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Glass Restorers
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On 19th July 2017 Wilkinson PLC re-registered and is now trading as Wilkinson Ltd.

The name change doesn't change any of our business practices, the ownership, company directors and shareholders remain as before.

Emmanuel College newspaper

This month we finished the restoration of wonderful antique chandelier from Emmanuel College, we already knew due to the design of the chandelier and the colour of the glass that is was likely to have been produced in the 1730's, making it one of the oldest in the country, but it was fascinating to discover during the restoration process, inside the chandelier was a sheet of newspaper dated September 11, 1731. The paper was folded into 4 and was being used as a structural wedge in the central stem, hence the multiple holes where the pole penetrated it (see scan on right).

The newspaper was photographed and scanned for the College's historical records and then placed back into the chandelier before being re-installed.

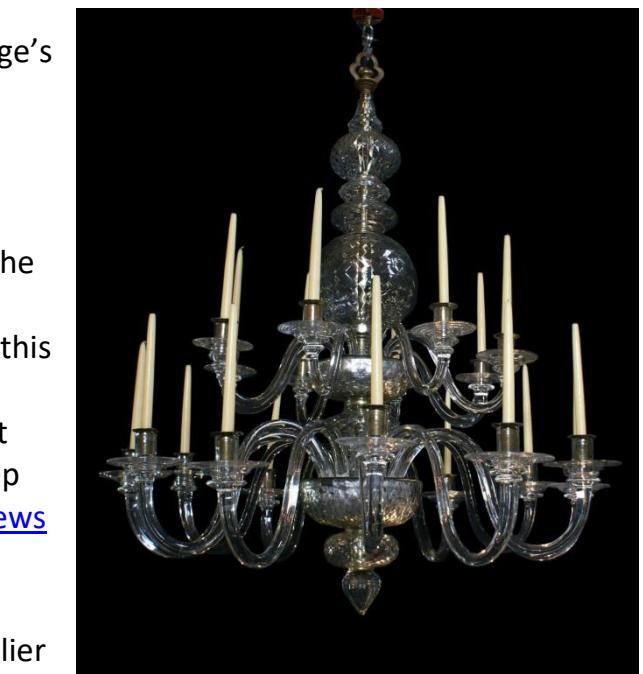
The chandelier was with us to produce a replacement grey tinted lead crystal arm, sadly but fortunately the broken arm was already a modern replacement itself. We also removed the unique square metal mounts from all of the arms and reset them in fresh plaster as the old plaster was beginning to fail, this should give another 50 years peace of mind.

More information about this wonderful historically important chandelier will be on the news page of our website soon, keep an eye on our social media for the link - wilkinson-plc.com/news

Sidholme Hotel, new cut pieces

We told you a couple of months ago about the Osler chandelier being restored for Sidholme Hotel in Devon.

We have started to cut the replacement lead crystal pieces to match the originals. You can see in the image to the right the broken piece on the left of the image and the newly produced replacement pan. You can still see the pen marks our glass cutters make to ensure that they get the correct number scallops and cuts. Don't worry, these are polished out and cleaned off before being put on the chandelier!



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