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ARE YOU DECADENT AND CUT OUT FOR PURE INDULGENCE?

When it came to deciding on a concept for a display at The Craft Council Decadence Exhibition, Lucian Taylor of Red Herring, silversmiths in Hove East Sussex, dreamt up the idea of having a solid silver chip fork and bowl to eat your chips from.

The exhibition was a success for Lucian who was presented with the then and continuing problem of supplying a large number of silver chip forks. Considering the options Lucian investigated cutting by hand, laser cutting and waterjet cutting as potential processes for cutting the forks from silver sheet.

Commenting on the final cutting solution Lucian, explained, "It would have taken me weeks to cut the forks by hand and the volume that was required dictated that an automated process was found. Laser cutting looked attractive but the heat generated meant that there were a lot of problems when cutting the thicker plate that I use for my forks. Waterjet did not have this limitation. It can cut accurately and without distorting or burning the material. It was the obvious choice."

The forks are now batch produced by Control Waterjet Cutting, a company based Chesterfield who specialise in the jewellery and fine art market. Lucian has also been commissioned to develop other fine art products that have been cut by Control

Waterjet Cutting. These included – a rose bowl based on the West window of Exeter Cathedral and a silver pen and stand to commemorate the completion of the HSBC and City Group buildings on Canary Wharf.

“Control Waterjet Cutting have been with me from day one”, said Lucian. He continued, “ when I initially asked them for their help to ascertain if the job could be done using their technology they did the drawing for me programmed their machines and simply returned a finished fork. I was astonished! Waterjet now receive silver bullion direct from my suppliers and turn round the production of forks for me automatically.”

If you have a complex cutting requirement or would like to have further information regarding Waterjet’s capabilities please call Ian Macpherson, Sales Manager of Control Waterjet Cutting, on 01246 284000

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