

BANCROFT

MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick. BB18 5QR

ENGINE STEAMING, SUNDAY 15th March 2015

Our season started off in good style with the Bancroft Engine performing very well at the first steaming, its new HP piston rod packings showing only slight leakage there were no other problems. The boiler inspector also attended and gave our Cornish boiler a clean bill of health for another year. Hoerbiger have advised us about running the glands in.



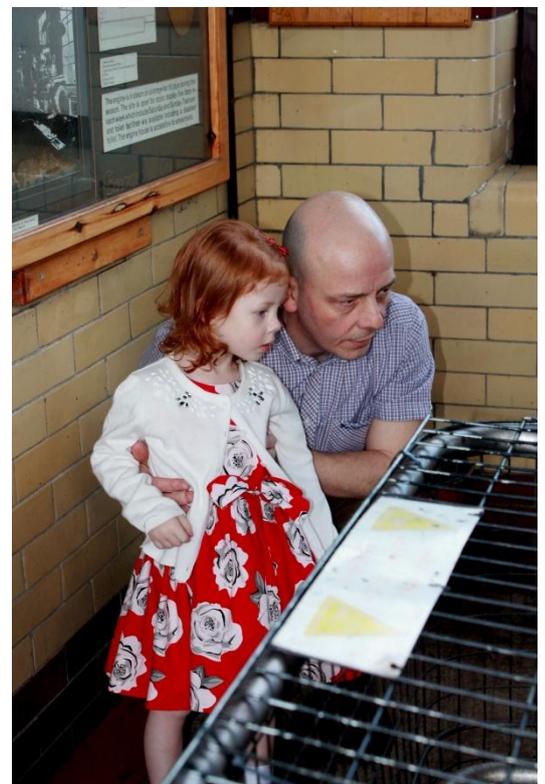
Early visitors enjoy a tour around the Bancroft engine running at full speed.

Members and visitors came in large numbers and we were very busy from 11.00am onwards, if that wasn't enough we had entertainment by members of the Lancashire Society, comprising Sid Calderbank with dialect poetry and giving accompanying on the bones to: "Trouble at'mill", a grand group who can be found on 01254 853929. We look forward to another Performance by members of the Lancashire Society later in the year.

Tony N takes time out from the engine to add weight to the Group's efforts.



A couple of youngsters make their first visit to Bancroft, one oblivious to the activity around but the other fascinated by the LP tail shaft and the bell-cranks in motion.



NEWS

English Heritage is changing into two organisations.

From Spring 2015, it will become Historic England, a government service championing England's heritage and giving expert, constructive advice, and the English Heritage Trust, a charity caring for the National Heritage Collection of more than 400 historic properties and their collections.

If you'd like to know more about these developments, please visit:
www.english-heritage.org.uk/about

Bancroft Mill Guide

The various issues of the Mill Guide have been superseded by a new one with several more pages and lots of new photographs. It has been reprinted many times since the first issue in 2011 and needed bringing up to date for 2015. Issue 5 will be in the Bancroft shop for the next steaming on 5th April.

The price has remained static since issue 1 but, alas, more pages and increased production costs have forced an increase to £3 upon us. We hope that you like it.

Hoerbiger (UK) Ltd., Bradford: and metallic packings.

The Trust has recently had help in a very practical fashion from Hoerbiger who has provided metallic packings to original drawings for both the Bradley and Bancroft engines. It is not for me to write more about this when Hoerbiger's website has three excellent articles on the subject. Please follow the links below.

<http://www.hoerbiger.com/upload/ebook/2014/11/en/files/assets/basic-html/index.html#51>

<http://www.hoerbiger.com/upload/ebook/2014/11/en/files/assets/basic-html/index.html#52>

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William Hall a member from North Yorkshire has published an article about Bancroft in the March issue of Vintage Spirit. William and his father have been members for a number of years and often visit when William is home from University.

Bradley Engine

Work has commenced in laying steam pipe between the Cornish Boiler and the Bradley Engine House. It is due to continue over several weeks time.

In Memoriam

We are sad to have to record the passing of Mrs. Ruby Holz who was a weaver for some time at Bancroft in the immediate post-war period and later at County Brook Mill. She loved to visit with her daughters on steaming days and only recently has had to have full time care. Some time ago we published a photograph taken in the canteen at Christmas 1948 where she had brought her first baby to meet her colleagues at Bancroft. Ruby was a lovely gentle lady who we shall miss, we send our condolences to her family.

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STEAMING ON 5TH APRIL

**Doors open from 11.00am
Engine runs 1.30 - 4.30pm**



The Bancroft facilities will be open and available, our Cafeteria, mill tours, the boiler houses and the Bradley Engine rebuild included



SUBSCRIPTIONS are due for 2015, you may pay these at the mill reception desk and get your card on the spot or via the Hon. Secretary, J. Gill, Mean Moss Farm, Trawden, Colne.