



*Glass Society - Free Zoom talk*

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## *Manchester Glass Revisited*

Tuesday 17 December, 7pm GMT

David has long been interested in Manchester glass. It is a confusing field with factories in its Victorian heyday producing varied, colourful and popular pieces, mostly unmarked. Retirement saw David pursue his long standing interest in decorative glass by focusing upon this important industry based in the North West during the nineteenth century. For the last fifteen years David has been part of a network of experienced, mainly local, collectors who together have discovered new aspects of glass manufacturing in Manchester. Whether it be attributing unregistered designs or identifying variations in colour or shape of known pieces, their enthusiasm and rigour was countered in equal part by their knowledge and impartiality. This Talk is dedicated to the memory of those of the group no longer with us.

After growing up in Norfolk, David graduated with a degree in Economics before studying for a Masters in Operations Research. This provided the basis for a career in industry where he was the logistics director for a large British multinational manufacturing company. As recent Chairman of the Glass Society he was instrumental in engineering the merger between the Glass Association and the Glass Circle five years ago.



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Elephant by Burtles Tate, registered 1886  
Swan by Burtles Tate, registered 1885  
Sphinx by Molineaux Webb, registered 1875*

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