

# Press Release

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## Memories of Warner & Sons in Braintree

The **Warner Textile Archive** in Braintree, Essex, is inviting former employees of Warner & Sons, and their friends and family, to share their memories of the company and its designers as part of a project documenting day-to-day life at the Company's premises, New Mills on Silks Way, Braintree.

Kate Wigley, Archivist at the Warner Textile Archive, says: "Warner & Sons was a huge part of the textile industry in Braintree and played an important role in the formation of the local community; the crafts and skills exercised so expertly by the people at New Mills are essential to our understanding of the Collection, continued conservation work and research."



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

Those interested in contributing to this project are welcome to attend *Coffee, Cake & Memories* at the Warner Textile Archive on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June (details below). Alternatively, please contact the team on 01376 557741, or email [info@warnertextilearchive.co.uk](mailto:info@warnertextilearchive.co.uk).

**As part of its 10 year anniversary celebrations, the Archive would like to present the company's former employees with a 'lifetime pass', allowing free entry to its Gallery displays and exhibitions.**



Kidbrook (1938)  
hand-painted paper design

### Coffee, Cake & Memories

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 / 2pm – 5pm at the Warner Textile Archive

Join the team at the Warner Textile Archive to celebrate 10 years since the Archive's 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. All are welcome, and former employees of Warner & Sons will have the opportunity to collect their 'lifetime pass' to the Archive on this day.

**Entry to this event is free to all visitors**

**All events at the Warner Textile Archive support the continued conservation of the Collection.**

For further details and high-resolution images, please contact:

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