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The Mill

**People making things happen*

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**Dates
for
your
Diary**



At Home @ The Mill
29th May - 5th July
A mixed show for the
10th E17 Art Trail.

The Mill will be closed for
Easter **18th - 21st April** and
reopen on Tuesday **22nd**
April.

The Mill Summer Bee-zaar
Saturday **5 July 2 - 5pm**
An afternoon of fun in
celebration of the honeybee!

Face Value: a selection
of Portraits.

The current exhibition
until Saturday **24th May**

Whitefield School Show
10th July - 16th August
A display of work by pupils,
plus workshops.

The Mill Mosaic Launch

Monica tells us more about The Mill Mosaic in the garden: "The mosaic project started with the idea about brightening up The Mill garden. Sue, Anna and Monica visualised the concept under the fig tree last year and created the design together. We thought that everybody could do one leaf individually and the background as a group. We had so many people contributing that we had to expand from our original board and create extra panels. I love the fact that every leaf is so different, I think it reflects the diversity of our community". The piece was completed for The Mill Mosaic Launch on Saturday 12th



April, with a special guest unveiling the artwork, crafts workshops, live music and The Mill Cake Bakers ready to celebrate the hard work!

Grow your Idea winners

The Mill developed the ideas and hard work of local people and in the next few weeks ten completely new community-led groups will start using the building. They have been chosen as part of our 'Grow Your Idea' competition, a project we are running to help connect local people, encourage them to share their skills and experience and help build confidence across the whole area.

We received dozens of great applications and we chose ten to develop and grow their ideas. We have been able to give these new groups some subsidised room hire and a small start-up grant to enable them to expand.

The Mill has also been training a brilliant team of community mentors to work with each group leader and help them get started. Our mentors know how to make a good idea work and they are now ready and raring to go. Each new group leader will have practical assistance to make sure their ideas will flourish at The Mill.

We will be sharing lots more information about the new groups in the weeks to come. But we cannot wait to host so many great new ideas at The Mill; look out for art for young people with disabilities, animation workshops, computer training in Microsoft Excel, sessions to help get people back into work, a new deaf club and forum, a chance to sing for health and many more creative projects.