

## JW Evans Factory and Silver Museum – DCS WORKS VISIT

*On Thursday 11th February the Diecasting Society arranged a visit for its members to the J W Evans Silver works factory in Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter.*

The informative tour of this English Heritage site offered attendees an insight into life in Victorian industrial Birmingham. Established in 1881, J W Evans is one of the most complete surviving historic factories in the region.

Members viewed the workshops, and the thousands of dies for the manufacture of silverware impressed the diecasters in the group. There was a separate room housing an impressive exhibition of silverware.

Among the DCS members who attended the visit were three apprentices from Alucast Ltd (Tegan Thuta, Ryan Pateman and Scott Dillion) who were given the opportunity to see the working condition of employees in the past.

Thuta said: "This was a wonderful opportunity to visit the factory. We got a guided tour around the factory and were given detailed information on the history of the company, their families and heritages, and the creation of intricate designs and castings made in silver. We were also then shown the treacherous conditions of workers back in that time period, the dangers that followed them compared to modern day working conditions and how in some ways the casting industry is similar now and in other ways it is very different to back then.



Silverware on show

"We were also shown other small pieces of silver jewellery, which were articulately crafted, all by hand and the large range of moulds/dies which were used for the actual casting of silver itself. Finally, it was explained how workplace morale was important at that time and it was a great example of how a business was run back in that era."

*The DCS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to J W Evans and their staff for hosting the visit. Look out for details of upcoming DCS works visits throughout 2025.*



The traditional workshop at JW Evans in Birmingham



Silver labels



Members gain a fascinating insight into Victorian industrial Birmingham



## Diecasting Society Midlands Golf Day



**Friday 16th May 2025**

**Barlston Golf Club, Meaford, Stone, Staffordshire (UK)**

The Diecasting Society Midlands Golf Day is the perfect opportunity to meet up with DCS friends from the industry or to entertain a customer. The golf course is described as a "little beauty", setting some wonderful challenges, including some testing water hazards to conquer. The event is always well attended and provides an opportunity to get competitive with fellow golfers or to just soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the fairways with like-minded people.

There isn't long to go now, so don't forget to book your place.

Contact ICME for a booking form: email: [dcsc@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcsc@icme.org.uk) or Ann Gough, Tel: +44 (0) 7908 190519, email: [annie@icme.org.uk](mailto:annie@icme.org.uk)

**This event is sponsored by Tandom Metallurgical Group and the Diecasting Society thanks them for their continued support.**



## CALLING NOTICE

**Diecasting Society – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 29th April 2025**

**Black Country Living Museum**

The Diecasting Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the prestigious Black Country Living Museum on Birmingham New Road, Dudley, West Midlands (UK) on the morning of Tuesday 29th April 2025.

Members should arrive by 10.30am for tea and coffee, followed by the formal AGM proceedings.

At 12.00 noon, the group will be treated to a visit of the J H Lavender Aluminium Foundry on the site, which will include a demonstration within the museum.

This will be followed by a traditional lunch at 1pm of fish and chips or steak and ale pie and chips or curried cauliflower pie and chips.

After lunch there is an opportunity to visit the rest of the Black Country Living Museum.

There is no charge for DCS members attending the AGM, lunch and visit to the museum.

A booking form needs to be completed and menu choice made prior to attendance, which can be obtained from: Ann Gough at The Diecasting Society, c/o ICME National Foundry Training Centre, ECMS, Tipton Road, Tipton, West Midlands DY4 7UW. Tel (ICME): +44 (0) 121 752 1810, email: [annie@icme.org.uk](mailto:annie@icme.org.uk) or Tel: Ann Gough, +44 (0) 7908 190 519.

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## Join the Diecasting Society

Membership is open to both individuals and companies who have an interest in the manufacture of die cast metal products. That interest might be as a foundry or a supplier to a foundry.

Each member receives the *Diecasting Society Newsletter*, and reduced rate attendance at all the Society events, both technical and social. Annual membership is £45.00 for an individual member and £235.00 for companies (which includes four reduced rate places for named employees at the company). The cost for a student or trainee is just £8.50.

To start enjoying the benefits of membership

email: [dcsc@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcsc@icme.org.uk) or visit [www.dcsoc.org.uk](http://www.dcsoc.org.uk)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

The following events are planned for this year.

**Tuesday 29th April**  
**DCS Annual General Meeting**  
**Black Country Living Museum, Dudley (UK)**

**Friday 16th May**  
**DCS Midlands Golf Day**  
**Barlston Golf Club, Stone, North Staffordshire (UK)**

**Friday 5th September**  
**National Golf Day 2025**  
**Moor Hall Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield (UK)**

**This event is sponsored by Coleshill Aluminium**

For more details and updates on events visit: [www.dcs.org.uk](http://www.dcs.org.uk)

## DCS Website

The DCS website has been updated. DCS members are invited to submit entries to the website, news items etc. to populate it by emailing: [dcsc@icme.org.uk](mailto:dcsc@icme.org.uk)