

# UPPER WHARFEDALE HERITAGE GROUP

Thursday 7th December 2023  
Talk by Dr. Kenneth Jackson

## Beautiful Zion: The Rise and Decline of Religious Nonconformity in Skipton

Skipton Town Hall at 7.30pm



In spite of the demolition of important examples, and the reordering or re-purposing of others, nonconformist chapels contribute significantly to the character of Skipton's urban landscape. In this talk, Dr Kenneth Jackson examines their origins and functions; explains some of the financial and technical problems encountered in their construction; and considers the problem of overcapacity as support for nonconformity declined over the past century. The evidence of decline is abundant but the reasons are more elusive.

Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton BD23 1AH  
£5 Entrance (£3.00 for UWHG members)  
Free festive refreshments

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