

# GlassCuts

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MUSEUM OF GLASS

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## WHITE HOT

news from WHCmog

### How it's looking



## GIFTS AND DONATIONS

to BGF funds, for which we thank you

Our thanks to local property developer and businessman Roy Richardson who, on behalf of the Richardson Brothers Charity Foundation, has kindly donated £5,000 to the BGF. Roy Richardson is seen here at Hagley Hall with BGF Chairman Graham Knowles and accompanied by Sajid Javid, MP for Bromsgrove. Much obliged, Sir.



BGF is also delighted to announce the receipt of a substantial donation from The Dumbreck Charity in support of our grant funding application. This splendid boost to our coffers is greatly appreciated.

In addition to cash donations (see below as to how you can do this), readers are reminded of the opportunity to secure a lasting *memento* in the new museum by way of purchasing one of Allister Malcolm's engraved glass plaques. Details via the usual BGF address.

BGF routinely reviews its donation procedures. Enhancements are announced as and when but in the meantime we continue to accept donations direct by cash, cheque and BACS. For donations by BACS our bank details are:

**HSBC Bank**  
**Branch Identifier Code: MIDLGB2108U**  
**Sort code: 40-38-07**  
**Account number: 72076780**

BGF recognizes those who wish to donate via *Virgin Money Giving*. Go via the *Virgin Money Giving* QR code listed below or click here: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1005650> **Potential donors are advised that contributions via VMG may invoke commission fees that are beyond the control of BGF.**

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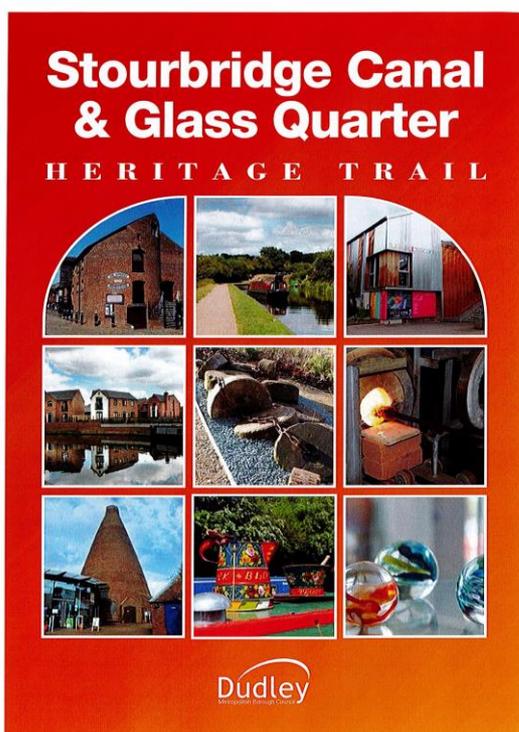
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All donations are greatly appreciated. BGF is entirely philanthropic and its Trustees are unremunerated. BGF policy is that all monies received go directly to the cause. Donations can be as one-off contributions or standing order.

## RICH MIXTURE

news from elsewhere

### Launch of Stourbridge Canal & Glass Quarter Heritage Trail



We know just how much work has gone into this one over many months past, so we are truly delighted to announce that our colleagues Ian Dury, Glass Heritage Specialist; Nicola Beckley, Tourism Officer at Dudley MBC and Graham Worton, Keeper of Geology at Dudley MBC have produced a brand new leaflet to promote the history and heritage of the glass industry in Stourbridge. There is a short and longer version of the self-guided circular walk available, starting at the Bonded Warehouse in Canal Street and finishing at the Red House Glass Cone for the short version (with a bus option back to the start) or starting and finishing at the Bonded Warehouse for the longer version. There are places along both for refreshments.

This delightful leaflet is available at local visitor attractions and libraries across the borough of Dudley. A downloadable copy and web version are also available at [www.glassquarter.org.uk](http://www.glassquarter.org.uk) or [www.discoverdudley.org.uk](http://www.discoverdudley.org.uk). Accompanying the leaflet is a short film showing some of the highlights from the walks. Go to [youtube.com/user/dudleymbc](https://youtube.com/user/dudleymbc) and enter *Crystal Mile Walk*.

BGF wishes the leaflet team good luck and congratulates them on their achievement. Great stuff.

## **Wheels within wheels**

In complete contrast to the more usual glass fayre, The Black Country Classic Car Club will be attending the Red House Glass Cone on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September for the second year running to display a variety of club members' classic vehicles. Established in May 2003, this is an 'all make' club which brings together a wide range of interesting vehicles and currently has over 70 members.

For more information on the event contact Red House Glass Cone; for more on the car club try Neil Moore on 07752 868717 or visit [www.blackcountryclassiccarclub.co.uk](http://www.blackcountryclassiccarclub.co.uk)



## **CRYSTAL CALENDAR**

what's going on and where. Tell us yours

### ***White House Cone museum of glass***

Watch this space and check on website.

