



KEIGHLEY ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS

ENGINEERING VISIT

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**Return visit to Bancroft Mill Engine Trust,
Gillians Lane, Barnoldswick. BB18 5QR.
Saturday 13th April at 2.15pm**



DIRECTIONS:

Leave the Skipton By-Pass and travel towards Colne. At Thornton in Craven take a right turn to Barnoldswick. and continue past several Rolls Royce establishments until a mini roundabout is reached. Take the exit left and then almost immediately turn sharp right by the Church. Follow the road which passes between shops, after the shops turn right into Walmgate and proceed uphill. As the houses give way to a rural scene the mill is on your right, there are brown signs to Bancroft Mill Engine in the town.

Following our previous visit, several years ago we will be visiting the Museum again. This is a special visit for our members and guests when we shall see the 1920 Bancroft engine made by William Roberts and Son, of Nelson working in its original position and the recently installed Smith Bros and Eastwood (Bradford) engine that originated from Cross Lane Mill at Bradley, also running. This latter engine, resplendent in its new paint and with many new parts, has had virtually 10 years of volunteer work in order to install it and get it working again.

Over the winter the museum's Cornish Boiler has required specialised work to repair a small area of the shell but the Inspector has put the boiler through all its tests satisfactorily and it has had a trial steaming - it is safe! The fire will be lit early on the morning of our visit and steam should be available for a run on both engines towards the end of our visit.