



THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF KNOT TYERS

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Hi everyone,

IGKT 2025 Half-yearly meeting, 3rd, 4th and 5th October

Venue – Caygill Rooms, The Piece Hall, Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE, UK

Friday 3rd October

The Caygill Rooms are on the first floor (lift & stairs access) and will be available from **09:30** for setting up exhibition tables etc.

Vehicle entry to the Piece Hall is in the road called Blackledge, on the south side of the Hall. See accompanying map.

There is space for ropewalks in the entranceway to the rooms and plenty of space outside, given good weather

11:00 to 13:00 Talks and presentations

There is a café on the ground floor, below the Caygill Rooms, for refreshments during the day and many other places in the Westgate area on, surprisingly, the west side of the Hall.

14:00 – 16:00 The Calderdale Industrial Museum adjoins the Piece Hall and we have arranged a special visit to this excellent guide to the important woolen spinning and weaving industries. These made this part of Yorkshire very wealthy during the 150 years from 1800 – 1950. The cost for this visit is £10.

Evening social meeting – many suitable venues in the Westgate Arcade.

Saturday 4th October

10:00 – 16:00 Exhibitions open to the public

16:30 Raffle – please bring a prize or two!

19:00 for 19:30 Buffet supper at a local Thai restaurant renowned for super food.

This is Pajeree's and is about ten minutes' walk from the Hall. The address is 37 Broad Street, Halifax, HX1 1YA. A walking route from the Piece Hall is shown on the attached Walking Map.

Sunday 5th October

10:00 – 13:00 Exhibitions open to the public. Takedown follows.

Vehicles can use the south entrance, as on Friday.

Suggested visit at **13:00, 14:00 or 15:00** to the nearby (1.5 miles) Shibden Hall. This wonderful 15th century building has a terrific collection of important furniture from 16th century onwards. It was the setting for the BBC series about one of its 19th century owners, Ann Lister, *Gentleman Jack*. The visit costs Adults £10, Over 65s £7.50.

It would be sensible to book individually, in advance, and this can be done at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calderdale-museums/shibden-admission/e-zoobvk>

As this is written (Aug 12th) there are 50 tickets available at each of the three times.

Halifax is a town of about 90,000 and is easily accessible by road from the M62 motorway.

Past Presidents:

Percy W. Blandford • Eric Franklin • Geoffrey Budworth • Jan Vos • Stuart Grainger • Glad Findley • Des Pawson MBE Robert Chisnall •
Brian E. Field • Jeff Wyatt • Ken Yalden • Dan Machowski • Colin Byfleet • Antoine Leroy
Bob Dollar • Colin Grundy

The rail station is 5 minutes' walk from the Piece Hall and is on the Parking map attached, at the bottom right.

Accommodation: There are both Travel Lodge and Premier Inns in the city, amongst several smaller hotels and Airbnb apartments.

Booking

Please add the information requested below to a printed copy and then scan and send it by email to treasurer@igkt.net. We very much look forward to seeing you in Halifax. **Don't forget raffle prizes.**

Booking for IGKT October meeting 2025

Name(s):

Phone no:

Date arriving:

Visit to Museum on Friday 3rd (£10): Y/N

Knot-Tyers' Supper on Saturday 4th (£25): Y/N

Exhibition table required: 1/2

Bringing rope-walk: Y/N

I would like to give a talk or demonstration: Y/N

Diary dates for events further into the future:

2026 IGKT AGM & Symposium 7th- 10th May 2026

Next year's main meeting will be held at the Rough Close Scout Campsite. This will be our second visit to this excellent set of facilities run by City of Coventry Scout County.

The venue is about 5 miles to the west of Coventry City Centre. Address: Tanners' Ln, Coventry CV7 7DD
Booking details will follow in early December 2025.

2026 IGKT October Meeting dates TBC (maybe September, Turku is at 60⁰ North!)

We very much hope that we shall be able to visit Turku in Finland for this annual event.

2027 AGM & Symposium 7th- 9th May 2027

This will be our first meeting in Cornwall, the most south-western county of the UK. The venue will be the splendid National Maritime Museum Cornwall in the town of Falmouth with its large natural harbour and long maritime history. There are no large hotels in Falmouth but a large number of smaller ones as well as Airbnb etc. apartments. It will be a good idea to seek accommodation a bit earlier than usual for this meeting.

Halifax Maps overleaf

