



*Glass Society - Free Zoom talk*

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*Wine, Water and Treason. Glass in Wales of the 18th and 19th centuries*

7pm GMT, Thursday 6th February 2025

Initially introduced as an industry by Sir Robert Mansell in the 17th century at Milford Haven, little reference to glass-making in Wales is made by historians today. The development of a glass cone at Loughor in Swansea in the mid-18th century and the establishment of factories for the manufacture of mineral water and pharmaceutical bottles in South Wales in the 19th century, are significant facets in the development of Welsh glass. As too is the existence of a relatively large number of personalised sealed wine bottles associated with Welsh families from the 17th to the 19th century. The importance to Wales of the Scottish Jacobite uprising in 1745 is exemplified through special wineglasses used by secret drinking societies, organised in Swansea, South-west Wales and Wrexham at the time. Other than that glass produced for the stained-glass industry, which is well documented, little is known of vessel glass associated with Wales, whether locally produced or imported from



*Photo: Loughor Glass Cone, c1760,  
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England. A spotlight is now thrown on a fascinating aspect of the principality's industrial and social history as well as its treasonable association through glass with the Jacobite cause.

A native of Wales, Simon is a glass historian who has worked in various British museums and the London salerooms since the early 1980s. He is now Chairman of the Glass Society and a Fellow of Corning Museum of Glass.

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