

Keighley Association of Engineers (2015-16 syllabus)

## A visit to Wyedean Weaving Co. Ltd

Date: Thursday 17th November 2015

Start time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Location: Address details overleaf

## Dear members and guests,

The Keighley Association of Engineers is pleased to announce its November 2015 event, a visit to Wyedean Weaving Co Ltd, Bridgehouse Mill, Haworth, BD22 8PA.

Have you ever wondered who supplies all the fine gold braiding, the shining buttons, the sashes, even the saddles etc. used by the household cavalry and the Royal Family at Trooping of the Colour? Ever wondered what goes into the production of medal ribbons, cap badges, even weapon cleaning cloths?

From Parade Ground to Battle Ground

Wyedean has been in Howarth for over 50 years producing "Uniforms – Accoutrement – Accessories. Basically, if it appears on a uniform – buttons, badges, epaulettes, sashes, medal ribbons etc. it's probably been manufactured or supplied by Wyedean as one of its 10,000 stock items. Even the Royal Family wear accoutrement at events such as the Queen's Birthday parade and Trooping of the Colour – supplied by Wyedean.

The company is a major supplier to the MOD, the UN and exports to 60 countries' military and security services.

Wyedean has over 100 fabric processing machines producing narrow fabric for medal ribbons, uniform braiding, naval cap badges and much besides. They still use Jacquard looms which can take as long as  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours to set up just to run for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.

Their products have even been seen in films such as The Mummy and Master and Commander.

Join us on 19th. November to hear first hand from MD Robin Wright about the company's journey from Coventry, to South Wales to Haworth, the challenges they have faced, about their own version of lean manufacturing and about how they have geared up with a prestigious new web site to meet the needs of modern day business. A factory tour showing the various machines and processes is included.

Places are limited for this event so please book early. To reserve a place email on <a href="mailto:bama@wnychamber.co">bama@wnychamber.co</a>



Princess Anne speaks to Lilly Tennant during her visit to Wyedean Weaving in Haworth

Join us at reception for a prompt 8.00am start. We look forward to your company.

## Address details:

Wyedean Weaving Co Ltd,

Bridgehouse Mill, (former Airedale Springs Ltd building at the bottom of Haworth Main Street)

Haworth,

BD22 8PA.

Phone:01535 643077

Website: www.wyedean.com



Check out the Keighley Association of Engineers website for details of future events.

We have updated our website and shortened the address to <a href="www.kaoe.org.uk">www.kaoe.org.uk</a> please visit the site to see the new look. Please note we have added Face Book and Twitter links.





Hope some of you will use these?

Contributions to forthcoming site visits and lecture opportunities may be posted on the website. We look forward to your feedback and contributions.

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