### ***Red House Glass Cone***

Various dates July to December 2017

#### *Juniors at Museums*

A wide range of activities for adults and kids alike, including a new additional venue at Dudley Archives & Local History Centre. Details at [www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums) and via Twitter and Facebook feeds. For large print leaflet ring 01384 815571.

### ***Ruskin Glass Centre***

See <http://ruskinglasscentre.co.uk/events/>

### ***Elsewhere around Glassville***<sup>®GF</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### *Connections*

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Contemporary Glass Society

M Shed, Bristol BS1 4RN [www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed](http://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed)

Further information at [admin@cgs.org.uk](mailto:admin@cgs.org.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

*The National Glass Fair* 10:30am - 4:00pm

National Motorcycle Museum B92 0EJ

<http://specialistglassfairs.com/>

## PARISH NOTICES

thank you for contacting us

No notifications this session

More soon. In the meantime, Keep it Glass.

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### The White House Survey

The success of this project depends greatly on public support. BGF is very grateful for yours. Please spare a few moments to visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whcoffsite> and complete the survey form. It will take very little of your time but will be of immense value to us. Thank you.



These are the QR codes for the British Glass Foundation (left) and Virgin Money Giving (right).

Scan to browse the work of the BGF or to make a donation. If you are donating by VMG then please note that VMG's own commission fees, over which BGF has no control, may apply.



### Promotional opportunities

Black Country Radio (BCR) is the area's premier local radio station operating on 102.5FM. If you are organising a local event that is philanthropic, non-profit (it doesn't matter if there is an admission fee) and community orientated then it can be promoted free of charge via BCR. Visit [www.blackcountryradio.co.uk](http://www.blackcountryradio.co.uk) and click on *Events*.

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... also Jane Alexander and colleagues at JLA Consulting [www.jlaconsulting.org.uk](http://www.jlaconsulting.org.uk) for advice on the securing and management of funding, partners at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and all friends and associates at Fieldings Auctioneers (Stourbridge) <http://fieldingsauctioneers.co.uk>



Details of other BGF partners, supporters and sponsors at: [www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/the-foundation/](http://www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk/the-foundation/)

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<https://twitter.com/whitehousecone>

Please note: These are 'live' links - click to try - but depending on your operating system you may need to insert manually into your browser.

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**Disclaimer**

I recall in my youth I wanted to be a bomb disposal expert in the Army. Then I remembered my granddad did something similar in the war so I asked his advice. Strapping on his wooden leg to stand up, he screwed his artificial hand in, rubbed his glass eye and adjusted his hearing aid to counsel me solemnly: *'Just remember, lad' he said 'it's not always the red wire'*. And now, when I realise the inventor of predictive text celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anal vestry next Monkey, I thought it was about time we dedicated a **Disclaimer** to those little slips, trips and misunderstandings we all commit that could be so embarrassing, but which make the world go round. I mean, is it still a boomerang if you throw it up? Anyway ...

**GlassCuts** is the intellectual armpit of the British Glass Foundation. It is compiled by a team of pheasant pluckers manipulating their own tools (*eh? - Ed*) here in the shimmering opulence that is the rough-cut punt facility at *GlassCuts Towers* and has no other function that to spott mishtakes, set a beacon of high standerds and even perhaps say a bit about glass. We are proud that our talents know no bounds, indeed the end is listless. (*subs - check this please*)

Whilst every effart is made to ensure ackeracy, no responsibility etc etc ... (*usual scabby cats apply*).

This email is sent to you solely on the basis that you recognise that they don't make time machines like they will do but if you do not wish to receive further **GlassCuts** then either explain why smoking kills and bacon kills but smoking bacon cures it, or send an email marked: *'Don't worry, we'll make it all look like an accident'* to [bgf@britishglassfoundation.org.uk](mailto:bgf@britishglassfoundation.org.uk) A brief indication as to why we are no longer your favourite Malaprops and Spooners would be appreciated.

BGF welcomes onward transmission to anyone who believes that living a healthy lifestyle merely delays the inevitable and I'm a legitimate veggie on the basis that the cow my 32oz sirloin came off has eaten all the grain and barley I'm ever gonna need. Similarly if you have anything you consider may be worth force-feeding our colleagues in the *Wonderful World of Lunacy* ©GF then send it to BGF at the usual address.

Final word goes to our advertising department who are really going all out to boost our revenue. Here's the latest from our classifieds section: *'Wanted as flat-mate to share 10ft X 10ft bedsit with me and sixteen of my associates. Must have own donkey and handcuffs. No weirdos.'* Classic.

Ps ... congratulations to all those who 'spotted' the last instalment and kindly took the trouble to write in. You lovely people.



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