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# THE TOWN MILL LYME REGIS

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FOOD & DRINK | CREATIVE ARTISANS

*the creative heart of Lyme*

Registered Charity Number 104 16 14

# ABOUT THE TOWN

Just a few minutes walk from the seafront and high street, The Town Mill is one of Lyme's leading attractions. We are a unique mix of working watermill, art galleries and creative artisans. Centred around a beautiful mediaeval cobbled courtyard, it's a great place to while away an hour or two.

## MILL TOURS

Miller guided tours are free of charge, although we welcome donations to our charitable trust! Our volunteers will tell you all about the fascinating rescue and restoration of the mill, and demonstrate the giant waterwheel powering the mill as it grinds the grain. There is also our micro hydroelectric system to see.

On Monday 5th February the watermill will be re-opened to visitors after being closed for maintenance. We aim to run tours daily, 11am-4pm, dependent on volunteer availability. Please phone ahead if planning a special visit or a long journey.

## ART GALLERIES

The Town Mill is home to two thriving art galleries, The Town Mill Malthouse and The Courtyard Gallery. We host around 50 exhibitions a year, most featuring local artists from the vibrant Lyme Regis art community. Galleries are open from 10:30 to 4:30 daily.

**Interested in exhibiting?**  
Contact Phil Clayton on 07809 831760 or email [phil@townmillarts.co.uk](mailto:phil@townmillarts.co.uk)

TOWN MILL  
**arts**



## CREATIVE ARTISANS

The Town Mill is home to a host of wonderful creative businesses (see pages 4-5). Please check their individual websites for opening times.

## RESCUE & RESTORATION

In 1991 the local district council announced plans to demolish the mill. Locals opposed the plans and raised over £500,000, took over the buildings and begin the restoration. Ten years later The Town Mill reopened, milling the first flour for over 70 years.

## THE MILL TODAY

The Town Mill is the only volunteer-run, non-commercial mill that mills virtually every day of the year. The mill complex is a thriving arts hub, occasional entertainment venue, education and community space and home to a variety of creative small businesses. We are a registered charity (Number 104 16 14) and we welcome donations to help secure the future of the mill.



# MILL LYME REGIS

## VISITOR CENTRE

Do drop in to find out how local people raised over £500,000 to rescue the mill from demolition and undertake a huge restoration project. You may wish to purchase a souvenir to remind you of your visit, or perhaps pick up some organic Town Mill flour to take home and bake with.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Town Mill lends itself well to the variety of celebrations and festivals we host. From street theatre, dancing and musicians, to baking and art activities, you can be sure of a great atmosphere at the mill on special occasions. *See page 14 for details of upcoming events.*

## MILLER'S GARDEN

A tranquil place to escape and unwind: a medley of herbs, fruit, flowers and vegetables planted around a mulberry tree.

## EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

Our Community and Learning Space is available to hire. If you want to book a school visit, or use the room to hold a course, workshop or meeting, please contact Nicky Taylor on 01297 444042 or email [nickytownmill@gmail.com](mailto:nickytownmill@gmail.com). For details of courses and clubs currently held at the Town Mill, please visit our website, or see examples of some of our courses and workshops on pages 6-7.

# HISTORY AND RESTORATION

## A THOUSAND YEARS

Milling has taken place in Lyme Regis for nearly a millennia. However, the present site dates back to at least 1340, when Edward III granted a licence to The Town Mill. During the English Civil War in 1644 the mill was severely damaged. It was rebuilt shortly after, and most of the buildings you see to-day date from this time.

## DECLINE

From the 1850s onwards, the Town Mill struggled. Cheap imported grain and improved roller-milling technology put its finances under pressure, and it eventually closed in 1926. It then lay derelict for over 60 years.

## TOWN MILL ORGANIC STONEGROUND FLOUR

Town Mill artisan flour is unique in more ways than one. Milled by hand in our mediaeval watermill, each batch of grain is processed by one of our volunteer community who is following a traditional milling method.

Therefore, our flour may have variations in weight, texture and refinement, and possible traces of our other grains. One thing that will not change is the delicious flavour of the flour and the miller's passion for creating an exceptional product, which is available by donation in our shop.

Whichever bag of flour you choose to take home, you can be sure that your donation contributes directly to our charitable trust, which keeps our historic mill running. We are sure that you will enjoy the experience as much as we do.



