

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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## Return visit of the Aire Valley Vintage Machinery Group



The Bancroft car park was fully occupied today but with more than the usual vehicles. The group of enthusiasts, based in Keighley, presented eleven running “barn” engines to the visitors for the steaming event.

Some engines are seen here, all were operating well before opening time, chuffing away merrily and waiting for our visitors.



Petrol and TVO were fuels in use and the characteristic smell of the latter brought nostalgic comment from those who had lived through WW2 with TVO/paraffin fuelled Fordson tractors helping the farmers to feed the nation. In this line-up on the previous page there are engines by Lister, Fowler, Ruston and Hornsby and Petter, to mention but a few. Some were driving water pumps, others driving dynamos or alternators. They made a lovely sight, sound and smell.

The AVVM Group is comprised of enthusiasts with patience and engineering skills enabling them to seek out old and rare engines before devoting much loving care and attention to the restoration of them. Some rare engines have lain abandoned, perhaps for half a century, as the manufacturer had closed and spares were not available. Skills and perseverance in making new parts are sometimes the only way to put an engine back into running order if another scrap engine cannot be found and cannibalised.

This rare engine (left) was made by Armstrong Siddeley Ltd. who were better known for quality cars and aero engines. The engine was available in air-cooled single cylinder version as

seen here or as a twin with rather more than double the power. There were two A-S "Sapphire" cars still to be seen around the Barnoldswick area in the late 1950's before the manufacturer was absorbed into Bristol Engines and ceased car production around 1960. Behind this engine can be seen our half-flywheel for the Bradley engine currently stored on the car park.

A number of vintage motorcycles joined the throng including this 1946 Ariel. It differed little from the pre-war models but enjoyed some chromium plating, later models were fitted with telescopic forks that gave a more comfortable ride. This one still has the pre-war style of toolbox and the Lucas Magdyno.

### **NEWS FROM NOREEN LOBO**

Following Noreen's appearance at the Heritage Saturday Steaming and her portrait work at Bancroft (with the proceeds to the Save the Children Fund) she has been asked by the fund managers for photographs of her fund-raising in action. We believe that Bancroft's photographs are currently on display at the charity's head offices in London.



## NEWS FROM KEN HOWARTH

Ken has just added a new Photo Gallery to his website <http://www.heritagephotoarchive.co.uk/> (Heritage Image Register) which I am sure will interest readers. It consists currently of 18 photos of mill engines taken over many years by David Armfield, one of our members and who is involved in the restoration of the Haslingden Grane Engine.

Ctrl+Click <http://heritagephotoarchive.co.uk/p662470382> to see the photos

## FROM THE BANCROFT CAFETERIA



Light refreshments were provided at this steaming by Barbara (left, a committee member for more years than I dare mention) and Brenda, right, who often steps into the breach when we are short-staffed. Our sincere thanks go to them both, always serving with a smile.

## NEXT STEAMING IS ON 20.10.2013.

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The next issue of UK Heritage Hub is available from 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## ELLENROAD Steam Museum

will be steaming on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October with the added attractions of the first classic vehicle show at Ellenroad plus the Saddleworth Clog and Garland Dancers.

Full details:-

<http://rochdaleonline.co.uk/events/24824/events-in-rochdale/ellenroad-engine-house-open-day-classic-vintage-vehicle-event-and-clog-dancers>