

AHS London Lecture Thursday 21 November 2024

Mark Crangle, Scottish Knocks: The Story of Scottish Turret Clock Manufacture

Scotland and England have always had their differences and horology is no different. In his lecture, Mark will present an overview of the evolution of public timekeeping north of the border, from the early wrought-iron clocks in the towns and villages through the Reformation to the grandeur of the Victorian era and beyond.

The need for public timekeeping has always been there and is constantly evolving. Scotland is a small country but it has more than its fair share of pioneers in horology.

Mark has always had a passion for horology. He was born and brought up in Paisley, a large town on the outskirts of Glasgow. Twenty years ago he started work for the Cumbria Clock Company where he has worked ever since, and he is now the Works Manager.

Over the years he has had the privilege of working all over the UK and beyond from royal palaces to the Great Clock at Westminster. Recently he returned from installing a restored clock for St Paul's convent, Hong Kong.



The clock in Auld Simon Kirk, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, dates from 1731.



Mark in his home town Paisley, where last year he carried out works to the Gillett and Johnston tune player, reinstating the keyboard and tune barrels so the bells can be heard once again.

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