

**Association for the History of Glass (AHG)
and
Society for Glass Technology (SGT)**

“To make much better glass ...”

**A study day to be held at The Wallace Collection
Manchester Square, LONDON W1U 3BN
18th April 2016**

2016 is the centenary of the founding of the Society for Glass Technology. To mark this event this study day aims to consider how different people in different times have gone about making much better glass. Glass has always been a complex material and making much better glass has demanded, amongst other things: investment; organisational change; improved raw materials; glassmaker training and education; new processes; and new furnace technologies. However, behind every successful development there have been, often unlikely, innovators who have played critical roles.

The talks will examine some of the transformational changes that have occurred in glassmaking prior to 1930 that each generated the capability to make much better glass, identifying the critical changes and the key people and organisations that made these happen.

Draft Programme

10.15 Arrival/coffee

10.40 Introduction

Early beginnings

10.45 Marco Verita will talk about the development of Cristallo in Venice.

11.25 Colin Brain will talk about the development of British crystal glass in the 17th-C.

12.05 Lunch (not provided)

18th and 19th centuries

13.30 Bill Brookes will talk about glass-making developments in the north-east of England.

14.10 David Martlew will talk about flat glass development at St Helens

14.50 Tea

20th century

15.20 John Parker will talk about W.E.S Turner and the events surrounding the formation of the Department of Glass Technology at Sheffield and the Society of Glass Technology

16.00 Russell Hand will talk about the birth of international co-operation and the formation of the International Commission on Glass

16.40 Summing up and close

If you would like to attend, please book by sending your full contact details and a cheque for **£34.00** (non members), **£24** (members of the AHG, SGT, or Friends of the Wallace Collection), or **£12** (students – proof required) payable to *The Association for the History of Glass Ltd* to: Colin Brain, 10. College St, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3AL or email: ahgstudydays@gmail.com. Receipt by email or with an SAE. Participants who normally live outside the UK may pay upon arrival at the venue (in UKP sterling).