



**National
Mills
Weekend**



PRESS RELEASE

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White Mill Rural Heritage Centre
BAKERS, MAKERS and BREWERS Fair 2017
in conjunction with National Mills Weekend on 13th & 14th May 2017

WE NEED YOU for OUR BAKING COMPETITION

White Mill Rural Heritage Centre are holding another of their traditional Baking Competitions during their **Bakers, Makers and Brewers Fair 2017** for National Mills Weekend and will be open to visitors from 10.30am to 5.30pm (last admission 4.30pm) on **Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May, 2017**

A big part of the packed weekend is a **Baking Competition**, which is open to all and will be judged on the day. We are celebrating the Real Bread Campaign's **Real Bread Week**. To enter the Baking Competition or for more information email neil@latitude28.co.uk.

For 2017 a bigger Makers fair will take place with contemporary artists, crafters and designers selling their work made from, and inspired by; wool, paper, print, stitching, metal, wood and ceramic, inspired by traditional methods but using a contemporary twist. The fair celebrates the White Mill's rural heritage and the important role it played within the life of our local community, celebrating the revival of the 'artisan' in contemporary art and craft.

Throughout the weekend there will be demonstrations and stalls including baking, brewing, painting, weaving, spinning, stitching, knitting, cobbling and lathe woodturning, including many costumed characters re-enacting life from the past.

On Saturday we will be launching Sandwich's latest artistic offering; 'MAKERS' a project space offering workspace for local contemporary artists and traditional craftspeople, with a cafe, beer from local microbreweries and a performance space with a programme of events and workshops. It'll be a place for people to meet, share, make, drink, eat cake and discuss. The previously named 'Green Barn' within the White Mill Rural Heritage Centre site will offer the fusion of traditional and contemporary within one venue.

The focus of the White Mill Heritage Centre is a smock mill built in 1760 and restored between 1960 and 1981. Whilst not a working windmill ... yet! ..., it is a rare survival of a complete milling site, retaining its original wooden machinery, outbuildings and a furnished miller's cottage.



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Martin Smith, White Mill Trust Chairman, said, “We are all looking forward to another exciting National Mills weekend at the White Mill this year to match the extraordinary success of the 2015 Bakers, Makers & Brewers fair. All the family are welcome, and entry is FREE!!”

Further information on White Mill Rural Heritage Centre can be found on the mill’s website at <http://www.whitemillheritagecentre.org.uk>.

Information on mills open nationwide can be found on the National Mills Weekend website at www.nationalmillsweekend.co.uk

Further information and images

Images are available of the mill, its buildings and previous activities on www.flickr.com/photos/whitemillheritagecentre, or please **contact:**

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www.facebook.com/pages/White-Mill-Sandwich/135582336475690?fref=ts

www.twitter.com/whitemillmuseum

www.flickr.com/photos/whitemillheritagecentre

<http://tinyurl.com/oqwc6tx>

<http://tinyurl.com/ojeqqak>

<http://tinyurl.com/oa9ab98>

Notes to editors

1. White Mill are looking for new volunteers: the mill is staffed purely by volunteers and they are currently looking for new recruits with a range of skills including: Marketing & Advertising (particularly with knowledge of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Instagram), Collection Management accessioning, Retail manager, preservation, restoration etc., site & building maintenance, general building trades always warmly welcome, especially carpentry/joinery. Contact Neil Aplin for more information.



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2. National Mills Weekend is the annual festival of the UK's milling heritage and the chance for everyone to explore their local windmills and watermills. The weekend has been coordinated by the Mills Section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings since 1984 and is part of a Europe-wide festival of milling heritage during May.
3. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) was founded by William Morris in 1877 to care for and preserve the UK's architectural heritage. The Mills Section of the SPAB was founded in 1931 to protect and promote windmills and watermills.
4. Real Bread Maker Week was launched by the Real Bread Campaign (www.realbreadcampaign.org) in 2009. Its aim is to encourage people to bake Real Bread (bread that is made without the use of processing aids or any other artificial additives) or buy it from independent bakeries to support their local communities.