

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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SPECIAL BRADLEY ENGINE VIEWING DAY



Dramatic times in the old Bancroft Garage! The decks have been cleared to enable a unique viewing of the Bradley engine during the coming weekend. We have been conscious for a long time that the work in progress has prevented visitor access on safety grounds beyond a few feet into the building and it has been hard to follow the work being done. On Sunday 20th October visitors will be able to access the “business side of the engine but only for the one day. Work must recommence the following weekend. If you know someone with a special interest, please would you tell them about this viewing day. Usual hours, 11.00am to 4.30pm, the Bancroft engine runs as usual from 1.00pm, weaving demos. will take place, the cafeteria and shop will be open.



Two views of the high pressure cylinder above.



**Above:
Close-up of the high pressure piston, not quite fully assembled.**



**Right:
Close-up of the flyball governor and its linkage, as usual in a dominant position over the engine.**

The engine was constructed in 1901 by Smith Brothers and Eastwood of Bradford, is thought to be their last construction and to be the sole survivor of more than twenty engines. It ran Cross Lane Mill at Bradley for 77 years before weaving ceased and the mill was converted to apartments. Until its removal by our member David Armfield and presentation to Bancroft Mill Engine Trust it was cared for on a volunteer basis by Chris Evans, who then was based in Pickering, involving a lot of travelling. Incidentally, Chris now lives on The Black Isle in Scotland and devotes such time as he has available to preserving, often smaller, steam engines in distilleries north of the border. A laudable endeavour by any standards! Keep the golden stuff coming Chris!

2014 STEAMING DATES:

provisional but will confirm a.s.a.p.

16 March

6 April

27 April

18 May

8 June

29 June

27 July

17 August

13 & 14 September – Heritage weekend

5 October

26 October

16 November

7 December

FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL FROM ILKLEY AND ADDINGHAM,

a souvenir of the last days of the Chelker wind farm, always seen on your journey, here the last tower to be removed, lifted off its base.



The turbine is already laid on the ground.

NEXT STEAMING IS ON 10.11.2013 when we will be visited by “Stone the Crows”, a group of Welsh Border Morris Dancers making their third appearance at Bancroft. We shall celebrate Halloween with them. Its always a very spectacular performance from this dedicated group.



The next issue of UK Heritage Hub is available from 25th October by ctrl+click on:
<http://www.72010-hengist.org/ukhh/>

Don't forget that anyone is free to submit articles for inclusion in this e-zine to Rowan at:

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Our friends at:

ELLENROAD Steam Museum

will be steaming on Sunday 3rd November.

Featured will be

A display and sale of work by the West Pennine Wood Turners.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bancroft_Shed

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