

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

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Anniversary Steaming Sunday 29th April 2012



On the 30th Anniversary of Bancroft's engine being restarted by the Trust there was a good crowd to assist in the celebrations despite heavy rain. Mr. Frank and Mrs. Byrnece Turner, once of Earby, were the guests of honour, despite long being members of the Trust it was their first visit to the Mill. Frank Turner has the rare distinction of having had his grandmother, Mrs. May Robinson, his mother Freda and two aunts all simultaneously working at Bancroft in the 1930's alongside our own Hilda Elsworth, The couple are principal shareholders in Westfield Sports Cars and GTM kit cars, making about 300 cars a year, their son Julian is Managing Director. Frank is internationally famed as a Manufacturing Engineering guru.



On the stroke of 1.00pm Mrs. Turner (above left) started the engine to begin the proceedings - to applause. Later in the afternoon Frank Turner unveiled a plaque in memory of one of the museum's regular visitors from Somerset, David Kemish, who died in tragic circumstances last year. David was an engineer and musician, his work often brought him to Burnley and for his relaxation to Bancroft Mill. His partner, Miss Jane Morgan, agreed to a memorial concert in Bristol for him earlier in April with the proceeds being shared between Bancroft Mill Engine Trust and the Trevithick Society. His memorial plaque is on the engine hall wall alongside late members who gave sterling service to the Trust.



In very timely fashion, missing archives of Bancroft Mill (dating back to 1915 when its construction was on hold for the war effort) had been recovered during the previous week and these were formally presented to Arnold Bettes Chairman of the Bancroft committee by Frank Turner (left). The subject of the presentation had been a well kept secret and also included a 1920's beam trolley, all had been missing for over 30 years. The new information on workers at Bancroft will supplement a listing that was already held and will be available to visitors in the very near future.



Finally, there was a ceremony in which all could take part; a birthday cake was cut by Elliot Oliver of Barnoldswick who is the Trust's newest member and it was enjoyed by visitors and members alike. Elliot was watched and assisted by several founder members thus spanning the Trust's 34 years. Elliot's grandfather, John Elmer was a well known hardware dealer in Barnoldswick and a Bancroft Trustee for many years. Incidentally, Hilda Elsworth with 44 years at Bancroft as a weaver had her 89th birthday last week, we wish her well!

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