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Heritage Lottery Fund bid – latest

We devote the lead in this edition to the news that our bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been deferred pending the submission of further information.



This is *not* a 'refusal' and is in fact standard procedure when a funding body is seeking to establish that every conceivable aspect of the bid has been addressed and covered.

BGF and its partners remain optimistic that the outcome will be positive.

In view of the significance of this announcement we have included the full press release *verbatim* herewith. In line with our promise that our readership and supports are amongst the first to hear any news, this release has been distributed to our colleagues in the media and elsewhere at precisely the same time you receive this *GlassCuts*.

On behalf of Dudley MBC, Complex Developments Ltd and all other partners, the BGF Trustees thank you for your continued support and assure you of our confidence that the 'Grand Project' remains very much on target.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

to BGF funds, for which we thank you

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.**

Donations made by a UK taxpayer can attract Gift Aid, which is a great supplement to our funds and costs the donor nothing. All we need to claim this is your Gift Aid declaration; contact us for details if you have not already supplied us with relevant particulars.

Please note: In acknowledging the support of donors *GlassCuts* generally will not reveal either the details of the donor or the amount donated unless the donor indicates otherwise or the circumstances are in the public domain or public interest. This does not preclude the possibility of details, including the amount donated and/or the donor's particulars, appearing elsewhere in BGF material.

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.

The season approaches

Julie Edmonds at Red House Glass Cone has contacted us with an early festive request. She says:



This year we are hosting our own Christmas Tree Festival in the beautiful historic environment of The Red House Glass Cone from Saturday 18th November 2017 to Sunday 7th January 2018.

The trees will be within the Cone and around the site. Each tree will be decorated by your group or business, reflecting 'who you are'. An interpretation plaque will be placed by your tree and you are welcome to leave leaflets by your tree.

Your tree can be real, artificial or something in the shape of a tree provided it's no taller than 5 feet. All trees must be collected by 3pm on 7th January 2018. After this date we will dispose of them.

We will provide electricity for one set of lights but you are welcome to use battery-operated lights (please bring spares).

Participation is free. We will have collection boxes for donations to The Mayors charities, which for this year are: Dudley Mind, The YMCA and Dudley Alzheimer's Society.

We will be open from 10am until 3pm in the week and 11am until 4pm at the weekend. The Cone will be closed 24 December until 3 January 2018.

If you wish to participate in our Christmas Tree Festival please:

** Contact me for an application form no later than Sunday 5th November 2017.*

** submit it with an A4 sheet about your group/business to be placed in front of your tree.'*

Julie is at julie.edmonds@dudley.gov.uk or 01384 815571.

Fair enough

This release comes from our colleagues at Specialist Glass Fairs:

'We decided not to run an October fair at Knebworth this year so our next event at Knebworth House will be on the 25th February 2018. Our next event this year will be the National Glass Fair to be held at the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull, West Midlands B92 0EJ on Sunday 12th November from 10.30am until 4.00pm. Admission is £5.

There will be an exhibition provided by the Carnival Glass Society of an outstanding collection of carnival and other glass that has been gifted to them. This will include rare examples of European carnival and other glass, numerous Sowerby items, both in carnival and non-carnival glass and some American and unusual Indian glass.

There will be new faces among the exhibitors including 'Glass and Teak' from Sweden who will be showing Swedish glass, Neville Platt Antiques specialising in 18th and 19th century glasses and Jeff Sims Antiques who will be selling Georgian table glass and contemporary Art Glass. Also showing for the first time will be Mike and Susan Hunter, contemporary glass artists from Twists Glass Studio in Scotland. We are also pleased to welcome back Brian Carruthers from Bac to Basics Antiques who specialises in Victorian and Edwardian coloured glass.

Cambridge sculptor Jilly Cunningham has now made the switch to home décor. Unimpressed by the unimaginative options available in light switches, Jilly decided to make her own. Her first collection of shimmering light switches are fully functional works of art, hand crafted in Murano and Tiffany stained glass and will be on sale.'

