

BANCROFT MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

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Hand weaving comes to

Bancroft

An afternoon's demo. of hand loom weaving was enjoyed by visitors to Bancroft on Sunday. Heather Swift of:

"The Inquisitive Weaver"

demonstrated just one of her specialities, weaving scarves from hand-spun wool, to a great show of interest. Here you see one of her younger visitors trying his hand with a scarf.



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Heather, apart from smaller looms, has an 8 shaft floor loom in her studio at Ormskirk and always uses natural fibres. She holds Weaving Workshops at Knit-Wise in Ormskirk with three more scheduled during this year; for those who would like to try:-

12th July	BEGINNERS WEAVING WORKSHOP
9th August	INTERMEDIATE WEAVING WORKSHOP
6th September	ADVANCED WEAVING WORKSHOP

Contact details for Heather are on the previous page.

Instruction for Heather herself (right) in starting the Bancroft engine.

FROM OVESEAS

We were pleased to welcome:

Mr. and Mrs. Wellock from Queensland

Mr. and Mrs. Cryer from South Africa.

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

Quite a number of our volunteers find themselves unable to travel to Bancroft on this coming Saturday due to road closures associated with the Tour de France. Please be aware that our numbers will be depleted as a result of this event.

NEXT STEAMING (in 4 weeks' time rather than 3 weeks)

The Bancroft engine will next be in steam on 27 July when Richard Lamb from Beverley will bring his Newcomen engine and will display it working. The atmospheric engine was invented by Thomas Newcomen in 1712 and was often referred to simply as a Newcomen engine. It was the first practical device to harness the power of steam to produce mechanical work, Full sized Newcomen engines were used throughout Britain and Europe, principally to pump water out of mines, starting in the early 18th century. James Watt's later Watt steam engine was an improved version of the Newcomen engine. (Wiki)



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