### Our range includes:

- Wholemeal flour, using strong Maris Widgeon heritage wheat from Tamarisk Farm in West Bexington, Dorset, behind Chesil Beach.
- Rye, also from cereal organically grown at Tamarisk Farm. This low-in-gluten, highly flavoured grain is excellent for people who have an intolerance to wheat.
- Spelt, using grain from the organic estate Sharpham Park near Glastonbury on the Somerset Levels, where spelt has been grown since the Bronze and Iron ages.

## AD LUCEM JEWELLERY

[www.lucycampbell.net](http://www.lucycampbell.net)

Silversmith and jeweller, Lucy Campbell, takes inspiration from the coastal landscape around Lyme. Delicate, circular forms are a recurrent theme, with shells, fossils and other seashore and organic textures appearing throughout her jewellery collection. Her work has a contemporary handmade look, with the "maker's mark" left beautifully visible.

Each piece is handmade and has taken many hours of work and care. Lucy's shop, 'Ad Lucem', is also her workshop, where you can see her making her range of sparkling and original jewellery. If you are looking for something original or just want to watch an artisan in action, drop in and take a peek.



## COURTYARD CAFÉ

[courtyardcafelyme.co.uk](http://courtyardcafelyme.co.uk) tel: 01297 445757

The food Laura serves at the Courtyard Cafe is freshly made and locally sourced, Fair Trade and organic where possible. She cooks everything on the premises with love, care and attention to detail and nutrition in mind. All diets are catered for, including gluten-free and vegan options.

Laura qualified as a chef 23 years ago. Having retrained as a naturopathic nutritional therapist, it was a natural progression for Laura to run her very own cafe, with family help and fantastic staff.

Drop by daily, from 9:30am to 4:00pm (3pm on Sundays)



## KATE'S KITCHEN

tel: 01460 221698

Kate's Kitchen is a tribute to all things homemade, local and delicious. A bakery and deli, it is here you will find a range of food items to take away; from Moore's Dorset Knobs and Clipper Teas to artisanal breads baked by Jane herself with Town Mill flour and honey from her own bees. There is a wide range of items for customers with special dietary requirements, and a variety of herbs, seeds and spices. You can also pop in for reasonably priced basics, like eggs, milk and different cheeses.

## CREATIVE ARTISANS AT THE TOWN MILL...



## SEW LA DI DA VINTAGE

[www.sewladidavintage.com](http://www.sewladidavintage.com)

We are a dressmaking pattern manufacturer, fabric shop and sewing school. Caroline and her team have designed and produced a range of classic style dress patterns that flatter the modern body. Visit our studio to buy our patterns, choose from a fabulous range of fabrics or enrol on one of our sewing courses or workshops. Aimed at all levels of sewing experience, classes include fun, laughter and the satisfaction of having created something that's truly yours - many are suitable for children and hen parties.

## LYME STONE

[www.archiefaiers.co.uk](http://www.archiefaiers.co.uk)

Archie continues to develop his already established stonemasonry skills through World Skills courses held throughout the country. This has taken him from Lyme, to Westminster, to Abu Dhabi. More recently he is developing his ability to carve and produce a range of designs which include signs and sculptural pieces for public spaces and homes. Archie welcomes commission projects and enjoys interpreting clients' ideas through stone. Find Archie in the Miller's Garage. Email: [archiefaier95@gmail.com](mailto:archiefaier95@gmail.com)



## COASTLINE CREATIVE

[www.coastline.agency](http://www.coastline.agency) tel: 01297 443382

Coastline are a full service design agency, providing brand, design, print and web services. If you're looking to set up a business, grow your client base, or enhance your brand reach, the friendly and professional coastline team specialise in working with you to reach your business goals through creative design and marketing know how. Drop in for a coffee and a chat.



## LYME REGIS BREWERY

[www.lymeregisbrewery.com](http://www.lymeregisbrewery.com)

Visit Lyme Regis' only microbrewery, brewing at The Town Mill. Relax in The Mill's lovely cobbled courtyard, sup a pint or two and watch the world go blissfully by.

- Great range of draught beer (and cider) on tap
- Bottled beers & ciders to take-away
- Bag-in-boxes and kegs for parties (we'll deliver locally)

Our beers are regularly on draught at The Royal Lion Hotel and Cellar 59 in Lyme Regis.



