

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

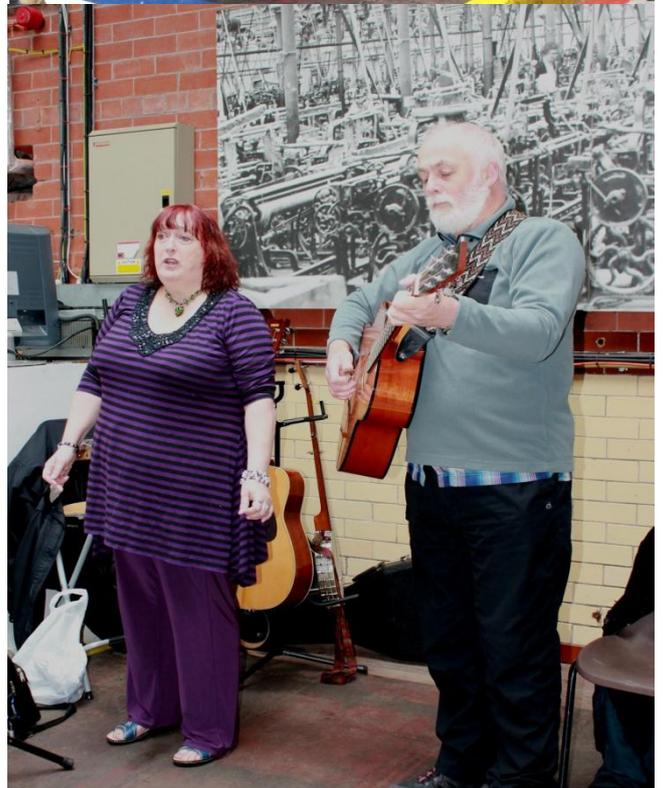
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## RETURN VISIT OF THE LANCASHIRE SOCIETY

Bancroft's Steaming Day on 28<sup>th</sup> April was marked by another visit of the Lancashire Society headed by the intrepid Sid Calderbank resplendent in 'flettet' and bringing the bones to accompany his colleagues' music. Always welcome at Bancroft, the members soon drew visitors around the stage whilst Sid and Mark Dowding, performing as "Tackler's Tales", performed with banjo, and voice accompanied by the clatter of the bones. (right). The space in front of the stage was full of happy faces and some were singing along too!

Next to appear was Heather Dunn (right) with accompaniment on the guitar. With a beautiful voice, she performed dialect songs to the delight of all. Later in the afternoon she was persuaded to be even more daring and to start the engine.

Meanwhile, between these numbers, the Bancroft Engine ran almost unheard since adjustments were made about a month ago. Its low pressure cylinder has exhibited noises that we associated with the inlet valves closing but with a deep breath and some alchemy the cause was diagnosed and cured. We have Fred F. to thank!



## MORGANS

Whilst all this was occurring, some members of the Morgan Owners Club, out on a run, were heading for Bancroft Mill to revive their spirits after a wet drive. A pair of 3-wheelers are here, both Jap-engined and in their various colours of livery. There was just one later 4 wheeled version arrived in the yard.

## MEMBERSHIP

It has been found necessary to issue new membership cards as, over the years, many have become dog-eared and lost. Jonathan (Jon) Bettess will take responsibility for maintaining records and now has your new card, please try to remember to collect it and show it when you visit. He will also be responsible for renewals. Life members who visit regularly have already received their cards, those who can't visit all that often will get theirs along with the secretary's next newsletter, due in June. Ordinary members' cards will be available at Reception over the next steaming.

The new cards are slightly smaller than credit cards and, lightly laminated, are intended to last for just a year. The next issue will be sized exactly as credit cards and bear the year in the background, Life members' cards will bear the word "LIFE" from later this year.

## HERITAGE DAYS

It has been brought to my attention that the dates for 2013 Steaming Days that I was given in the New Year have the wrong dates for Heritage Days. They are a week later than we have said. We are contacting all who will be affected and will send out a new Schedule as soon as possible.

Your scribe apologises for carrying this error forward, it wasn't double-checked.

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Heather Dunn in very happy mode having just started the engine.