

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST

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

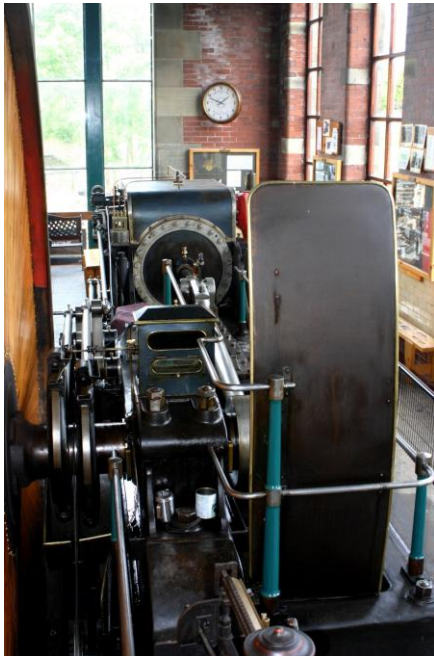
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Our Board of Trustees.

It is with great regret that we tell you of the passing in January of Robert (Bob) Maxwell. Bob has been a Trustee longer than the writer can remember, his quiet friendly smile was always welcoming and he had a wealth of steam railway experience that he was able to bring to bear on a situation for the benefit of all. The writer remembers him well from when he was associated with British Rail Engineering at Crewe Works and their headquarters at Derby. We send his family our condolences.

The Bancroft Committee Chairman, Arnold Bettess has kindly agreed to join the Trustees and this has just taken effect. We wish him every success.



**Open Sunday 17th March from
11.00am to 4.30pm.
Engine runs from 1.00pm**

We open our steaming season after a winter's effort, often in very cold conditions. As I write the Cornish boiler is having attention to a handful of rivets but we have every expectation of new rivets and a pressure test being completed successfully prior to steaming in two and a half weeks' time.

David N has been busy, as usual, and after joinery and painting we now have a patio outside the Reception door where several of us have an ambition to take our coffee on sunny days, you could come and join us...

Additionally we now have improved display facilities for the souvenir shop. Other displays remain, the working loom, model engines, the Bradley engine rebuild plus all the artefacts arranged around the museum.

The Craven Amateur Radio Group (CRAG) will again set up and display a radio station, this time in the engine hall where wide ranging contacts outside of this country as well as within will take place. A special call-sign has been allocated to the station. One of our members, Geoff P will be amongst the operators so it will be possible to see the engine and the radio station within the engine hall.

Our operations.

Bancroft has been in protracted discussions with United Utilities who, it seemed, wanted to charge us a large amount of money for highway drainage in spite of the fact that we are not connected to their drains. Communication has proved extremely difficult, replies to our mail and telephone calls have been tardy and sporadic at best. It seems that headway is now being made on two fronts following the intervention of our Member of Parliament, Andrew Stephenson. We thank him for his kind and timely help and will keep you informed of any progress.

UK Heritage Hub.

Bancroft continues to contribute to this on-line magazine that, despite being only a year old has made its mark already. The current issue carried our third article as well as news from Ellen Road and the Anson Engine Museum. Originally catering mainly for railway enthusiasts it has spread into industrial sites and is blessed with some superb photography from contributors all over the country. You can read the current issue (17) at:-

<http://www.72010-hengist.org/ukhh/index.php/component/ars/>

and you can get regular Email notice of new issues, photographs and daily UKHH news on Facebook from the team at :-

ukheritagehub@gmail.com;

Bancroft in the shape of your scribe is also presently contributing industrial heritage photographs from his own collection. The next issue (18) is due on line on 8th March.

BBC Radio Lancashire

We were pleased to welcome Brett Davison, host of the daily Drive Time programme who was well impressed with his visit. The interview went out with very little editing, same day and on your behalf I've invited Brett to a steaming- soon!

On the Square.

There is to be a further opportunity to showcase Bancroft in Barnoldswick. Again, the Town Council will erect a marquee that more or less fills The Square and, with time to

prepare, we shall participate with a display and memorabilia from our souvenir shop. The date is Saturday April 27th, volunteers able to spend a little time setting up our stand, operating it or taking it down should contact Harry or Ian McK.

Attractions:

Included in this year's events taking place alongside our steaming are provided by:-
The Lancashire Society (twice).
Amateur Radio Station by CRAG (twice).
Patricia Jones, landscapes.
Noreen Lobo, portraits and landscapes.
VMCC, official visit of NW region.
Stone the Crows.
Aire Valley Vintage Machinery Group.
Barnoldswick History Society.
Barnoldswick Church School.

Two of these dates are subject to final confirmation and several other interests are being pursued as I write.

Posters

Posters are being delivered in the next few days to all Lancashire Libraries for delivery and display over the last 14 days before we steam. A copy of the poster appears on page 3 of this Email, if you have a notice board at work could you possibly print and display it? For your own use it bears a list of 2013 steaming dates.

Further information is available by e-mail from:

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or on Facebook, control+click here:-



Membership: 2013 now due,

Adult membership is £ 12.00

Pensioner concessions are £ 8.00

Children, 6 – 16

Life membership £120.00

You may send to: Jim Gill, Mean Moss Farm, Boulsworth Road, Trawden, Colne. BB8 8ST

Tel: 01282 865626.

Does anyone have spare pallets that we can use for fuel? Mail harrym or ring please!



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Steaming dates for 2013

17.03.13

07.04.13

28.04.13

19.05.13

09.06.13

30.06.13

28.07.13

18.08.13

07.09.13

08.09.13

29.09.13

20.10.13

10.11.13

01.12.13

Come and see the 30 ton flywheel spinning at near 70 revolutions a minute, see the new engine nearly finished, see our artefacts, see weaving, the boiler and mill archives, see history - *NOW.*****

More from: www.bancroftmill.org.uk or 01943 602118