

SGT NEWS



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES

Maurice Wallage has produced a booklet, summarising 37 Presidential Addresses up to and including his own - 'Journey to the centre of my full lead crystal ball' - with references to where they can be found in the SGT journals.



FELLOWS' LUNCHEON

The latest of these biennial meetings was held in July, when Neil McDonnell arranged a visit to the Peasley factory of United Glass in St Helens. A party of 52 fellows and their guests toured the plant before lunching at the Haydock Thistle Hotel.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 1993 EUROPEAN MEETING

An important meeting in which the SGT is involved is the second biennial meeting on 'The Fundamentals of Glass Science and Technology', planned by the European Society of Glass Science and Technology (ESG). This event will be held in Venice on June 21st to 24th 1993, under the auspices of the Union Scientifique Continentale du Verre.

The following topics will be covered:

(1) Science: Structure; crystallisation; physical and chemical properties; surfaces and surface treatments; analytical techniques; and special glasses (optical, opto-electronic,

glass ceramics etc).

(2) Technology: Raw materials and cullet; furnaces; melting; forming and processing; pollution control; process modelling; process control; special glasses; and normalisation.

Further information is available from Stazione Sperimentale del Vetro, Via Briati 10, 30141 Murano-Venezia, Italy. Tel +41 739422. Fax +41 739420. Telex 420698.



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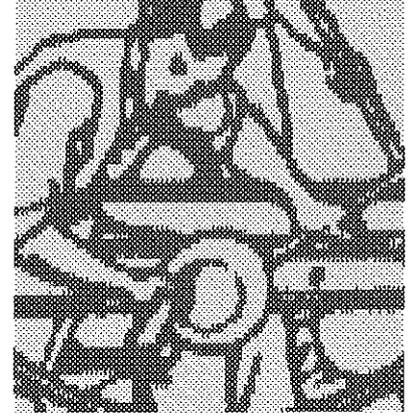
PHOTOGRAPHIC RECOLLECTIONS

London Section dinners have definitely changed over the years. This undated photograph from the Society archives must have been taken when London and the South East of England could boast a positive plethora of glassworks, even more glass technologists and a desperate lack of female participation!

Many well known SGT stalwarts are present including two, we believe, who are still around today. If you recognise any faces and can tell us anything about them, please forward details to SGT head office in Sheffield.



TRADITIONS AND CHARACTERS REMEMBERED



Honorary fellow and past President of the SGT, Maurice Wallage recently spoke to the Midlands Section about its history, traditions and characters. He took as his 'text' verse 22 of the first chapter of the Epistle of St James, "...if a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in the glass", his thesis being that Turner was always one of life's 'doers'.

The talk was illustrated by contemporary material, including an issue of 'The Times' dated November 9th, 1916, the day the SGT was established. Therein could be found a list of 2740 "losses in the ranks", a piece by 'our special correspondent' who wrote from British headquarters under the headlines: "A month of minor attacks; British gains in rain and mud; splendid spirit of all arms".

Another correspondent wrote from Spalding about possible government intervention on the price of potatoes! Among the adverts, MME Clara Butt was at the Royal Albert Hall; Sir Thomas Beecham's first concert of the 105th season at Queen's Hall included Delius, Debussy and Saint Saens; and also at Queen's Hall, one Thomas Curtin was to give a lecture on "Three hundred days in Germany...conditions in Germany today."

Turning to the time the Midlands Section was formed, the following report appeared 'The (Stourbridge) County Express' on Saturday October 7th, 1933:

SOCIETY OF GLASS TECHNOLOGY
APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A STOURBRIDGE BRANCH
INTERESTING MEETING OF GLASS AND FIRE-CLAY TRADES
GLASS INDUSTRY MORE HOPEFUL

"A meeting of high importance to the glass and refractory industries of Stourbridge District and of the Midlands generally was held on Monday night at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge. It was convened by Professor W E S Turner...and there was a gratifying response."

There followed the long and detailed type of account that, today, seems excessively wordy but which contains a wealth of information. Every speech is summarised and a full list of those in attendance is published. From this list, not only do we find familiar SGT names

from all the local industries and two art schools (Stourbridge and Brierley Hill) but we also learn that the Director of Education for Staffordshire and a representative of the Board of Education were present; Turner never did things by halves!

Around that time, 'The Times' tells us of oil being produced from coal, of a "decline of civil disobedience in India" and that in the cricket, Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 85 runs; adverts inform us that there was a Rolls-Royce saloon for immediate delivery at £1560, that Royal Mail Lines were running a 12-day cruise to the Canaries for £20 and that Maples were having a sale, with bedroom suites from £7.10s (£7.50) and pianos from £12.10s (£12.50).

The post-war newspapers of 1946 begin to have familiar themes - there was a trade deficit and they were trying to set up controls for the use of atomic energy; Worcestershire were again in trouble, this time to Northamptonshire; and shares in Utd G Bottle had fallen 9d (just under 4p) to 30s.9d (£1.54). The adverts tell us of Chance's 'Sumo' pumps, "the new way to bring water up your bore hole" and of whisky at 25s.9d (£1.29) a bottle.

The above comments were drawn from the illustrations that accompanied the talk. The paper itself is now being prepared by Maurice Wallage for publication in 'Glass Technology'.



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NO CHANGE MR CHAIRMAN

News from the North East Section's annual general meeting, which was held last May and linked with a visit to Vaux Breweries Ltd, is that Charles Bray continues as chairman and John Henderson as secretary.

An autobiographical note by the chairman is published in the October issue of 'Glass Technology', together with an article by him on an exhibition of studio glass entitled 'Nomades del Vidrio', which was held recently in Barcelona and at which Mr Bray was invited to exhibit examples of his work.

LIBRARY MOVE COMPLETED

The glass library has now been relocated from Elmfield to Sheffield University's newly built St George's Library on Mappin St. SGT members are welcome to use the new facility, on presentation of a current membership card if visiting in person or quoting a membership number over the telephone.

As far as possible, members are recommended to call or telephone between 9am and 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, when the SGT's own librarian, Mary Parker, is on duty.