



PRESS RELEASE

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Christmas at the Warner Textile Archive

Celebrate beautiful design and local craft with a series of special festive events at the **Warner Textile Archive** this Christmas. Shopping days, crafts and the return of the Archive's **Christmas Fair** offer an opportunity to discover more of Braintree's textile heritage alongside beautiful gifts and decorations.

The design *Birds & Blossom*, block-printed cotton (1927) has been specially reworked for this year's Christmas programme, and is available to purchase as a Christmas card pack from the Warner Textile Archive's Shop.

Christmas Fair at the Archive

Sunday 16th November 2014 / 10am – 4pm

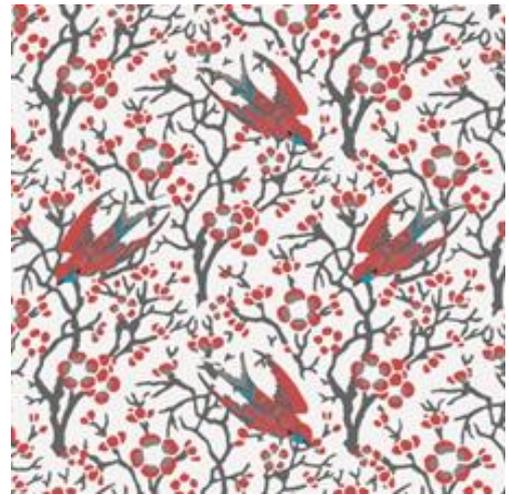


Join the Warner Textile Archive for the opening of its Christmas Shop, celebrating beautiful design and local craft with a carefully-curated selection of gifts, accessories and decorations for the festive period.

The Archive Shop and Gallery will be filled with an array of decorations and gifts embracing all things craft, design and textiles. From hand-finished decorations, specially stitched for the Warner Textile Archive and homewares expertly made by Fairtrade organisations across the world, to unique stocking fillers and luxury accessories, the day will provide the perfect shopping opportunity for the gift-giving season.

As usual, the Archive will be fabulously decorated, including another superb Christmas tree, sure inspire and get visitors in the festive spirit.

Christmas Store Tours with former Warner & Sons employee Jan Weavers will offer a festive take on Braintree's heritage. Spaces are free and available on a first-come first-served basis – be sure to collect your tickets on arrival!



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Event:	Christmas Fair
Date:	Sunday 16 th November 2014
Venue:	Warner Textile Archive, Silks Way, Braintree CM7 3GB
Opening Times:	10am – 4pm
Tickets:	£2 per person, on the day



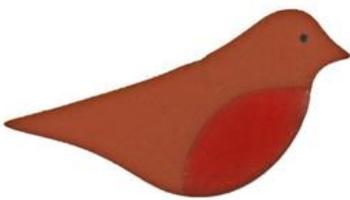
Christmas Events at the Archive

Paper Crafting for Christmas with Jill Beard

Tuesday 18th November / 10am – 1pm

Learn the traditional techniques behind German cut paper work and create festive decorations for the home, or unique gifts for your friends and family. All materials will be provided, but please bring small, sharp scissors if you have them. Suitable for all skill levels. Please call 01376 557741 to book.

£15 per person



Christmas Gift Shop

19th and 26th November and 3rd, 6th, 10th and 17th December / 10am – 4pm

Why not pop in and browse the unique homewares, accessories and gifts on display in the Archive's Christmas Gift Shop? You might find some inspiration for decorating your own home this Christmas time.

FREE admission

Christmas Shopping Evening

Thursday 27th November / 5pm – 8.30pm

Enjoy a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine alongside traditional carols as the Archive opens its Christmas Gift Shop for a special festive evening.

FREE admission



For further information or high-res images, please contact:

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Note to editors:

The Warner Textile Archive is a unique design resource highlighting the successes and innovation of Warner & Sons, one of the nation's great textile companies, from the late 1800s. All events support the continued conservation of the Archive Collection.