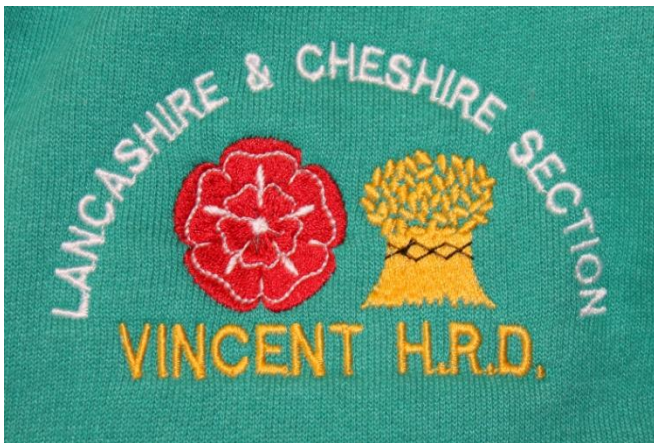


BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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VINCENT DAY

Once again Bancroft opened its doors to a group of motor cyclists on Sunday, this time it was for those who had not only come out for a ride but who had also come to see the Vincent motor cycles that were to be featured for this steaming. Vincent HRD was once thought to be the best that the British Motorcycle Industry could produce; it was excellence in engineering, superb



Some of the Vincent Club members on arrival.

in design, long lasting and powerful! The big Vee twin engines were used in light aircraft and had many innovative features in their design.

Lots have survived the years since the closure of the factory and amongst those arriving were many machines that tour Europe annually and others that have travelled across Canada to British Columbia and another that virtually circumnavigated Australia including making a crossing of the infamous Nullabor Plain, a waterless wilderness of almost unimaginable proportions.

These machines were the centre of attraction throughout the afternoon and included Rapide, Black Shadows and Comet models. There was many an eye with a nostalgic tear in it when the whole group left to the crisp roar of a group of timeless engines.

Whilst all this was happening on the car park, inside the museum the BANCROFT engine was performing as usual but with newer members, Tony Nixon and Andrew Garford in charge on this occasion. Needless to say it ran perfectly until the last visitor had left. Thanks to friends in the Aire Valley, we have enough fuel to cover at least the next two steamings which will take us up to the Heritage Days in September.

OVERSEAS

We were privileged to have visitors from Australia amongst the crowd on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. David Page accompanied by their two sons had travelled from Melbourne in Victoria State, Australia to visit Barnoldswick. David had been brought up in the town and had gone to Melbourne to follow a career in Numerical Control Systems, Mrs. Page is from Montreal, Canada originally.



David's antecedents had owned a mill in Barnoldswick and we see them here discussing that subject with local historian David Steele (wearing a cap), also a Bancroft member. It was nice to see the new patio in use, now with fresh flowers.



The Page family had a full tour of the site concluding with a last visit to the engine

VISITOR WANTED!!

Going back a couple of years or maybe three, we had a visitor who had a business making surveys and repairs on high structures. We would like to re-establish contact with that visitor but have problems doing so caused by a change of PC at this end and by clearing out mail from years ago to maintain a reasonably quick computer. If he should read this, a mail to harrym@talktalk.net would be appreciated.

Not many of us have seen the Bancroft chimney crown in detail, here it is in all its glory, 93 years on from construction date.



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