## TOWN MILL POTTERY

tel: 07751 447963

The pottery is based in the Stable Block. The potters, Don and Bery have welcomed Harry to the team: a new face to look out over the stable door, bringing new ideas and re-establishing 'throw a pot' sessions where visitors can try their hand at the potter's wheel. Both make domestic ware, using different clays, glazes and styles. Bery also makes more sculptural pieces. There is a small display area in which you can browse the ceramics and purchase if you wish.

# TOWN MILL COMMUNITY & LEARNING SPACE

Following a refurbishment project by our volunteers, the former Bakehouse Attic has been redesigned to be used as a multi-purpose room. We are now open to bookings from community groups, can provide classroom, training and meeting space, run workshops and special events, and host school and college trips; clubs and courses - all in the unique and inspiring setting of The Town Mill

Below is an overview of some of the current activities and clubs currently based in the Community and Learning Space.

To find out more about any of the featured organisations, or to see if the Bakehouse Attic might be a good fit for your organisation's use, please **contact Nicky** at [nicktowntownmill@gmail.com](mailto:nicktowntownmill@gmail.com) or call 01297 444042.



## Aromantique

On **Thursdays**, the Attic is home to Heather of Aromantique, an expert in the field of essential oils, alongside other complementary medicine and integrated therapy principles and practices. She provides remedial Aromatherapy treatments, applying deeply relaxing massage using high quality organic essential oils. She also sells her own 'Aromantique' brand of organic essential oils, for sale at 'Kate's Kitchen'

Heather is also delivering a series of 9 enlightening essential oil related workshops, each one covering a specific theme.

To book a place on one of Heathers workshops and to book an Aromatherapy appointment please **contact Heather at: 07419 777 451** or email [heather@aromantique.co.uk](mailto:heather@aromantique.co.uk). For further details go to: [www.aromantique.co.uk](http://www.aromantique.co.uk)

## Adult Art Classes

Starting 20th February, join Trudi Ochiltree 10am to 1pm on Tuesday mornings for a small, friendly, weekly art class for beginners and more experienced artists wishing to develop their art skills and creativity. Trudi is a fully qualified teacher of art and design and has over 12 years art teaching experience. Classes are small groups so you get plenty of one to one tuition, helping you become more confident in your art ability as you develop your own unique style as an artist. The classes cover a range of exciting

## Mini Mill Arts Academy

Having started life early last year in our small art room with just a handful of students, our after school art club has been able to contribute to the creative development of even more children since they moved into the Attic from **3:30pm on term-time Monday afternoons**. Now run in two consecutive sessions, for Primary and Secondary aged children, Town Mill Arts Director Phil Clayton and volunteer Ben Taylor lead enjoyable and varied sessions that encourage these young artists to think outside the box, with the opportunity to exhibit their work in our galleries.

To make an enquiry about a place for your child at **Mini Mill Arts Academy**, please phone **01297 444042**.



## Invigowrite - Young Writers' Society

**Invigowrite** is Jan Lane and Phil Whitehead – local writers with plenty of experience between them as authors, poets, storytellers, essayists and journalists. Their after school creative writing workshops for 9+ year olds are held in the Attic from **4:15pm to 5:30pm on term-time Tuesday afternoons**.

This half-term, they are focusing on creative story-writing - exploring plot, character and setting, and then editing for improvement ready to enter BBC Radio 2's famous '500 Words' competition.

Courses Cost £60 for a 5-week course, to include writers' toolkit - journal, portfolio wallet, pens and all course materials.

**Book via email: [jan@writingroomlyme.com](mailto:jan@writingroomlyme.com)**



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The Town Mill Trust is grateful to the Cooperative Local Community Fund for supporting the development of the Community & Learning Space during 2018.

subjects such as still life, nature, working from images and the imagination. You will learn new skills each week such as colour mixing, blending and composition whilst using a range of materials including watercolour, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink, etc, to help you to unleash your creative potential!

**Book with Trudi on 07812 856823**  
**or email [trudiochiltree@gmail.com](mailto:trudiochiltree@gmail.com)**

Your very first session is just £5, then £15 per weekly session thereafter. Basic materials are provided, but you will also need to bring some of your own materials.  
[www.trudiochiltree.co.uk](http://www.trudiochiltree.co.uk)



# TOWN MILL arts

Open daily 10.30am-4.30pm  
Free entry (donations welcome!)

