

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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HERITAGE DAYS, 2013

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Saturday 14th September dawned bright and beautiful, we had steam quite early following Friday's efforts by a few volunteers, and our visitors were arriving long before opening time. Amongst the first to arrive were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Guest who spent a number of hours with us, Mrs, Guest getting up close with the weaving and then (left) starting the engine.

It was quite a surprise to find that the couple didn't live in the area, but Mr Guest's father was a well remembered manager at Rolls Royce Ltd. having arrived in the town in 1942. He either predated Rolls Royce in Barlick by a few months or, more likely, was part of an "advance party". Later, Joe Guest went on to become General Manager at Rolls Royce in Mountsorrel and was succeeded at Barlick by Les Say. L. F. Say was one of the original group of men that worked to save the Bancroft engine, boiler and buildings from destruction and did much to marshal practical assistance amid local community and businesses.

ANOTHER VISITOR, AND ANOTHER POWER SOURCE.

David Harries, was most interested in our engine, but brought a mounted turbine blade, on a section of disc, (right) to see if it could be identified. Fortunately one of our Life Members, Geoff Shackleton, was able, by e-mail, to confirm our opinion that it was from a steam turbine and was able to tell him much more, the probable age, the probable output power of the driven alternator and the most likely reason for it being mounted in the way that it is. **Thanks Geoff!**



ARTISTRY IN THE ENGINE HOUSE

For a repeat performance on Saturday we were proud to host Noreen Lobo a local landscape and portrait artist. Noreen spent the day hard at work portraying visitors and Bancroft members alike with quite startling and pleasing results. All the proceeds from her efforts were donated to a special fund for Syrian children which is organised by the "Save the Children" Fund. It wasn't her first day thus spent and we are proud to support her. Here are just a few moments from her day.



Mrs Chapman our Receptionist sitting for a portrait. Phil Robinson a.k.a. Father Christmas, Vincent owner



A young visitor to the museum was accompanied by her parents and who persuaded her to sit. This portrait was completed in less than twenty minutes and illustrates the wonderful talent regularly displayed by Noreen Lobo.

We are indebted to Bob Livesey for spreading the word about Bancroft amongst work colleagues and without whom we might not have seen the family party associated with this portrait, or the portrait.



The current issue of UK Heritage Hub is now available from:

<http://www.72010-hengist.org.ukhh/>

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VISITOR FROM MARKHAM GRANGE ENGINE MUSEUM

George Dickinson, a well respected friend to us all, superb engineer and stalwart at Markham Grange is seen here on the right discussing points of mutual interest on the Bancroft Engine with Tony N. who was in the driving seat for Saturday's steaming.

The manufacture of important, and sometimes huge, parts for the museum north of Doncaster often involves George's engineering expertise and the design capabilities brought with him to the museum after a long and varied career that has even involved aircraft engineering. Thanks to the engineering experience and expertise of all the volunteers at Markham Grange Engine Museum there are many quite unusual exhibits there that are in full working order, some of maritime origin..

<http://www.markhamgrangenursery.com/>

THE NORTH-EASTERN SECTION OF THE VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Visitors included about 50 members of the North-east Lancashire Vintage Motor Cycle Club who organised one day's run to finish at Bancroft. More than 40 of their machines provided an extra focal point for the other visitors with most bikes looking like they just left the showroom. In one case, around 90 years ago [right]! The visit to Bancroft was at the end of one of three single day runs that the VMCC had organised.

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TRADITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LANCASHIRE SOCIETY



In keeping with heritage traditions, Sid Calderbank (left) and Derek Gifford with his guitar entertained visitors with traditional and weavers songs as they have done on several previous occasions. Sid, it will be seen is well equipped for clog dancing and practiced in the art. Derek provided some period Liverpool songs at a lady's request and to her delight. We are indebted to these two skilled performers for their wonderful efforts.

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This little girl here with her mother was well and truly weighed, well documented and well pleased during her visit. Ian M officiated.

Next steaming is on 29.09.13, (yes only a two week gap on this occasion). The **Aire Valley Vintage Machinery Group** will present and run about 10 stationary engines at Bancroft Mill, a return visit. Last year's appearance of these enthusiasts was extremely well liked. Further details in the next newsletter.



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