



# IT'S TIME FOR US TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF KLG

So we thought we'd mark this moment with some poetic history.

## 1973

### It all began on May the 10<sup>th</sup> in 1973

When number one was Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree.

#### Then in 1974

The year of Watergate  
And Ali beating Foreman  
To be champion heavyweight



#### KLG won it's first big job

To glaze a load of houses  
For Amber Valley Council  
So they put on their big boy trousers

#### The next year was the year of the drought.

But not for KLG  
Who took on Gary Handford  
As an installing trainee  
He did so well with fitting  
And he learned the glazing sector  
Till he climbed up the ladder  
To be Installations Director

#### On to 77 now

The year Red Rum romped home  
And Queen Liz celebrated  
25 years on the throne  
Elvis left the building  
And John Hodgkinson walked in  
He became the Sales Director  
But as a glass cutter he'd begin



#### Forest won the League next year

In that Summer of 78  
And KLG topped a million pounds  
There was loads to celebrate



#### But it was discontent in 79

Though not for KLG  
They opened up more premises  
A new glass factory



#### In 80, aluminium frames

Were made by KLG  
And their product range expanded  
To include the conservatory  
The next year Jimmy Sirrel  
Helped to take Notts County up  
And for KLG in Chilwell  
Their new showroom opened up  
They also welcomed Sue Radford  
Into the KLG team  
And aside from one year, you'll still find her here  
Making finances run like a dream

## To 83, and in Helsinki

Daley Thompson won the gold  
And at Sanby Hall, one hundred grand's  
Worth of windows all got sold



## And what is more, by 84

KLG kept growing  
Their new sealed-unit plant in Colwick  
Would keep the business going

## In 85, Bob Geldof's Live Aid raised a stack of cash

And Notts County's executive boxes  
Got the latest reflectafloat glass



## With those boxes ticked, onto 86

And Diego's Hand of God  
And Gary Brooks joins KLG  
To become the Head of Prod(uction)

## The following year was one of cheer

Cos in 1987  
KLG linked up with Regency Plastics  
And became a match made in heaven

## Onto 88 with things going great

It was only a matter of time,  
That they'd move again, onto Lenton Lane  
Which they did, in 89



## Italia 90, Psycho sobbed

At the semi-final defeat  
But he was happy enough with his KLG stuff  
When his windows at home were complete



## By 91, the Iraq war was on

An Bryan Adams was top of the charts  
And with a contract for windows from the Council  
Work on 3 tower blocks starts

## Nothing would faze em, they'd fit frames and glaze em

From a home to a big job they'd do.  
And they'd win even more, in 92, 3 and 4  
It wasn't surprising they grew

## 95 would soon arrive

And a year of buying would pass  
KLG would own John Martin Windows  
And Bilborough's Harmony Glass

## 96 was Psycho's revenge

He'd scream when his penalty scored  
And KLG would introduce  
Internal bead windows and doors

## The following year, the golf world cheered

With the arrival of one Tiger Woods  
And for windows and doors, it was par for the course  
KLG kept coming up with the goods..  
Saracen Secure locks were added  
To KLG's windows and doors  
They vowed to do more to keep things secure  
Protecting your home, you and yours



## The next year both Forest and County went up

And both sets of fans were ecstatic  
And KLG boss, Kevin Greenfield  
Won an award from Regency's Plastics

1998

## And so KLG reached it's silver jubilee



It seems such a long time ago  
So let's pick through the highlights  
of the next 25 years  
As KLG continued to grow

## Fast forward now to 2006

And another big move that was made  
To KLG's brand new office,  
showroom and factory  
Where over a million pounds was paid  
They invested in state-of-the-art machines  
Had the East Midlands largest display  
And if you head down in to Beeston  
It's where their HQ is today



## And with big sites come bigger ambitions

Before long, in a short space of time  
They purchased Derbyshire's  
Rutland Windows  
In the Summer of 2009

## By twenty eleven, they expanded again

As Stormshield came into the fold  
And by widening their scope,  
they were able to cope  
With the increase in products they sold

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name  
More changes were clearly to come

They needed a fella to bring it under one umbrella  
And get a whole rebranding done.  
They wanted fresh eyes, and a man good with brands  
The right person who'd just fit the bill  
To help reach the goal, with the drive for the role  
They appointed MD, Terry Hill



## In 2016 KLG Rutland appeared

And the business went up a few gears  
The Ilkeston showroom next year got redone  
With a refurb to last them for years



## In 2019, they went greener than green



With solar panels on their  
Beeston roof  
To boost their credentials of  
being environmental  
And that wasn't all, tell the truth

Recycling much more than ever before  
Almost all manufacturing waste  
Now all of their frames can be reused again  
KLG - always setting the pace

## And then came the virus of 2020

A year when we all stayed at home  
And thoughts changed from moving,  
to simply improving  
And getting KLG Rutland on the phone

## It was also a year for investment

And for KLG Rutland more space  
Led by Greenfield, and with Hill,  
they purchased the Mill  
To expand and then fill the whole place



## The investment's continued in every year since

In 21, for manufacturing quality  
With a four headed welder and corner cleaner  
That's 200 k on new machinery



## But we don't take our successes lightly

It's down to our hard work - and you  
So from all here at KLG Rutland  
We just want to say a thank you



## That brings us to this year, and a quarter of a mill

Has been spent on more factory machines  
We're not fifty years going,  
we're fifty years growing  
And we'll be here for longer,  
it seems



## To the staff of the past and the ones here right now

Who've been with us in bad times and good  
We've had our ups and downs and laughter and frowns  
But together we knew that we could...

### ...reach this milestone we have of fifty years

A glorious half century  
So here's to the ton,  
the next chapter's begun  
Of our proud KLG Rutland history

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**50**  
YEARS



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