

# UPPER WHARFEDALE HERITAGE GROUP

Thursday 4th April 2024

**Firth & Ellerbank Mills, Skipton: An Introduction to Cotton Manufacturing**

A talk by Dr Kenneth Jackson

Skipton Town Hall at 7.30pm



Historically, in commercial usage, the term 'cotton manufacturing' invariably referred to weaving of yarns from cotton and allied man-made fibres, but not to spinning. After 1865, Skipton was essentially a textile town and remained so until the second half of the twentieth century. Of two principal sectors, cotton manufacturing was the larger, even though sewing thread production at Belle Vue Mills was dominant in terms of visual impact. In this lecture we explore organisational, commercial, technological, and industrial relations aspects of cotton manufacturing using Firth & Ellerbank Mills as a case study.

Skipton Town Hall, High Street, Skipton, BD23 1AH

£5.00 Entrance (£3.00 for UWHG Members)

Free refreshments

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