

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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Sunday 22nd July

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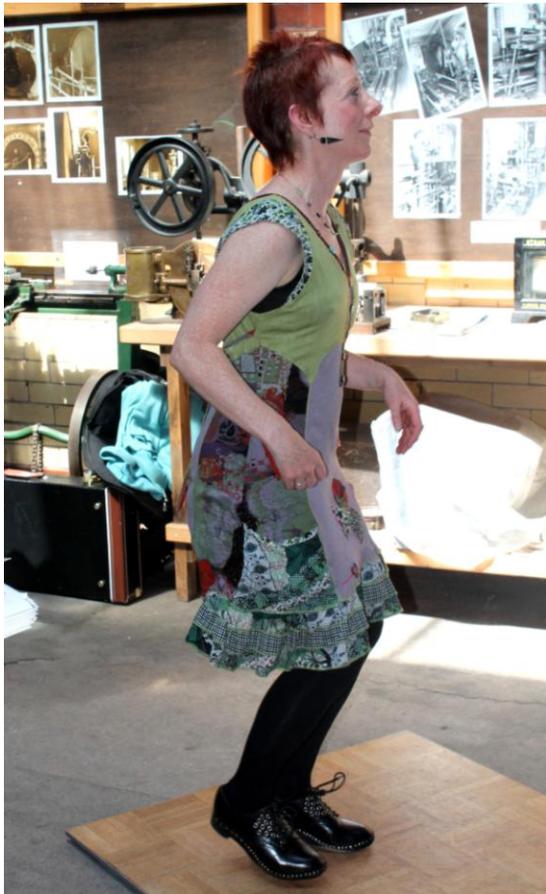
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A very busy steaming day started around 10.00am (excepting boiler staff!) with the odd few visitors asking to enter early.... and could they have a guided tour please? This was the shape of the day to come, BUSY!

Roy Wellock, once an Overlooker at Bancroft and Graeme Myers from Queen Street Mill spent much of the afternoon with us discussing the loom. We hope to be weaving again very soon.



Alex with clogs that really twinkle!

We had the ever popular Lancashire Society to entertain us during breaks in the engine run. And as we mentioned before the event we had a variety of offerings for all tastes. Very popular was newcomer to Bancroft Alex Fisher who performed several clog dances to the string accompaniment of other members of the Society.

Sid Calderbank again rendered dialect poetry for us and played the “bones” to accompaniment by Steve Higgins and Nick Cassery. The latter on his first visit to Bancroft gave us some fine songs.

We were asked about repeat performances and can tell you that Sid is currently recruiting more society members to appear at Bancroft during the Heritage Steaming days. Also the Moorcock Inn at Blacko now features members of the Lancashire Society on the first Wednesday in each month – but remember that Bancroft got them first!

For the future; we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cornish boiler this year and will tell you more in the next newsletter.

Many of our visitors will be aware that the Bancroft engine was built in Nelson around 1920 by William Roberts and Sons. Amongst many others a smaller engine by the same maker is also installed at Queen Street Mill in Briercliffe. It was in the light of this that Graeme Myers brought an American lady Penny Tucker from N. Carolina to see the Bancroft engine and museum. She will take some great pictures of these engines back to her home and her visit is to be followed by one from another lady living in the same town quite soon. Here's Penny and Graeme paying a visit to the Bancroft condenser and return pumps.



Not in order of importance: regular visitors will have noticed that Mrs Chapman, receptionist and friend to all our visitors has been missing from her post. We are glad to report that her health is now much improved and she will again be in charge of the desk from the next steaming.



Please note

In our last newsletter we mentioned that artist Noreen Lobo will be at the Rainhall Centre in Barlick next week. **In fact the date for this will be the 28th July, not the 29th** and she will be doing portraits again.

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