Visit The Mill website (millretreatcentre.com) for all info about the venue, getting there, food & things to do including pics.

Getting There
The great benefit to coming to The Mill is you can get there without flying. Either ferry & train, or the Eurostar to Paris, or Le Shuttle (the channel tunnel) if you're driving. All ways to get there only take a few hours from London and are described in detail on The Mill website.
One easy option is to take the Eurostar train from London St Pancras to Paris and be collected by the Mill Retreat minibus and taken to the retreat. This costs £95pp (return) and there will be one scheduled pick-up time on the afternoon of 30th April to coordinate with the Eurostar timetable. As there is a minimum number required to do this I shall contact everyone in the spring to see how many would be interested in this option.

Your accommodation
This converted mill has many rooms of differing sizes. Most have shared bathrooms and there are a couple of bigger rooms for up to four people. There are also 2 x gypsy caravans, ideal for single people. There is room for 1 x campervan or tent.
You can arrive any time on the afternoon of the first day, Fri 30th April

The food
The holiday is full board and the food is cooked by the resident chef using local produce wherever possible. We will start the holiday with an evening meal on the first day, Fri 30th April, at 7pm, and finish with lunch on the last day, Tues 4th May. Anyone needing to leave before lunch can take a packed lunch with them. Fish & meat carries a small supplement of £5/day. Hot drinks & snacks are available at all times from early morning until the evenings, including our singing session breaks. There will be wine available to buy for meal times, although the centre doesn't encourage heavy drinking.

The singing!
There will be a short sing after dinner on the first evening. On the Saturday, Sunday & Monday there will usually be a main session in the morning and then either one more in the late afternoon or evening, depending on planned trips out. All sessions will take place in the beautiful vaulted workshop space. Evening sessions may take place around the fire pit, weather depending.

Other things to do
The Mill is set in extensive and beautiful grounds, so lots of space to rest, amble and generally decompress. There is a lake for swimming, paddle boarding and rowing (all free of charge) and electric bikes to go off exploring There is a market in the local town, Aumale, just 2 miles away every Saturday morning, so that will be one day when we'll have our singing in the afternoon. Transport will be by either minibus (£15pp), electric bike or walking. The beautiful cathedral town of Amiens is 50 mins away, also possible in an afternoon.

What to bringing
Other than your usual clothes etc, bring a towel (bedding is provided); walking shoes if you want to go exploring or take a walk into Aumale; swim wear if you like outdoor swimming; a light rain jacket, just in case. And Euros for wine/beer with meals, and any other extras you might want – the transport costs for trips out will be split between us.

The weather
The weather in early May is usually just perfect – a few degrees warmer than in the UK but not too hot.