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Welcome to our 6th Edition of Safety Net

Many of our alumni are looking forward to the conference in mid-October for two reasons – the conference is free to the first 70 bookings [and we all like something free] and for the first time we have an accompanying exhibition. If you have not received your conference brochure please email us.

The theme of the conference is sharing good practice.

Sharing means giving as well as receiving.

The networking opportunities and the workshop sessions mean we can all come away the richer. Good, in Latin, is bene [there I know more than nil illigitimus carborundum] and my favoured word from bene is beneficial.

Most of delegates said they had benefited from the conference last year and I hope this is repeated this year.

Practice is the way we do things, sometimes getting things wrong.

Practice comes with experience but this experience needs the support of knowledge to be totally successful.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference - let the conference help you to better practice through the benefits gained through sharing for the overall good of occupational health, safety and welfare.

Tom Duggan
MD

Special Feature – ANSELL HEALTHCARE EUROPE

This edition of Safety Net has been sponsored by Ansell Healthcare Europe, who have a feature on Page 2.

Ansell are one of the exhibitors at our 2nd Woodward Annual Conference and

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Ray's Legal Update

A little different this newsletter boys and girls. Not too heavy on the law but I hope some interesting issues and food for thought.

Whilst every care has been taken in compiling the articles and comments in this newsletter, Woodward cannot be held

responsible for any errors or omissions the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice.

Who knows best?

Mr Bodmin Moor sat relaxing in his lounge enjoying his break from climbing ladders and walking across roofs when Cleator his wife says "Hedge needs cutting my little love bucket".

Bodmin gets his electric cutters from the garden shed and small step ladder from the understairs cupboard.

"Mind you be careful Bodmin" says Cleator who had been on a Safety course at her work".

"I will my cuddly fruit

bat" replies Bodmin.

"Don't use those steps" says Cleator, "The hedge is too high and the grass is soaking wet".

"One course and she is an expert" says Bodmin. "Working at height is my work"

Bodmin is doing fine, everyone, and is looking forward to getting back home from hospital. His neighbour's hair is starting to grow again. Names have been changed to protect identities.

A true story with some poetic license concerning the neighbour.

Although not a legal requirement in domestic premises 'working at height regulations' are worthy of consideration.

But then is health and safety just nonsense?

Some areas of the media would have us think so. Read on!

Media Problems

I had a thoroughly enjoyable time with the Environmental Health Inspectorate at their annual conference at St Johns University, York.

I was delivering a short talk to them about the misrepresentation by the press and media in the UK, regarding health and safety issues.

It was a full house in fact, so full I believe, we probably infringed a humongous number of safety regulations. No

one seemed to mind however because everyone had a really good laugh including one lady who had a slight accident and required a change in underwear!

The only dissenting voice came from a chief prosecutor who called me a *CENSORED* because he had to follow my presentation and deliver a two hour slot on evidence and protocol and his audience were not really in the mood.

He was a nice man however and he told me he never told his friends if he was prosecuting Health and Safety Cases because of the inevitable sneers projected his way because of the media's influence of belittling and ridiculing Health and Safety issues.

[Article continued on the next page]

Media Problems Continued ...

I have received an enormous amount of interest following my talk and Channel 4 are now producing a program documentary to look at this problem.

Woodward's have been approached to help and our very own Wendy may well be appearing on camera.

I was a little upset about not being selected for filming.

They said it was something to do with the cost of makeup and their budget didn't stretch to using me. I don't fully understand.

Maybe boys and girls (and there lies a tale) the tide is turning and

the media may start being more responsible with their portrayal of health and safety!



All in a word

Well boys and girls here lies a tale. Make up your own minds.

I recently had to deliver a short course for a council. During a break in the course two lovely ladies brought us tea, coffee and a splendid selection of biscuits (no garibaldi's however!).

"Thank you girls" says I.

The course went well and I received some excellent feedback, always lifts the spirits to receive nice feedback.

However there was a dark cloud building on the horizon. One individual in the group thought it improper to call women girls even though it had caused no offence to anyone other than himself. He complained to the head of (not altogether what of) something, who summarily banned me from working for the council again.

Watch out out there health and safety boys and girls.

Some people are more interested in words you use rather than the important message you are endeavouring to impart!



For Further Information.....

Ray has suggested that for further information, the following websites might be of use:

www.lawreports.co.uk
(links to
www.iclronline.co.uk)

or www.lawteacher.net

– click on the “case law” link for access to a few case law database

NEBOSH Top Student - Hayley Hebson



Hayley Michelle Hebson
Specialist Diploma in
Environmental
Management (Distinction)
*Studied with Woodward
SHE Ltd*

Tom and Ray went to the NEBOSH Graduation Ceremony to help Hayley Hebson celebrate her achievement of “top candidate” in the NEBOSH Environmental Diploma examinations.

Over 1,200 people attended the graduation to celebrate the achievement of NEBOSH Diploma Holders at the NEBOSH 2008 Graduation and Awards Ceremony.

