

The LEADER

The newsletter of the Lead Sheet Association
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Welcome!

HERE it is – the first edition of The LEADER.

Our newsletter is intended to keep you informed with up-to-date news and views of the Lead Sheet Association's (LSA's) technical and training activities.

In this issue you can find out all about how we can come and train you at your workplace (page 2), and the courses we run at the centre (page 3).

We will be featuring people who have successfully trained at our centre and improved their businesses as a result ... this time we speak to one of our top trainees, roof slater and tiler Chris Town (page 3).

We hope you find the LEADER interesting and informative, and would love to hear from you with your comments and contributions – our contact details are on the back page.

Happy reading and we hope to hear from you soon!

Come train with us

AS most of you will know, earlier this year we opened our new, state-of-the-art training centre in East Peckham.

For a while the Lead Sheet Association was delivering technical and training from two different locations, which did not make sense either financially or logistically.

"The decision was made to relocate to one building which would house the combined technical and training facilities of the association," explained training centre manager Nigel Johnston.

"This meant that we could develop excellent facilities and a comprehensive range of courses."

Since the centre was officially opened in March by TV celebrity Tommy Walsh, its popularity has gone from strength to strength. Courses are available throughout the year and with a flexible

mode of attendance, which includes evenings and Saturdays.

The fully equipped workshop includes full-size roofing rigs, which help create real-life situations for leadworkers to develop their skills.

The association has delivered training to many diverse organisations and individuals over the years, including a number of the regional roof training groups, Redlands Training Centre, Fildes Roofing Ltd and Kavanagh Roofing.

Proud moment: LSA training centre manager Nigel Johnston, LSA chairman Joss Campbell and TV celebrity Tommy Walsh unveil the commemorative plaque at the training centre's opening ceremony



November 20 – don't miss our open day



HAVE you had the chance to visit us yet at our training centre at East Peckham?

If not, and if you are free on Thursday November 20, then please come along! We'd be delighted to welcome you for coffee at 10am, after which you will be shown round our training facilities before meeting staff and tutors and putting your questions to them.

Newcomers to the industry will even have the chance to try their hand at welding or bossing to find out if this is the type of work for them.

If you would like to attend our open day then please call us on 01622 872432, so that we have an idea of numbers to cater for – refreshments will also be provided.

www.leadtraining.org.uk

In the spotlight ...



A FAMILIAR face to many of you, Nigel Johnston is the Lead Sheet Association's (LSA's) training centre manager with over 25 years' experience in the plumbing and leadwork industries.

After completing his apprenticeship in plumbing in 1983, it was then that he gained a real passion for leadwork. Over the years he has worked on many prestigious buildings for English Heritage and National Trust.

Nigel joined the LSA in March 1997 as technical officer where he quickly realised the demise of lead training for all abilities. He became the technical and training officer responsible for the day-to-day training activities for the association.

Nigel divides his working day between teaching and developing new training and assessment opportunities for the roofing industry.

Let us come to you

WOULD you prefer to be trained in leadwork skills at your own premises?

The Lead Sheet Association is able to provide a full mobile training service whenever required. The training programme will generally follow the basic welding and bossing courses currently available from our training centre, although it can be adjusted to suit your own particular requirements.

Basic welding

This will provide the skills required for trainees to develop confidence in welding lead sheet details and includes positional and non-positional welding techniques.

Basic bossing

This introduction will provide the skills for trainees to develop confidence in bossing lead sheet details, including internal and external corners.

Course duration

A single course of either welding or bossing is three days' duration. Additional training days can be arranged if necessary, depending on the previous experience of the individual.

Health and safety

All courses will cover all aspects of working with lead sheet.

Supply of materials

The lead sheet used for the duration of the training will be supplied by the Lead Sheet Association. The lead sheet will be delivered to your premises at the appropriate time by our suppliers, and any unused



Basic bossing: one of the skills available through mobile training

surplus and scrap will be collected by them on completion of the course.

Equipment and tools

All tools and equipment will be provided by the Lead Sheet Association. An appropriate area is required to set up the benches during the training visit. Students are required to provide their own safety footwear and overalls, which must be worn throughout training.

Assessment and certification

This will be competence based with observed practical assessments. Successful trainees will be issued with a personal assessment record and centre certification, which can be used as a prior learning credit and entry to the higher level leadwork courses.

Travel and accommodation

The cost of travel and overnight accommodation for the visiting trainer is in addition to the training rates. The total costs of these charges will be included within your quotation.

If you are interested in using our mobile training facility and would like a personal quotation, you can either call us on 01622 872432 or register your interest at training@leadsheetassociation.org.uk

Are these centres more convenient?

IS it difficult for you to come to our training centre at East Peckham?

And if it doesn't suit you to have training delivered at your premises, you may be interested to know that the City & Guilds leadworker certificate and basic welding and bossing training are carried out at the following venues:

- Isle of Wight College (contact Wesley Hayman on 01983 526631, ext 334).
- College of North West London (contact Graham Lee on 020 8208 5000, ext 5671).
Basic welding and bossing training is now also available at South Coast Roof Training Ltd in Littlehampton (contact Mike Fildes on 0845 678 0065).



