

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

GILLIANS LANE, BARNOLDSWICK, NR.
COLNE, LANCS., BB18 5QR

17 AUGUST 2014

STEAMING on Sunday

included an official visit of the Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, Cllr. Graham Roach and Miss Joanna Sagar. Their Worships were very kind in giving us the whole afternoon for the visit that we enjoyed as much as they did. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fiona Standring.



The Mayor has had much experience of heavy machinery and so spent much time with the Bancroft and Bradley engines. Both he and the Mayoress were able to start the Bancroft engine; the Mayor did so with advice and help from a five-year old young lady who is a regular visitor!

They mingled with volunteers and visitors alike and made a wonderful impression on the visitors of a forward looking and vibrant Pendle.

Their guide for the afternoon was Ian McKay, seen left with the Mayoress.

The party at close quarters viewing a weaving demonstration of the Bancroft Tea Towels. Our Pilling loom was made in 1923 and we were fortunate to have member, Anthony Pilling at the mill, a descendant of the founder of the company, sited in Colne.

[Anthony is busy creating another heritage site at Higherford Mill near the Pendle Heritage Centre, we hope to tell you more soon.]



Bancroft Mill Engine Trust, Annual General Meeting.

The Trust's AGM took place on Monday 18th August with a good turnout. Minutes will be produced in due course; all officers and committee members were returned for another year.

The Chairman's report was upbeat, and was supported by the Treasurer's report which showed a promising position for the coming year despite

considerable future planned expenditure on the Bradley Engine.



The Bradley flywheel halves ready to move to the engine house.

Bancroft Mill : NEXT STEAMING

13th and 14th September, Heritage Days where admission is free of charge. We shall be steaming on both Saturday and Sunday with our normal Sunday facilities fully functional. More, 7 days before the event.

2015 Steaming Dates

15 March	16 August
5 April	Sat. 12 Sept Heritage weekend
26 April	Sun 13 Sept Heritage weekend
17 May	4 October
7 June	25 October
28 June	15 November
26 July	6 December

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

If you or your partner are interested in charity work we would welcome your help in the cafeteria and reception area during any of the 14 steaming events in our year (All Sundays except for one) and sometime during the period 11.00am to 4.00pm. Please contact: -

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