Safety professionals from as far a field as the Kingdom of Bahrain, Belgium, India, Ireland, Oman, Romania, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago and the United

Arab Emirates were among more than 400 Award Holders presented during the ceremony held at the University of Warwick on 25th June.

We were privileged that Professor Dame Carol Black agreed to be our guest of honour at the Ceremony and personally congratulate those awarded Diploma level qualifications during 2007/08.

David Morris, NEBOSH’s Chairman said “The event celebrates the high academic standard achieved by our Diplomates and in turn the enormous contribution they all

make to raising standards of health and safety at work.

Competent safety advice adds value to an organisation; safe guarding its people, assets and reputation. That is something well worth celebrating.”

He continues “Congratulations must also go to our accredited course providers. We are immensely proud of the quality of teaching and support they provide to nearly 30,000 students every year.”



Left to right: David Morris – NEBOSH Chairman, Professor Dame Carol Black, Hayley Hebson and Teresa Budworth – NEBOSH Chief Executive



Left to right: Ray Pearson, Hayley Hebson & Tom Duggan



First Aid Instructor Package Course Launched

Woodward has launched a new First Aid Instructor Course !

This course as been designed to give students the ability to become successful training providers. Upon successful completion of the course the delegates receive:

- **CIEH Professional trainer Certificate Qualification**
- **AED Trainer Qualification**
- **First Aid Trainer & Assessor Qualification**
- **Casualty Simulation Qualification**

With the exception of the prerequisite for delegates to hold a recognised First Aid qualification before starting the course, this package provides it all.

This course will also benefit anyone working within the Health & Safety sector, the package will provide you with a full understanding and ability to be able to provide Approved and Recognised HSE First Aid training including AED to your work force reducing the need for external providers.

The course is done over 8 days. The First Aid qualification is valid for 3 years.

The course provides all students with two comprehensive tutor packs and DVD (PowerPoint presentations, DVD Movies and resource material) providing all the information and resources enabling you to start training immediately.



Haden OPD & Training Team Charity Event

Woodward were one of the companies supporting the Haden OPD & Training team with our team charity event on 18 July.

Woodward was pleased to support this event, which really made a difference to an NCH children's respite centre in Yatton, Bristol.

The centre itself provides residential short breaks for children/young people with disabilities.

Using the generous donations from our suppliers (Woodward Group, Jen Heggie, MGL, Impetus, Aitchison Performance & Parity) the Haden OPD & Training team were able

to purchase enough materials to do the following:

- Re-paint the shabby garden fence running along the back of the centre
- Re-paint a neglected wooden wendy house in the garden
- Brighten up the tired flagstone paving with some fun floor artwork - this included a long, brightly coloured snake for the children to follow and a target to use for outside games
- Paint a fantastic balloon scene mural in the main hallway as you enter the centre
- Paint some artwork for the walls to brighten the children's bedroom corridor.





Conference - New Speaker Announced

RAY PEARSON BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!

I am pleased to be able to confirm that our own Ray Pearson will be attending the conference and

presenting both the opening and closing talks.

Several delegates had commented that it was a shame that Ray wasn't presenting at the conference this time round.

We always aim to please so rather than just one session we have arranged for Ray to present TWO sessions for us.

Conference Preview

All of the speakers have now been confirmed for the conference, and it looks like it will once again be an excellent set of talks.

As a reminder the breakout sessions will be in three streams:

1. Health and Welfare Management
2. Safety Management
3. Environmental Management.

The speakers include:

Sally Mason,
BSc(Hons), Dip2.OSH,
SpDipEM, CMIOSH.

Colin Gears, CMIOSH,
LCGI m Eng tech, Dip
SHEM, Dip Mgt,
MIIRSM, MIHIE.

Matthew Powell-
Howard, Accreditations
Manager, NEBOSH

Carolyn Issitt,
Membership
Development Manager,
IOSH

Richard Charlton,
FInstPa, MIFireE,

SIIRSM, AIFSM

Charles Bray, MIOSH,
Dip.Mgt, Dip.Env.

Jeremy Frost,
Environment Agency
and many more.....

We are continuing to take bookings for our Alumni Conference and Exhibition, which will be held on Thursday 16th October 2008 and Friday 17th October 2008.

Exhibition Preview



We are pleased to be able to announce that over half available Exhibition Stands have already been booked.

The exhibition will include 18 exhibition stands, featuring companies with products and services that are relevant and useful to Safety, Health and Environmental Practitioners.

There is free entry to the exhibition for both conference delegates and others.

The following exhibitors have already confirmed their attendance:

Stand 1 – Bolle Safety

Stand 2 – CueDoc
Occupational Health

Stand 3 – Ansell
Healthcare Europe

Stand 4 –
WOODWARD SHE Ltd
Stand 5 – BM Polyco
Limited

Stand 6 - Lyon
Equipment (provisional)

Stand 7 – Chartered
institute of Waste
Management [CIWM]

Stand 8 – Chartered

Managers Institute
[CMI] (provisional)

Stand 9 –
Scriptographic
Publications Ltd
Stand 13 - NEBOSH
Stand 15 - HSE
Stand 18 – IOSH

Exhibition Stands -10,
11, 12, 14, 16 and 17
are still available.