Available in Littlehampton: basic welding and bossing training



Thumbs up to college training

AS a self-employed roof slater and tiler for some ten years, Chris Town was used to dealing with leadwork but occasionally found himself in a situation where he needed more detailed knowledge.

Realising that training for the City & Guilds 6055 leadworker certificate would fill any gaps in his current skills, he enrolled at the LSA training centre in the autumn of 2007.

"One of the best aspects of the training was the one-to-one tuition," he said.

"If there was any detail I wanted to repeat, Nigel or Simon would demonstrate it again and then watch me while I did it to make sure I had understood."

Chris, who lives and works in Tunbridge Wells, added that the facilities at the new training centre are second to none and the tuition fairly priced, particularly with the high cost of lead which is used for training.

"I am confident about tackling any job now that I have achieved the leadworker certificate," he said.

"And if I do come across something I am uncertain about, there is an open invitation at the centre for me to go back and talk to them about it.

"The course was worth every penny and I feel that it has been a worthwhile investment in my future."

Having completed the four modules for the leadworker certificate, Chris is contemplating returning to the centre to take the fifth module for the advanced certificate – when he has gained some more experience to prepare him for the training.

LSA training courses

WE can offer you training in the following:

- ◆ Basic bossing
- ◆ Basic welding
- ◆ Basic bossing and welding
- ◆ City & Guilds 6055 leadworker certificate modules 1, 2, 3 and 4
- ◆ Advanced City & Guilds leadwork certificate module 5
- ◆ Decorative lead casting
- ◆ Seminars/continuous professional development (CPD)
- ◆ Plumbing teachers
- ◆ Supervising leadwork
- ◆ Conservatory installers
- ◆ Merchants seminars
- ◆ Taster days/leadwork awareness
- ◆ Estimating
- ◆ National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in lead and hard metals
- ◆ Specialist Apprenticeship Programme (SAP)
- ◆ Health and safety awareness.

For course length and costs please visit the website at www.leadtraining.org.uk.



There's a route to qualifications for everyone

A NUMBER of training initiatives will be available towards the end of 2008 for you to gain a recognised qualification leading to National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) and Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) recognition.

Basic bossing and welding certificate

This course is intended for those with no experience of welding or bossing lead sheet.

This basic course is usually a prerequisite and once successfully completed you can then progress onto the City & Guilds 6055 leadworker certificate.

On completion of the relevant health and safety test you can then apply for the CSCS basic leadworker card.

City & Guilds 6055 leadworker certificate

This qualification is designed for those with little or no knowledge or practical experience of working with sheet lead.

The leadworker certificate comprises four modules of training, progressing to the advanced module 5 in decorative leadwork and casting.

If you have completed the City & Guilds 6055 leadworker certificate or are part way through and you would like to obtain a NVQ Level 2 in metal roofing (lead and or hard metal), please refer to the on-site assessment and training (OSAT) route or contact the training centre to discuss your personal circumstances.

Specialist Apprentice Programme (SAP)

This is a new training initiative and for the very first time the industry will have a two-year apprenticeship programme for lead and hard metals.

The training scheme is designed to be delivered in a modularised manner by a mix of formal instruction off job, followed by supervised on-job training with a final end assessment.

The trainee will gain experience through off-the-job training sessions at the LSA training centre, but the scheme provides flexibility through on-the-job training elements to suit the employer while delivering the NVQ Level 2 over a two-year training period.

Attendance at the (LSA) training centre is also flexible, either one day per week or block release. On completion of the relevant health and safety test you can then apply for the CSCS specialist leadworker card.

On-site assessment and training (OSAT)

For experienced leadworkers, on-site assessment and training (OSAT) is probably the best route to gain the NVQ.

Working with your appointed assessor you will collect the relevant evidence from site and all evidence can be compiled into a portfolio and presented for assessment and internal verification prior to certification.

On completion of the relevant health and safety test you can then apply for the CSCS specialist leadworker card.

Experienced worker practical assessment (EWPA)

The experienced worker practical assessment route to an NVQ Level 2 in metal roofing is designed specifically for candidates who have adequate experience in the relevant occupation.

EWPA is an alternative method of assessment for those who:

- Have been profiled
- Have no further training needs towards NVQ Level 2
- Have insufficient/inadequate evidence within the portfolio
- Have no portfolio
- Prefer to demonstrate their skills by practical assessment.

The practical assessments will be carried out at our training centre in East Peckham.

It is expected that candidates who are hoping to gain the basic leadworker status should have a minimum of three years' experience, and candidates who are hoping to gain the specialist leadworker status should have a minimum of five years' experience.

On completion of the relevant health and safety test you can then apply for either the CSCS basic leadworker or specialist leadworker card.

If you wish to register your interest, or prefer to speak to an adviser, please do not hesitate to telephone us on 01622 872432, fax us on 01622 871649 or e-mail to info@leadsheetassociation.org.uk.

Alternatively, write to Lead Sheet Association, Unit 10, Archers Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham, Kent TN12 5HP.

Would you like to advertise your business to thousands of potential customers?

For a space in the next issue, please contact Nigel Johnston by calling him on 01622 872432 or by e-mail at training@leadsheetassociation.org.uk. Rates are extremely reasonable!

News and views? Please send your comments and ideas to Nigel Johnston, Lead Sheet Association, Unit 10, Archers Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham, Kent TN12 5HP.

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