

Press Release

Memories of Neilston Mill

Bobbins and Threads are pleased to announce publication of the above book on Friday 1 May 2009 at Neilston Community Library at 10.30. The Provost of East Renfrewshire, Councillor Alex Mackie, will be in attendance. The group will also have a stall in the Dome Tent at the 184th Neilston Agricultural Show on Saturday 2 May from 9.30 am where photographs and other memorabilia will be on display and copies of the book will be available to purchase at a price of £5.00 a copy.

This book by former mill workers recalls memories of the Neilston Mill from the second half of the twentieth century. These memories include descriptions of the different mill departments and working conditions and accounts of the lively social activities that created an unusually successful merger of the earlier Industrial Revolution and traditional rural life within the village.

The illustrations cover all of the above aspects and the technical processes. Despite the demise of the mill in its traditional role, it still lives on in the ownership of the Murdoch family and their various tenants. As a result, the mill continues to give local employment and helps to sustain the fabric of what is a rare asset – a mill originating in pre-Victorian times.

