

# BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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## STEAMING DATES FOR 2014

(YES! I know that I've signed off in December but force majeure and all that..... Harry)

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Hon. Sec's newsletter to members has gone out to those without e-mail facilities and with the second June steaming (29<sup>th</sup>) accidentally OMITTED. If you know of a member without e-mail access Jim would be grateful if you would tell them of this omission. Steaming commences on 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm and features the ever popular Lancashire Society with dialect songs, traditional music and much more. Special features later in the year are yet to be fixed but will be published as soon as possible. **I repeat the listing below only for clarity's sake.**

16<sup>th</sup> March with the Lancashire Society headed by Sid Calderbank with friends to entertain you.

6<sup>th</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> April

18<sup>th</sup> May

8<sup>th</sup> June

**29 June**

27<sup>th</sup> July

17<sup>th</sup> August

13<sup>th</sup> September – Heritage Day

14<sup>th</sup> September – Heritage Day with a visit of the VMCC and other vintage motor cycle groups.

5<sup>th</sup> October

26<sup>th</sup> October

16<sup>th</sup> November

7<sup>th</sup> December, finale with carols by children from Barnoldswick Church School led by Mrs. Jamieson.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** – Our thanks to those who have already subscribed for 2014.

Subscriptions were due from January 1st. Please remit to Fred Frot (Treasurer) at the mill or to: Jim Gill, Mean Moss Farm, Trawden, BURNLEY, Lancs. BB8 8ST.

Ordinary membership is £12

Concessionary membership is £10

Life membership is £100

Membership cards will be issued as a receipt early in 2014 to paid-up members, You could also pay at reception on the first steaming.

## Our Needs

The Trust has a need for an unloved hydraulic power unit that, given TLC if necessary, would provide about 30 litres x 70 bar/min. Or, we have a pump and a motor available but need a suction filter, tank, a 3-port directional control valve and the other paraphernalia. If anyone can help, a mail to me, [harrym@talktalk.net](mailto:harrym@talktalk.net); or a call on 01943 602118 would be much appreciated.

## Award

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers has awarded the Bancroft Mill Engine Trust its certificate of Engineering Heritage Listed Status. A comparatively new award, Bancroft is only the fourth recipient. We are very proud to receive it and a facsimile is displayed in our reception area in order to avoid subjecting the original to the humid atmosphere in the engine house.



## News from other groups

Ellen Road Museum reported problems of noise in one cylinder towards the end of last year and members have found it necessary to subject the engine to surgery. The Chairman, Keith Crabtree, reports:

“We are into the 2014 season for running of the mill and I can report that everything is OK for the year.

The team was successful in carrying out repairs to the Big Engine following the delivery of new steel wedges to replace the ones damaged in November last year.

Fitting of the wedges was, I am told, quite an easy job but the main difficulty came in getting the cylinder end cover back in place without the luxury of suitable lifting equipment (it weighed over a ton) and took some 5 hours to complete.

The good news is that the work got rid of the knock as the deformed wedges were hitting the end cover. We have kept the old wedges and will make up some form of display to show what can happen when a hydraulic incident occurs.

The annual boiler inspection has taken place and some small repairs were required and with these completed a new certificate was issued to cover the 2014 season so good news all round. The first steaming of the year proved to be good with good attendance.”

**Well done all round!**

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