



Press Release  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Fifth annual Textile Fair

### Textile Fair 2015

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 10am – 5pm**

**Venues:** Braintree Town Hall, Warner Textile Archive and Braintree District Museum

**Tickets:** £5.50 in advance, £7 on the day

Advance tickets available from Warner Textile Archive, Braintree District Museum and [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

Under 16s free with a full paying adult. Tickets provide access to all three venues, Store Tours and talks; availability for Store Tours and talks is limited please book your spaces on arrival at Braintree Town Hall.

The **Warner Textile Archive's** annual **Textile Fair** will return for a fifth consecutive year on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Bringing together a diverse group of specialists, designers and craftspeople to celebrate all things 'textiles', the Fair will host stallholders, demonstrators, talks and tours across three historic venues in Braintree.



#### Stalls

A carefully-selected line up of stall holders will offer visitors a unique and enjoyable shopping opportunity in Braintree. With vintage fabric, textiles sourced from India, wools, fabric by the metre, haberdashery and textile homewares the Fair will offer visitors the opportunity to purchase goods directly from the makers, including items not available on the high street.

#### Activities

- Sara Impey will be demonstrating at Braintree District Museum alongside the exhibition 'Thinking Thread and Octet' with Anglia Textile Works.
- Highly regarded local weaver Paula Armstrong will demonstrating the art of tapestry weaving and will be on hand to answer any questions.
- Sarah Howard and Elisabeth Kendrick will be demonstrating how to weave clothing using a rigid heddle loom. Visit Sarah and Elisabeth for inspiration and expert advice on weaving on a rigid heddle loom.



- Join in the fun with Michele Elly as she hosts a free wool-dyeing activity at Braintree District Museum. Michele will be at the Museum from 11:30am – 2:30pm teaching visitors how to dye wool using methods which can easily be transferred to the home.
- Sarah Howard and Elisabeth Kendrick will be giving a talk on weaving clothing from your rigid heddle loom and signing their new book 'Get Weaving: Clothing from your Rigid Heddle Loom'.

### Archive Store Tours

Join Archive staff on an exclusive Store Tour and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at some of the paper and fabric designs produced by Warner & Sons. These unique tours will celebrate the breadth of design held in the Archive's extensive collection and are only available on the day of the Fair.



### Displays and Exhibitions

'Thinking Thread and Octet' an exhibition by Sara Impey and Anglia Textile Works will be on display at Braintree District Museum until 29<sup>th</sup> May. This dedicated quilt exhibition features the work of internationally acclaimed textile artist Sara Impey alongside eight beautiful quilts by Anglia Textile Works. Visit the exhibition to see Sara Impey demonstrating some of her signature techniques.

The Archives Gallery Display '**Morris & Co.: Design and Manufacture at Warner & Sons**' will be open for public viewing on the day of the Fair. Carefully selected items on display explore the creative relationship between Warner & Sons and Morris & Co., including their mutual appreciation for the natural world within design and craftsmanship.

### Refreshments

Our popular pop-up café will return to Braintree Town Hall, serving organic tea and coffee, homemade cake and sandwiches.

**The Textile Fair supports continued conservation work at the Warner Textile Archive.**

For further details and high resolution images please contact:

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