Details at www.facebook.com/specialistglassfairs, www.glassfairs.co.uk or via 07887 762872.



An appeal

Diana Dias Leao, she of the 'Danger of the Image' glass dresses - one of the most successful exhibitions ever held at Broadfield House - informs us she has been given two gallery spaces to hold exhibitions of work donated by willing artists to raise money for the Grenfell Tower survivors. Both in the London area, the first is at Faroe Road Studios from the 10th November - 4th December and the second at the Masbro Road Centre 5th - 18th December.

She explains: *I am giving seven glass dresses and other artists are coming forward with donations. The whole point is to raise as much money as possible and have it distributed to the survivors. I hope you will be able to help by donating a piece of work. Please send a photograph or description with a short note to introduce yourself for inclusion in the publicity package.*

Diana can be contacted direct at diana_dias_leao@yahoo.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 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^{®GF}

14th - 15th October 2017

Connections

20th anniversary celebrations of the Contemporary Glass Society

M Shed, Bristol BS1 4RN www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/m-shed

Further information at admin@cgs.org.uk

12th 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

Peter Layton Open Evening. London Gallery, 5.10.17. rsvp@londonglassblowing.co.uk

Lalique Mascots book launch invite. Brighton Racecourse, 22.10.17. www.brmmbrmm.com/lbcc.bb

Station Glass Autumn Newsletter. Open Day 14th October. www.stationglass.com

Alan J. Poole monthly newsletter. October edn. alanjpoole@aol.com

More soon. In the meantime, Keep it Glass.

Graham Fisher MBE

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www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk

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, and click on *Events*.

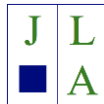
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... also Jane Alexander and colleagues at JLA Consulting www.jlaconsulting.org.uk for advice on the securing and management of funding, partners at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council www.dudley.gov.uk and all friends and associates at Fieldings Auctioneers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



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

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<https://m.facebook.com/The-White-House-Cone-Museum-of-Glass-1783619608579416/>



<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

Honestly, I've had a terrible day. First of all I lose my best mate and drinking buddy in a terrible accident when he tragically got his finger caught in a wedding ring. Then my ex-fiancée gets knocked over by a bus. And finally I lose my job as a bus-driver. It all just made me realise it's about time we dedicated a **Disclaimer** to marital bliss. I mean, where would us bachelors be without it? Anyway ...

GlassCuts is the Registry Office of the British Glass Foundation. It is crafted lovingly into a bouquet by a group of *Flowers 'R Us* Saturday-girls to be carried from the shimmering opulence here at *GlassCuts Towers* and thrown lovingly into the hands of the next lucky recipient. It has no other function than to celebrate the institution of matrimony for those who are happy to live in an institution, rejoice in the thrilling prospect of waking up to the same partner every morning for the next 60 years and perhaps even say a bit about glass

Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy, no responsibility etc etc ... (*usual new hats apply*).

This email is sent to you solely on the basis that, thanks to your other half, you now know there is a correct way to put milk in the fridge but if you do not wish to receive further **GlassCuts** then either explain why if you replaced your marital bed with a trampoline then your partner would probably hit the roof, or send an email marked: *'My wife doesn't want to touch anything alcoholic so is leaving me'* to bqf@britishglassfoundation.org.uk. A brief indication as to why we are no longer your favourite lifetime partners would be appreciated.

BGF welcomes onward transmission to anyone who believes that if any glass enthusiasts know of any impediment why you should not do so, then let them blow now and forever hold their peace. Similarly if you have anything you consider may be worth our colleagues bringing up to elbow-temperature in the *Wonderful World of 2.4 Children* ^{©GF} then send it to BGF at the usual address.

And finally, I am saddened to give notice that due to other commitments I cannot fulfill my engagement at our local Catholic convention on birth control. Unfortunately I have had to pull out at the last minute.

Gosh, how interesting; I have just walked down a street where the house numbers are 64K, 128K, 512K and 1Mgb. Well, that was a trip down memory lane. Go carefully now ...