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Mill Lane Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

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A membership-based arts organisation with two unique exhibition spaces showing contemporary art at The Town Mill, Lyme Regis. With over 55,000 visitors and a diverse artistic programme facilitating over forty exhibitions per year, 70% of Town Mill Arts' income is reinvested into the local artistic community.

The Malthouse shows are curated to fit the individual artist's work, giving visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves fully in the vision of the artist.

The Courtyard is an intimate gallery, linked to The Courtyard Café. It has a constant retail area showcasing the photographs, reproductions, original prints and books of local artists.

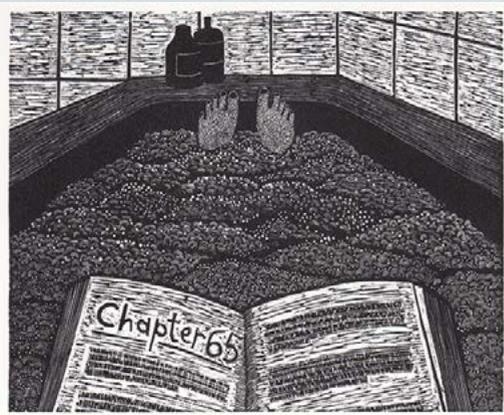
If you would like to book an exhibition or to become a member please contact Phil Clayton.

## THE COURTYARD GALLERY

OPENING TIMES 10.30 - 4.30 DAILY

## PRINTMAKERS OPEN

9 - 28 February



The main art event this winter in both Town Mill Galleries will be the hosting of our third Printmakers Open. Over in The Courtyard Gallery, Town Mill Arts are excited to be showcasing the society of wood engravers, with their traditional and figurative as well as bold and modern engravings. Exhibitors are:

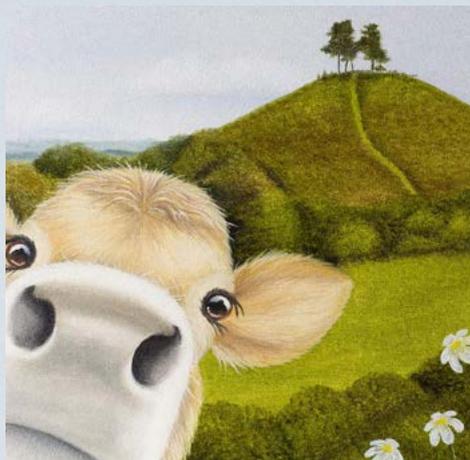
Leonie Bradley, Peter Forster, David Robertson, Ann Tout, Geri Waddington, Jim Westergard, Peter Lawrence and Hilary Paynter.



## LANDSCAPES & SEASCAPES

2 - 14 March

Russell Coulson presents an exhibition of landscapes and seascapes, both local and imaginary, in impressionistic, expressionistic and slightly abstract styles. The paintings can be naive and spontaneous and therefore never overworked or stagnant.



## EARTH, HARE, FUR & WATER

16 - 28 March

Lucy Tidbury, Mark Page, Michelle Clements-Davies and Sandi Mower have very different styles and mediums but their passion for art is the same.

Lucy, known for her oil paintings of cows and local landmarks, Mark for his humorous yet skilled sketches of hares, Sandi for her stunning watercolour wildlife paintings and Michelle for her whimsical driftwood harbours and Pollock-esque paintings, have joined forces for this upcoming exhibition.

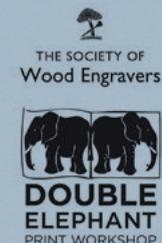
Each specialising in a different medium, the artists are displaying a varied and exciting mix of work at the Town Mill.

## THE MALHOUSE GALLERY

OPENING TIMES 10.30 - 4.30 DAILY

## PRINTMAKERS OPEN 2018

9 - 28 February



The success of the previous two Opens in which over 40 printmakers from the South West, including many members of Exeter's Double Elephant took part, has encouraged an expansion into a second gallery in 2018.

Thus, in addition to showcasing local and Double Elephant printmakers and offering printmaking workshops, the Open will feature recent work by members of the Society of Wood Engravers with their traditional and figurative as well as bold and modern engravings that break the mould.

For lovers of printmaking, a visit to the Malthouse and Courtyard Galleries in February will be an essential date for your diary.

## PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS

24 & 25 February

Monoprinting workshops led by renowned printmaker Anita Reynolds in the Bakehouse Attic (above Courtyard Gallery)



Two one-day printmaking workshop where you will be shown how to produce colourful one-off prints using a variety of monoprinting techniques. Create images on perspex sheets using simple tools, card and ink and then print them onto paper using a printing press. By the end of the day you will have several small prints to take home.

Cost £45 per workshop. Suitable for beginners (children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult who is participating). All materials provided.



## THE NUDE IN THE ABSTRACT

2 - 14 March

Seeking the female nude in the abstract...

This body of work from the students of 'The School of Art and Wellbeing' at The Old Pavillion in Honiton, has been a journey of trust and commitment in discovering the language of form, hidden in random mark-making and bringing it into the viewer's eye. This exhibition is the culmination of two terms of study, where the students began to truly understand the tension between the line of an object and the space it inhabits.

## CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

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17 March - 4 April

Dynamic selling exhibition displaying some of the best contemporary craft from UK based craft-makers. After the success of last year's Contemporary Crafts exhibition, Town Mill Arts will once again showcase over fifteen designer-makers giving both established and emerging makers an opportunity to show their work in the unique setting of our Malthouse Gallery.

Unique examples of ceramics, glass, wood, metal, textiles and lighting will be on display at a range of prices to suit everyone.



## Gold Rush

We were thrilled to add to our growing trophy collection, when we won two Gold Awards at the Dorset Tourism Awards. Winning both the 'Guided Tour of the Year' and 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' was a double achievement, and we are now excited to hear the outcome of the South West Tourism Excellence Awards in early February, where we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Small Visitor Attraction' category. The ceremony is after we go to print with this issue, so please look at our website and social media to see how we got on!

Welcome

**BRIGHTBEER**



BrightBeer is launching a new 'small batch' brewery in the Spring to brew a wide range of best in class, world style beers. Founder Rod Macdonald, a Heriot-Watt brewing graduate and Master Brewer, has designed the brewkit which is being installed as a showcase in the rear of Lyme Regis Brewery's shop.

Formerly of Theakstons and Hall & Woodhouse, Rod has helped establish or develop a number of breweries including Exmoor Ales, Cotleigh, Cumberland Breweries, London Fields and Trumans and can claim to having been involved in winning the UK's top accolades.

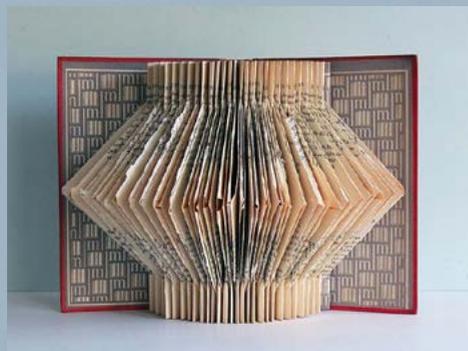
BrightBeer will be hosting beer design and tasting events so keep an eye on the website! Please contact Rod on 07413 007022 or visit [www.brightbeer.com](http://www.brightbeer.com)

# EVENTS THIS SPRING...



## Children's Printmaking Workshops

Sunday 11th February  
11.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Learn basic monoprinting techniques.



## Book Folding Workshop

Tuesday 13th February 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Jan from Lyme's 'The Writing Room' will guide you to take a vintage hardback and transform the pages into a lantern shape.

**Booking is essential:**  
Text or email Jan to secure your place:  
07790 503607 / jan@writingroomlyme.com

**WELCOME TO OUR TOWN MILL COMMUNITY!**  
Please consider joining us, as a Friend, a volunteer, or a member of Town Mill Arts, and let us share with you what makes The Town Mill such a special place. Contact Nicky on 01297 444042 or at nickytownmill@gmail.com

## Valentine's Day Biscuit Baking

Wednesday 14th February  
10.00am - 12.00pm and 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Join Jane of 'Kate's Kitchen' and make a batch of beautifully decorated, heart-shaped cookies.



If you enjoyed one of our half-term workshops, then why not come back for our **Mother's Day Cupcake Workshop** on Saturday 10th March.

(All workshops will take place in the Bakehouse Attic. Please see our website for further details and to book)

## Volunteer Group of The Year!

The Town Mill were invited to attend Volunteer Centre Dorset's annual Awards Evening, with organisations and volunteers attending from across Dorset. Our volunteers were recognised with a Team of the Year award, presented by Lady Emma Fellowes. Well done and very well deserved!



