

# The Journal of the British Glass Foundation; the Voice of Stourbridge Glass Museum



#### Stourbridge Glass Museum - how it came into being.

The remarkable tale of the period from the formation of BGF in 2010 to SGM official opening in 2013. Now available direct from the museum. All proceeds to BGF.

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#### Bravo that lady!



We are chuffed, twice chuffed and nay indeed thrice chuffed to report that 'Our Lynn', better known as BGF Secretary and Business Manager Lynn Boleyn MBE, has achieved yet another rung up to the dizzying heights by being recognised with a High Sheriff Award.

As the citations explains: 'The High Sheriff of the West Midlands can give High Sheriff's Awards to recognise the work of individuals or community groups within their county. These awards are a way of recognising and celebrating the work of individuals and organisations within the County who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live or work'.

Now, we here at BGF and SGM already know full-well about Lynn's long line of achievements in the world of community support. Her activities have, for many years, extended far beyond her role as a key driving force behind the development of the Museum from being a mere concept to Stourbridge's number one visitor attraction. So it's only proper that the rest of the world should also be made aware of the gem within our ranks. And, to top it all, she's truly *one o' we*.

We offer our congratulations to Lynn and cheer her to the rafters on this outstanding achievement.

#### Posh glass, posh motors



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September The Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club (Essex Section) stopped by Stourbridge Glass Museum as part of their West Midlands Rally of September 2024. Other attractions they visited on *Le Tour Grande* included Halfpenny Green Vineyards and Cadbury World.

They enjoyed refreshments on arrival followed by a talk about the museum and the glass collection by volunteer Kevin Avison before being given a guided tour of the museum and the Hot Studio where they were able to see glass making by Allister and his team.

The Museum was also presented with a plaque similar to the ones displayed on the front of their cars, which will no doubt be given its own pride of place as a graciously received memento. Do come again, folks.



# Stourbridge Glass Museum information corner

Details of forthcoming events are <u>here</u> or subscribe <u>here</u> for updates of events and other GDPR-compliant communications from SGM, including *GlassCuts* and promotions, direct to your inbox.

### Makes you think (an occasional series)



So there I was, strolling around classical Athens as you do (honest, I was) when I came across this exhibit in the fabulous Acropolis Museum. It was found at the site of the Athens *Asklepieion* (there are others in different areas dedicated to Askleios, the God of medicine) which was founded around 420BC. Which makes this quite an old bit of glass, eh? And the history of glassmaking goes back even further. So, here's the challenge - drop us a line if you've got an older piece tucked in your loft and we'll see about some sort of prize. Hmm... thought not. However, in slightly more serious vein, it is sobering to realise just how long glass has been made, and how many of the techniques continue largely unchanged to this day. How many other crafts can claim that? Suggestions to the usual address and we'll see about printing some of the best.

And if old glass like this floats your boat, we have coincidentally received details of a forthcoming presentation courtesy of the Association of Historical Glass that may be of interest. *A Fresh Batch: Current Research in Ancient and Historical Glass* will take place online at 09:30 on Saturday 25th October using Microsoft Teams. There is no need to have a Teams account, as all can access the meeting as a guest, and there is no charge. More at: <a href="mailto:events@historyofglass.org.uk">events@historyofglass.org.uk</a>

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<u>In addition to cash</u> BGF is similarly grateful for donations of good quality glass to sell in our shop. All funds raised from the sale of donated glass go into a separate Collections Account towards future acquisitions for the museum. To make a donation directly into the **British Glass Foundation Collections Account** use sort code: **40-38-07** and account number: **52291789**.

### **Oops**

In last edition we mentioned that on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Red House Glass Cone will be illuminated purple. This should have read *Stourbridge Glass Cone* and NOT Red House. No problem if you're passing by on the main road, just turn your head one way instead of t'other at Glasshouse Bridge. It's all to raise awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and to mark International DLD Day. More here about this ailment and the purpose of the awareness day.

#### Thanks for the memory

The Contemporary Glass Society (CGS) have compiled a retrospective of entries at the last International Festival of Glass. All work is for sale. More here

#### Notes and gueries

Whilst we are happy to facilitate this ad hoc information exchange on unusual items of interest BGF cannot undertake valuations or offer comment other than that supplied by our correspondents. Submission does not guarantee publication. No responsibility ... etc (usual caveats apply)

All quiet this time around, although we have been answering some intriguing questions that may lead to some additions to our collections in due course. More to follow, as it occurs.

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## And finally ...

An electrician gets home at 2.00am. His wife asks: 'Wire you insulate? He replies: Watts it to you? I'm ohm aren't I?'

It's clever that, innit? Anyway, I've got my coat so must dash; I'm off to buy a Van Gogh coffee-table I've seen advertised. It's going cheap because there's a bit of veneer missing. *Boom boom!* 

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