



CHRISTMAS WORDS OF WISDOM FROM LEATHER WISE Issue VII



A MESSAGE FROM THE LEATHER LADIES!

Another year gone already! And another year that we have enjoyed working with the leather industry – Happy Christmas to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR 2008 DIARY

Here is our programme of training courses planned in Northampton for next year. We also offer training at your own premises if that suits your business better. All of our standard courses now include a Leather Identification Kit for each delegate to take away with them.

The 5-Day Appreciation of Leather course that is run jointly with the University of Northampton was so well received that we have decided to do two of them next year. In this course you actually get your hands dirty and make some leather!

If you don't see what you are looking for on this programme, don't worry – flexibility is our forte. Just let us know what your requirements are and we will do our utmost to provide you with the training that your company needs. For further information contact Chris on chris@leatherwise.co.uk

WELL FANCY THAT! Did you know that sharks and rays are covered in teeth! The small scales (dermal denticles) on their body have the same structure as teeth and are so hard that dried sharkskin used to be used as sandpaper.

In sharks, the scales channel water helping them swim faster and also stop barnacles and algae growing. Scientists have copied the scale pattern of sharkskin to produce swimwear that enables competition swimmers to perform better and an anti-fouling coat for the underside of boats. We can learn a lot from nature! Leather made from shark or ray skin looks beautiful when the scales are polished smooth – they actually resemble pearls. It makes wonderful small leather goods – just the thing for a nice Christmas present!



DON'T LET THEM SPOIL YOUR CHRISTMAS

Sadly, there are those less scrupulous folks who like to take advantage of this festive time – sub-standard fake designer leather goods can be found everywhere. They only serve to bring down the good reputation of your company and line the pockets of criminals. If you suspect a fake, report it to the relevant authority. Leather Wise can help in many cases where analysis can prove that the leather is not the same as that used on the real thing (it may not even be leather at all!). Don't let them get away with it! Contact Amanda on amanda@leatherwise.co.uk for further information.

STOP PRESS!

Put 15th May 2008 in your diary when we will be holding an event not to be missed! – further details to follow in the New Year.

WE'RE ALL GOING ON A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

We will be closing the office from 12.00 noon Friday 21st December 2007 and will re-open for business on Wednesday 2nd January 2008. We hope that you all enjoy your Christmas break too and look forward to working with you in 2008.



Merry Christmas
From
Amanda and Chris!