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# WILKINSON Plc

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### Family

Between them they have almost 100 years experience running the business and we were lucky enough to get this photo of the 4 generations of Wilkinson together, David, Arthur, Baby Ethan and Jodie.

Arthur joined in 1947 working from a small workshop attached to the house, alongside his father Reginald. Over the years the business continued to develop and expand with Arthur retiring and leaving the business in the capable hands of his son in 1986.

David joined the company in the summer of 1974 at the age of 16 as an apprentice glass cutter. He is now acknowledged as one of the World's leading authorities in antique chandeliers and historic lighting having been passed down a wealth of knowledge.

David was delighted when his daughter Jodie started working for the business in the summer of 2005. Since then she has developed her knowledge and is now a director, she has every intention of continuing learning and developing the business for many years. The first Wilkinson grandchild, Ethan was born on 31st October 2013 and there is certainly hope that he will want to join the business that has been part of his family for so long.



### Interesting Fact

The world's most expensive ice cream sundae is served in a \$300 Baccarat Harcourt crystal goblet. Served in New York's Serendipity 3's restaurant it contains 23 carat gold and the finest ingredients from across the world and costs \$1000 – though guests do get to keep the goblet!



### Ice cream

We were recently commissioned to produce a chandelier for the pastry room of a private residence which included the use on ice cream sundae glasses and to the left you can see the finished product. At over a metre wide it certainly makes a statement in the room.

The 4 tier stainless steel frame holds 62 sundae glasses. Each glass is simply slotted into position rather than being fixed, however it has been installed high enough so that there is no risk of accidental knocks or the chance that someone may borrow one for their own ice cream sundae.

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