



WILKINSON PLC

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Welcome to our first newsletter, a monthly feature that will keep you up to date with all that is happening here at Wilkinson Plc.

A small family business established in 1947, Wilkinson's name has been synonymous with the finest quality hand cut lead crystal. Wilkinson's experienced staff have worked throughout the UK and Europe, and as far afield as North America, the Middle East and Asia. If you have any requirements, whether it is a complete hand made crystal chandelier, or removing the chips from a precious wine glass, we offer a service that is second to none and would be more than happy to offer individual consultations based on your specification. Maybe you require something a little smaller? Our ebay shop 'The Chandelier Shop' has a number of components from lamp holders to light bulbs.



Throughout January we have been working on an original design drawn by David Wilkinson, inspired by the colonial surrounding the chandelier is destined to hang. The 2 chandeliers with matching wall lights will soon be heading to South Carolina in the United States to be installed in a private residence. (Photographs to the left by Ken Crook)



January has flown by and we have lots more exciting projects to work on in the following months, from cleanings to instillations. We are looking forward to display some of our work at HRW Antiques in Design Centre East, Chelsea Harbour. We'll keep you updated with the progress and information about the showroom.

Interesting Fact
Jumeirah Bilgah Beach Hotel in Baku, Azerbaijan is the location of the World's largest & longest chandelier. With 72,000 LED lights it extends the full 18 floors is 58-meter long and is plated in gold and silver.



Guidelines on the use of incandescent light bulbs

Traditional incandescent light bulbs are very inefficient wasting 95% of the electricity they use by turning it into heat. Under new EU rules, they're being phased out and replaced by energy efficient light bulbs.

This process began in 2009 when the manufacture of 100W clear and all pearl light bulbs was stopped. In September 2011, 60W clear bulbs were also banned from being produced and more recently the production of 40W and 25W clear bulbs ceased in September 2012.

These bulbs are not being removed from sale – existing stocks are available and we'll continue to supply them until stocks run out. 7W tungsten bulbs are still readily available until further notice.

As an alternative, halogen light bulbs are a viable economic and environmental option, the increased costing from the conventional light bulb is justified with the lifespan of the bulb being twice and long as well as delivering a 30% saving in energy consumption. The wattage required is also reduced, with a 28W bulb emitting the same amount of light as a traditional 40W bulb.

Now is a great time to re-evaluate the lighting in your home or workplace. We have a number of bulb fittings available and LED bulbs can also be sourced upon request. We can offer re-wiring services for a multitude of lighting products from large chandeliers to table lamps.

