

# BANCROFT MILL

## ENGINE TRUST

jointly presents with

# ROLLS ROYCE LEISURE

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**

**Rolls-Royce in Barnoldswick.**

**Visit to Barlick of Terry Jones and his 1943 Barlick built Welland Engine, one of the first batch of jet engines to be produced.**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> at the Leisure Centre, Skipton Road: the Welland on display from 1.00pm**

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT Bancroft Mill, Gillians Lane: the Welland on display from 11.00am and the Bancroft Mill engine running from 1.00pm**

**Terry will attend at both venues with a video and talk and to answer questions.**

# **BANCROFT MILL ENGINE TRUST**

Gillians Lane

Barnoldswick BB18 5QR

Press release begins:-

## **Rolls Royce: 70 years in Barnoldswick.**

Welland Engine returns to its birthplace with a joint effort by Bancroft Mill Engine Museum and Rolls Royce Leisure to host it and Terry Jones its rebuilder.

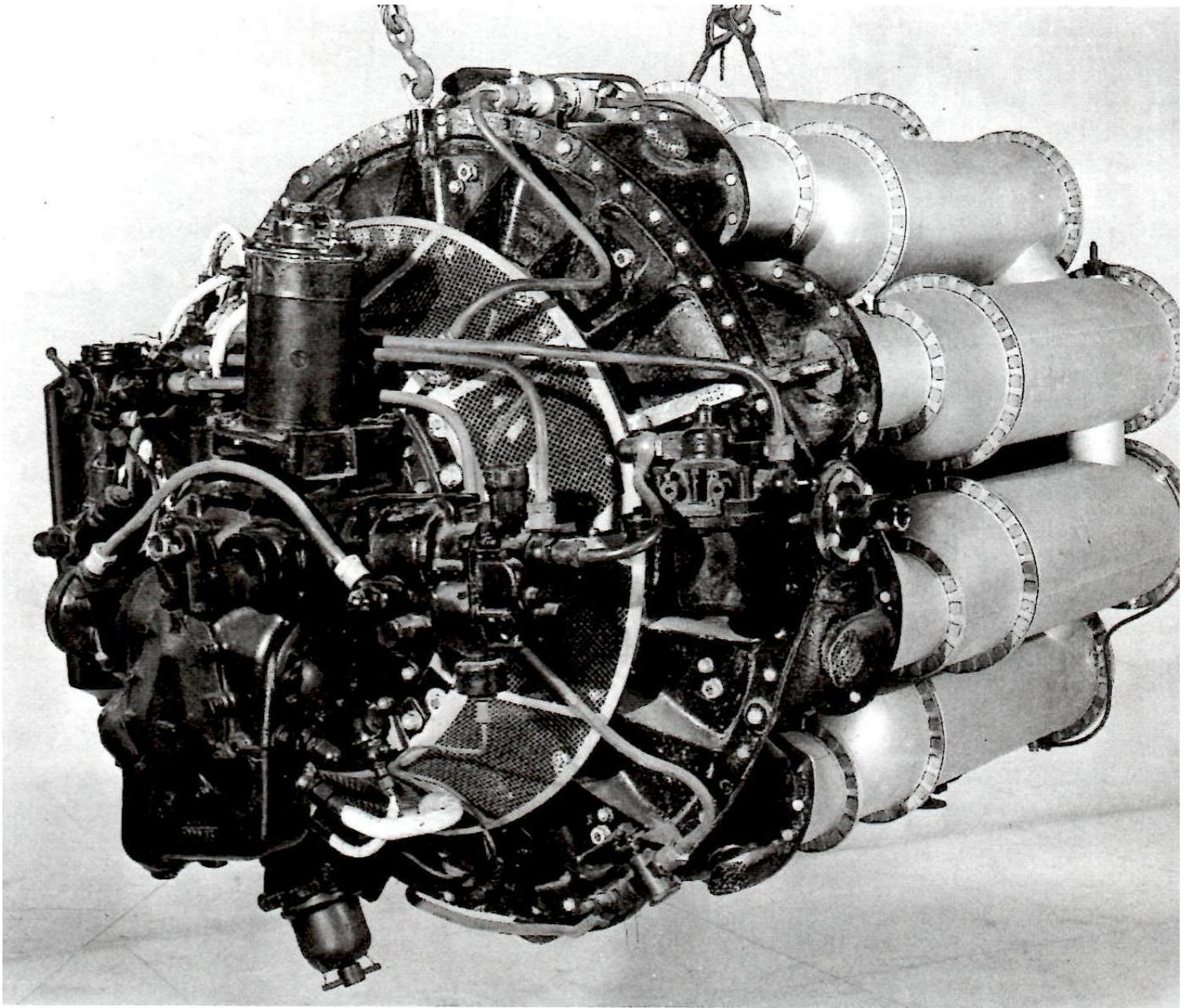
Weaving was sporadic from 1920 at Bankfield Shed, in the doldrums in 1939 it suddenly became the country's Shadow Factory No. 6, when it was occupied by the Rover Company to undertake the development of Frank Whittle's W2B jet engine design. By early 1943 Rover had completed development of the engine. The mass production of the conventional Merlin engine having been put on a sound footing Rolls-Royce were in position in May of that year to come to Barnoldswick to take over the production of the W2B engine to the required standard and in the quantities needed.

Work proceeded apace and by the end of that year Rolls Royce was making functional engines, renamed the RB23 Welland, in quantity to equip the Gloster Meteor aircraft that the Air Ministry had on order. One hundred and sixty seven were made at Barnoldswick and the Meteor was the first RAF jet powered fighter to reach squadron service in July 1944 where it took part in the defence of London from attacks by flying bombs.

One of these first engines has been rescued and rebuilt by Terry Jones at his home in Carlisle. It will be displayed on its purpose-built trailer in the Rolls Royce Leisure Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of August from early in the afternoon. Terry will be on hand thereafter to answer questions and to give a talk. A Vintage Car Event will take place during the day.

Bancroft Mill Engine Museum will display the Welland on the following day, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, from 11.00am during one of the normal Steaming Days. On both days Terry will be available to answer questions whilst a video will show the first run of the engine after its rebuild. Unfortunately, due to the proximity of houses and insurance issues at both locations, the engine cannot be started. The Bancroft Engine will run as on a normal steaming day and illustrate the vast strides made in the field of motive power over the mere 23 years between the manufacturing dates of the two engines. The 110 ton 600hp Roberts engine that powered the mill was the last of a long family of mill engines, the Welland was the first of a long line of world beating jet engines that were developed at Bankfield Shed giving 1600lbf of thrust for a weight of only 850lbs. The Barnoldswick engine development programme reached its peak with the RB211 engine in its many forms whilst the Roberts engine at Bancroft was the last of its kind to be made in Nelson.

Press release ends



The Welland Engine, as manufactured in 1943

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WWII ENGINE BUILT IN BARLICK

# THE WELLAND ENGINE COMES HOME!

ROLLS-ROYCE LEISURE  
**SATURDAY  
17 AUGUST**

from 1pm Tel: 07824 868824

**BANCROFT MILL**  
Engine Museum, Gillians Lane  
**SUNDAY  
18 AUGUST**

from 11am Tel: 01943 602118

Here's your chance to see one of the first jet engines to be built on the Barnoldswick site in 1943.

The Welland Engine played a vital role during the Second World War.

Come and meet Terry Jones, who has painstakingly restored the engine to its former glory. Terry will be at both venues with a video presentation, talk and Q&A sessions.

**PLUS:** The Bancroft Mill engine will be running on Sunday from 1pm!

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