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Master Glass Cutter

Last month we told you about a pair of cut Georgian candelabra that had been badly damaged and needed replacement parts made and our experienced master glass cutter Tony (seen left) has already started work on a couple of the pieces including the Van Dyke drip pans. Below is an image of the original alongside the replica – can you tell which one is which?

Tony began working for us in 1995 as a trainee glass cutter and now he is considered our Master cutter and is training his own apprentice, passing on the skills and knowledge that he has learnt over the past 20 years.

Tony also works alongside his brother who has also worked at Wilkinson for a number of years.

During his time with us Tony has cut glass for a number of prestigious projects including those for Buckingham Palace, The Reform Club, Stowe House and Chatsworth.

Did you guess which pan was the original? It was the one on the left which has its metal pins already.



Great Estates - Dumfries House

On the evening of Sunday 3rd April there was a wonderful programme about the Great Estates of Scotland on ITV3 and this first episode focused on Dumfries House.

19 minutes in to the programme Charlotte Rostek, Head Curator at the house shows us the Pink Dining Room and points out the 18th Century chandelier that hangs in the centre of the room. The 'workshop in Kent' that she explains were able to restore the chandelier was Wilkinson Plc.

In 2011 it was our delight to restore the historical piece and it was excellent to see it featured several times in the programme. If you get the opportunity, it really is wonderful viewing and can be watched online until the end of the month via this link on the ITV Hub

- www.itv.com/hub/great-estates



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