

The Roy Godden Lecture Wednesday 16th January 2019

Guest Speaker
Andy Ogden

“Coming home – and here to stay” The story of English Fine Cotton



“Not only is it coming home,” says Andy, “cotton spinning is now here to stay”

Andy Ogden will tell the riveting story of how his company Culimeta-Saveguard brought cotton spinning back to the UK, and talk of his hopes and ambitions for the business and how Brexit and changes to society are affecting these aspirations.

English Fine Cottons recently opened as the ONLY cotton spinner of luxury cotton yarns for fashion in the UK. From its home in *Cottonopolis* (Manchester) - once home to over 80% of the world's cotton yarns and fabrics - **English Fine Cottons** is breathing life back into the cotton textile industry in the UK.

6.30pm Drinks Reception
7pm Lecture by Andy Ogden

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Entrance: £5 Members/£10 Non
Members/ Students free



Andy Ogden

With over 25 years in technical textiles, Andy has designed and developed protective apparel for the Military, Nuclear, Automotive and Utility industries, many patented. Seventeen years ago, Andy stumbled across Culimeta-Saveguard, a small technical textiles company based in Dukinfield outside Manchester, the LAST short staple spinner in the UK. With his team, Andy successfully turned the company around, and now employing around 250 people across four businesses focusing on the Automotive, Personal Protective Equipment and Fire Protection Industries, it is recognised as a leading supplier of insulation materials, with a global reputation for innovative products.

The most exciting journey has been the development of **English Fine Cottons**, from concept to launch in 2016 - the first new UK cotton spinner in over 100 years. The story - how the spinner developed through a strong relationship between local government and industry, securing finance, debunking myths around UK textile manufacturing, as well as “far fetched” tales from their 83 year old consultant - is inspirational.

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