



CHRISTMAS WORDS OF WISDOM FROM LEATHER WISE Issue VIII



A MESSAGE FROM THE LEATHER LADIES!

We cannot believe its Christmas time already – well they say that time flies when you are having fun! We have enjoyed working with everyone and would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

THOUGHTS FOR NEXT YEAR

2009 looks like it could be a difficult time for many businesses. Leather Wise can help you stay one step ahead of your competitors by ensuring your staff are well trained and competent when it comes to leather. When money is tight the training budget is often the first to get cut, but this is a false economy. A “leather-wise” workforce can reduce wastage, minimise customer returns and improve sales – all vitally important factors in your survival package.

Here is our programme of training courses in Northampton for 2009. We also offer training at your own premises if that suits your business better. 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 what your company needs. We can also help you source funding to help pay for training where appropriate. For further information contact Chris on chris@leatherwise.co.uk

It is a well known fact that when times are hard, customers always complain more. Leather Wise can help you maintain a good relationship between you and your customer by acting as an independent arbitrator in the event of a complaint. We all know that a happy customer is priceless. Contact Amanda for more details amanda@leatherwise.co.uk

1 Day Simply Leather

Tues 13 January

Tues 10 February

Tues 10 March

Tues 07 April

Tues 19 May

Tues 09 June

Tues 04 August

Tues 01 September

Tues 13 October

Tues 10 November

Tues 08 December

2 Day Intensive Leather

Weds to Thurs 28 – 29 January

Weds to Thurs 20 – 21 May

Weds to Thurs 23 – 24 September

5 Day Appreciation of Leather

Mon to Fri 11 – 15 April

Mon to Fri 14 – 18 September

MAJOR EVENT - Centenary of Leather Education Celebrations 17 – 19 July 2009!!

For the benefit of anyone in the leather supply chain – tanner, manufacturer, buyer, technologist, quality assurance, retailer etc - World Leather and Leather Wise jointly host:

Friday 17 July 2009 'Leather – from Beast to Beauty 2009' Conference, Networking Reception & Gala Dinner

The conference will be held in the beautiful Great Hall of Northampton's Guildhall followed by a drinks reception at the Northampton Shoe Museum, then Gala Dinner at the newly refurbished Park Inn.

Saturday 18 July 2009 – The University of Northampton Celebratory Awards Dinner and Fashion Show (Corium Club Centenary Reunion!)

Sunday 19 July 2009 – The Leathersellers' Company luncheon at Leathersellers' Hall in London.

www.northampton.ac.uk/leathercentenary

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT!

Well, not only has it been busy with Leather Wise activities but Chris has also been elected as President of the Society of Leather Technologists & Chemists for the next two years – this scientific body for our industry provides essential knowledge and research so please feel free to get in touch to find out how to become a member of SLTC! www.sltc.org



Chris with outgoing President, John Avery

WE'RE ALL GOING ON A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

Our office will be closed on 24th December 2008 and re-open for business on 5th January 2009. We hope that you all enjoy your Christmas break too and look forward to working with you in 2009.



Merry Christmas
From
Amanda and Chris!