# Become a Friend of the Town Mill

The Friends of the Town Mill play a pivotal role supporting and augmenting the work of the Town Mill's Charitable Trust which looks after the Mill's historic buildings and runs a year-round schedule of activities. Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly, milling flour, welcoming visitors and stewarding art exhibitions. The Town Mill is also proud to have created employment opportunities for its small artisan businesses. With your support we can do even more!

Please consider making a small gift of as little as £3.00 a month (the price of a cup of tea!) to help us keep this rich cultural centre alive. Enjoy being part of this extraordinary project knowing that your contribution will go towards:

- Sustaining our heritage
- Keeping the arts and history alive
- Employment and training young arts administrators and supporting local artists
- Maintaining the ancient buildings
- Repairs to the mill and waterwheel



We hope you will consider becoming a Friend of The Town Mill and that you will be able to join us at some point during the year as we celebrate the working mill, its inspirational art galleries and the wonderful mix of artisans that bring The Town Mill to life. If you would like to become a 'Friend', please complete the form below and return it with your donation.

We will send you your very own distinctive Town Mill enamel badge which you can sport with pride (pictured). Wear it when you visit us and you will get discounts on our flours and baking kits, draft beer from Lyme Regis Brewery, and at the Courtyard Café.

You can request to receive invitations to our MillFests, special events, Friends and Volunteers parties, workshops and art exhibitions.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to: **The Town Mill Trust** and send with this form to the address overleaf, or please pay by bank transfer to: Sort Code: **08-92-99** Account: **69713529**, reference 'your surname' and email [managertownmill@googlemail.com](mailto:managertownmill@googlemail.com) to tell us you have done so.

Make your money work harder by Gift Aiding your additional donation. If you pay tax the Trust will receive 25p for every £1 of your additional donation.

I would like The Town Mill Trust to treat all donations I make from this date on as Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK taxpayer and UK resident for tax purposes and will notify you if the situation changes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# KEY DATES FOR THE TOWN MILL THIS SPRING...

5TH FEB

MILL RE-OPENS TO VISITORS AFTER WINTER CLOSURE

9TH – 28TH FEB

PRINTMAKERS OPEN

11TH FEB

CHILDREN'S PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS

13TH FEB

BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP

14TH FEB

VALENTINE'S BISCUIT BAKING

24TH – 25TH FEB

ADULT PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS

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10TH MARCH

CUPCAKES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

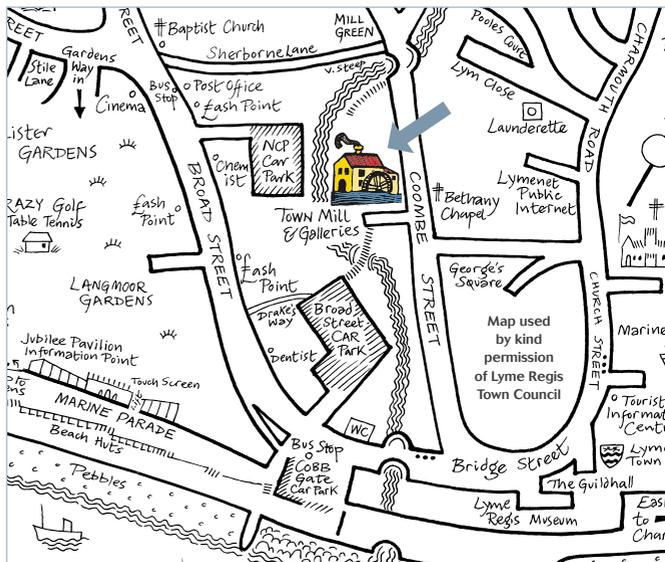
16TH – 28TH MAR

EARTH, HARE, FUR & WATER

17TH MAR – 4TH APR

CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

# HOW TO FIND THE TOWN MILL LYME REGIS



## Opening Hours The Town Mill & Visitor Centre

In the Spring, watermill tours run daily, 11 am - 4 pm, dependent on volunteer availability.

The mill may remain open later for special events or to support our education programme. Please call first if planning a special journey to avoid disappointment.

Please note: our galleries and businesses are open daily, even when The Town Mill itself is closed. See website for updates and details.



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