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### Coffee, Cake & Memories at the Warner Textile Archive

As part of its 10 year anniversary celebrations, the Warner Textile Archive in Braintree, Essex, is hosting a special open afternoon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. All are welcome to join the team at the Archive in celebrating 10 years since its nationally-important collection of textiles and designs returned to Braintree. Share your memories of the textile industry in Braintree, find out more about the successes and innovation of Warner & Sons, or simply enjoy the beautiful designs on display in the Archive Gallery with coffee and cake.

The Warner Textile Archive is undertaking a special social history project, documenting day-to-day life at Warner & Sons' premises through conversations with the Company's former employees.



**Warner & Sons' prize-winning hand weavers at New Mills in Braintree**

Kate Wigley, Archivist and Commercial Manager at the Warner Textile Archive says: "We are

delighted to have made contact with a number of Warner & Sons alumni, from those who worked at the Firm's premises on Silks Way, Braintree, in the 1950s, to colleagues who were based at its London design studio until the early 1990s. Their insights and memories have already proved invaluable as we develop our understanding of the Archive Collection, and their attendance is sure to add a great dimension to the event."

Former employees interested in contributing to this project are welcome to attend *Coffee, Cake & Memories*, and will have the opportunity to collect a 'lifetime' pass to the Archive's Gallery displays and exhibitions on this day.

Alternatively, please contact the team on 01376 557741, or email [info@warnertextilearchive.co.uk](mailto:info@warnertextilearchive.co.uk).

Entry to *Coffee, Cake & Memories* is free to all visitors

**All events support the continued work of the Warner Textile Archive.**

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**Kidbrook (1938)  
hand-painted paper design**