



CARNIVAL GLASS SOCIETY



LAUNCH OF THE ANTHONY AND MAUREEN WARD GLASS COLLECTION



*Reception at Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough
19.30 Friday 15 September 2017*

We are delighted to announce that an outstanding collection of carnival and other glass has been kindly gifted to the Carnival Glass Society. This stunning collection includes:

- Rare examples of European glass made by Eda of Sweden and other manufacturers
- Numerous Sowerby glass items, both in carnival and non carnival glass
- Exceptional American and unusual Indian carnival glass items
- Collections which include, or are related to, carnival glass such as a set of Sowerby 'Royal Swan' salts, striking Art Deco vases and various crucifix candlesticks

Glass lovers are welcome to attend the launch for a temporary membership fee of £5.00 per person which includes Prosecco and tasty nibbles

Following an introductory talk we shall unveil a display of more than 100 pieces of glass from the collection. Advanced registration required. **For information or to register please 'contact us' - limited spaces available so please book early. Read more...**

SATURDAY OPTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE:

On Saturday 16 September 2017, the Carnival Glass Society will hold its 35th AGM following which we shall have a sale of members' glass. There will also be a selection of items from the Anthony and Maureen Ward Collection for sale.

Full membership of the Society is required to attend the Saturday morning AGM and priority glass sales which is £14 for up to two people for electronic newsletter distribution or £25 for up to two people for paper newsletters posted to your home. (We have four 36 page colour newsletters per year and a range of events for members to attend). This can either be purchased in advance or, for those attending the Friday evening launch, by upgrading to full membership on the evening.

Full members can participate in the full weekend programme including the Saturday afternoon glass sales, presentation on carnival glass and Saturday evening meal at the Three Swans Hotel if they chose to do so. They can also participate in our **special 35th anniversary raffle for a stunning blue Brockwitz 'Rose Garden' letter vase** at only £1.00 per ticket or £10 for 12. Please 'contact us' for details of how to enter.

Finally for those wishing to attend the Saturday afternoon glass sales and presentation only then a temporary membership is available for £1 per person.

About the Collection and Let's Get Physical Programme

This exceptional gift of glass will be of great benefit to a new initiative that the Carnival Glass Society would like to introduce which is the **'Let's Get Physical'** programme.

In the early days of glass collecting – as many of us will remember – we would hunt through the antique fairs, car boot sales and bazars for glass or perhaps we might see it at venues such as the National Glass Museum.

As time progressed, rarer items of glass came to reside in people's collections, much of the glass for sale transferred online and much of the discussion about glass now takes place in internet forums. Of course, this is excellent and the online forums are enjoyed by many but these trends can also present a problem of visibility, creating a 'chicken and egg' situation – and that is where the **'Let's Get Physical'** programme comes in!!

Our aim is to have parts of this collection displayed in a range of different locations across the country together with promotions about the Carnival Glass Society. We believe this approach should help spread awareness of the glass which is one of the main objectives of the Society.

In the meantime here is a sneak preview of items from the Anthony and Maureen Ward Collection that will be on display at the launch on Friday 15 September...