Please contact us if you or your company would be interested in booking and exhibition stand.

From Training to Job – Past Student Case Study

In this Past Student Case Study, we are featuring Cathy Wilson. Cathy was one of Woodward's first H&S students, on a NEBOSH National General Certificate course, back in 1998.



Cathy receiving her NEBOSH General Certificate in 1998



Cathy was recently awarded her NEBOSH National diploma at Junes NEBOSH graduation ceremony.



Cathy receiving her NEBOSH National Diploma with Ray

Cath Wilson

I have worked at Sellafield Ltd since 1986, for the first ten years I covered various clerical/process roles on shifts & days. In 1996 I moved into the role of Safety Support and started my health & safety training all with Woodward SHE, which has lasted 10 years.

In January 1997 I completed my IOSH Managing Safely training at B111 on site (trained by Woodward at that time), followed by my General Certificate at Woodward's then premises at Kingstown in Carlisle July 1997. I was promoted to Trainee Safety Advisor in 1998, and then had a break from training while I had my Son Isaac in 1999.

Upon my return to work

I enrolled on the NEBOSH Diploma Part 1 with Woodward at their new premises at Harraby Green Carlisle and completed/passed this in February 2002. During this time I was promoted to Safety Advisor in Magnox East River at Sellafield.

In September 2002 I enrolled on the Diploma Part 2, I completed the training and assignments but not the exams due to having my Daughter Tamar in August 2003. I was struggling to successfully complete the exam in the time limit and Tom helped me transfer my

assignments over to the NEBOSH Diploma Level 6 late in 2005, at the same time I was promoted to the role of Area Safety Manager again in Magnox East River at Sellafield.

In 2006 I missed a couple of exam opportunities due to having an operation to remove a tumour from my spine, but with Tom & Ray's encouragement managed to finally pass all 3 parts by March 2007 and attend the Graduation Ceremony at Warwick University in June 2008.

I'm currently Grad IOSH and working towards

my Chartered status via CPD.

During July 2008 I have been successful in my application to become a Sellafield Safety & Site Shift Manager, which will start in September, this post involves implementing site emergency response, along with conventional and radiological safety advice and some environmental knowledge so who knows what further training I will need.

Just when Woodward thought it was safe !!



Woodward Scotland



At last – we are about to open our new office in Scotland, Edinburgh to be exact.

We do get a lot of students from Scotland travelling to Carlisle and we have a new three year contract with a major organisation in Scotland for delivering IOSH Managing Safely and NEBOSH General Certificates, so we think this is the right time for our expansion.

We are proposing to run the full range of NEBOSH Certificate [General, Construction and Fire] courses as well as both NEBOSH Diplomas [Environmental and Health & Safety] a

couple of times each year but we think our main thrust will be with in-house short course work.

We are presently letting all our Scottish Alumni Members know about the initiative as well as all the major organisations in

Scotland, both public sector and private sector.

We will let you have more details in the next newsletter.

In the meantime if you feel we can do anything training related for your organisation please let us know.



Associate Trainer Update



Woodward now has 6 associates training regularly under our banner, and several others around the UK who train for us occasionally.

Primarily our Associate Trainers are delivering IOSH and CIEH courses, and having a great deal of success.

Some work as

independent consultants, others work within larger organisations to reduce the need to employ external consultants in this time of economic hardship.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Associate Trainer Scheme, please get in touch !



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Do you want to be an Alumni Case study?

We want this newsletter to be about you, our Alumni. We'd like to feature a different past student each month and talk about what

you've done since leaving us.

If you'd like to be featured in our newsletter please send

a short article about yourself and your career to the newsletter at safetynet@woodwardgroup.co.uk.

Supported Learning NEBOSH General Certificate Launched !

Woodward has now launched a Supported Learning model for the NEBOSH National General certificate, to complement our existing 12 day and 15 day models.

The first course starts in September 2008, and is based at the Trout in Cockermouth, Cumbria.

This course has been launched to meet demand from students

who can't get the time off work to study on one of our residential course models.

Woodward – 2009 Open Course Dates released !

Due to demand from students trying to book on courses next year, we had to release our 2009 course dates in May.

previous years we have not needed to release the next years course dates until the autumn.

can be seen on our website at:

www.woodward-group.co.uk

This is a first for Woodward, as in

If you are interested to know what we are offering then our 2009 open course planner

by clicking on the "Course Planner" tab at the top of the page.

About Our Company...

Woodward delivers health and safety training and also environmental management training. The majority of the training courses offered

are IOSH, NEBOSH or CIEH accredited. However bespoke training, consultancy and auditing work are also undertaken.

Woodward wants to continue to develop professional safety, health and environmental, fire and construction managers.

Do you have any feedback for us?

We put a lot of effort into our alumni newsletter and we want to make sure that it is something worth reading.

feedback or comments on how we can improve the newsletter we'd love to hear them. Equally if you have an article you'd like to see in our newsletter or a letter for

us to publish we'd be happy to consider them.

Please contact us on the usual address:

info@woodwardgroup.co.uk