



A History of Witney Blankets

Keith Crawford

On Tuesday 25th February, Hanney History Group will bring back memories of bedtime before the arrival of the “duvet” in the 1970s – when you tucked yourself up in bed under a warm “Witney” blanket.

Keith Crawford, a descendant of the Early family, will talk on the history of the Witney Blanket trade. This will include Early’s, who have made blankets since 1669, and where Keith worked from 1976 to 1990. There were several branches of the Early family involved in the business, sometimes in partnership and sometimes as rivals.

Other blanket manufacturers thrived in Witney, such as James Marriot & Sons. John Marriott (born 1708) was so successful in his family business that he became known locally as the “Great Blanket Maker”. A “cosy” evening awaits!

Hanney History Group

8.00 P.M
TUESDAY
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War Memorial Hall East Hanney

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