old engine started and performed well to the delight of a big crowd. 2012 marks the 100th birthday of the Cornish boiler that supplies steam to the main and auxiliary engines, it has a certificate to steam for the current season but will require some work over next winter.

The Bradley engine rebuild project continues, work has slowed down a little during the early part of 2012 due to other commitments but the machinery has the appearance of a nearly finished engine now.

The crowd were entertained by a group of local musicians known as "Busquers" for periods during the afternoon, Bancroft's Peter Robinson (seen on the right) was amongst them and some short lessons in stringed instruments were given to interested children, the music was delightful.

Next steaming is on 8th April when there will again be an Amateur Radio demonstration station provided by Craven Radio Amateur Group, more details in the next newsletter.

An extended version of this newsletter appears on our website.

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