

MostlyManx



New book and exhibition weave a fascinating tale of Laxey enterprise



Wool. All of us have a use for it at some time in our lives. It's warm, comforting and long-lasting. Woollen blankets are given to babies, rugs keep us cosy, suits keep us smart and Manx woollen kilts are proudly worn at weddings. But have you ever wondered how woollen cloth is actually made? And do modern methods have anything in common with those used by our ancestors?

The answer to these questions, and many more, can be found in 'A Weaver's Tale – The Life & Times of the Laxey Woollen Industry 1860-2010', a fascinating and informative new book compiled by local writer Sue King. Pieced together from local interviews and research in the archives of Manx National



Heritage, the Laxey Woollen mills and the Ruskin Library, 'A Weaver's Tale' is a tale of skilled craftsmanship and enterprise, set against a backdrop of Laxey history that shows a colourful side to the village other than trams and mines! The story is divided into easy-to-read time periods and liberally

illustrated with over 150 colour and black and white photographs, many never seen before.

To complement the launch of the book the Laxey Woollen Mills is staging a background exhibition in early May in their first floor gallery where visitors can look in more detail at aspects of Laxey's weaving history such as past mill employees and weaving processes. The exhibition opens on May 5th and will run through to May 22nd, Monday to Saturday 9-5pm.



A Weaver's Tale - The Life and Times of the Laxey Woollen Industry 1860-2010

will be on sale from May 5th at Laxey Woollen Mills; MostlyManx in Nelson Street, Douglas and all good Island bookshops.

RRP £14.99.

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