

BANCROFT

MILL ENGINE MUSEUM

Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick. BB18 5QR

STEAMING ON 26TH APRIL

Doors open from 11.00am

Engine runs 1.30 - 4.30pm

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



A group of tacklers at Bancroft in May 1937, the celebration bunting is in the background for George VI's Coronation

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ENGINE STEAMING, SUNDAY 6th April 2015



With his father, a little boy from Belgium pauses to give his mother a smile before starting the engine. A totally new experience for him, he was quite surprised when the engine actually started.

Hundreds of children have started this engine over the years that the museum has been open, even some of the younger ones are unfazed by the experience.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Shelton, pictured here with their daughter Hannah enjoy their first visit to Bancroft, Mrs. Shelton has a direct family line back to James and Mary Jane Nutter via the Slater family who were well-known as manufacturers in the town.



Our congratulations go to Mrs. Hilda Elsworth on her 92nd birthday last week. She is seen here left with her son Ian during the first April steaming. Long term subscribers will recall that Hilda was a weaver for 44 years at Bancroft Mill and saw the mill; go from its heyday before WW2 to closure in 1978.

During WW2 Hilda was one those trusted to run 10 looms and could often diagnose and correct a loom fault before the tackler could arrive to make a start!

NEWS



Mrs Rita Holz. Following the sad news that Rita had died during March, we had a visit from her daughter Val Ormerod who brought Granddaughter Marni to Bancroft. They will come again, Marni liked the place that her great grandmother worked.....

Sir Nigel Gresley

We are to be reminded of the work of the famous designer of the Flying Scotsman and Mallard next April by the erection of a bronze statue of the engineer at Kings Cross Station. The "Scotsman" was the first to run at over 100mph, it ran from Kings Cross Station, beating all comers. Gresley's "Mallard", built at Doncaster Plant, still holds the world speed record for a steam locomotive at 126mph, achieved in 1938. 2016 will mark the 75th anniversary of the death of this leader amongst engineers.



Tees Cottage Pumping Station We continue to report on the situation in Darlington following its surprise 2014 closure to visitors due to issues surrounding the buildings. Work commenced on extensive repairs during last year but was interrupted by the theft of lead from the building and a very provisional re-opening date is September 2015. We are indebted to our well travelled member, John Peacock and Mrs, Wearmouth (left) for updating us on the situation there. Amongst his achievements John was a sea-going marine engineer.

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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, BB8 8ST.

Steaming Sundays: Open from 1100, Engine starts at 1300, Engine stops 1630.

Cafeteria open from 1100 with limited service, shop open from 1300

The museum is also open on Saturdays excepting at Christmas and the New Year, 1100-1500hrs. These are workdays and the engine/s will not be running.

STEAMING DAYS 2015

15 March

05 April

26 April

17 May

07 June

26 July

16 August

12 September (SATURDAY)*

13 September*

04 October

15 November

08 December

ENTRY CHARGES

Adults

£5.00

Concessions

£4.00

Children 6 -16

£4.00

MEMBERSHIP

Adult annual:

£12.00

Concession (Senior or Student):

£10.00

Child (6 – 16):

£6.00

Life membership:

£120.00

Application forms for membership are available from reception, can be downloaded from the website or from Jim Gill, Mean Moss Farm, Trawden, Lancs. BB8 8ST

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