



By Appointment to  
Her Majesty the Queen  
Glass Restorers  
Wilkinson PLC  
Sittingbourne

# WILKINSON Plc

## Newsletter – August 2013

### OUR LED LAMPS ARE NOW IN STOCK!!

Now is the time to start thinking about transferring to a more sustainable source of lighting. With a few exceptions, incandescent bulbs have been phased out and although halogens may be a popular alternative, these too will be phased out by 2016 if they are energy class C or below. We recommend the use of our LED's and below are a few reasons why.

Our lamps have 50,000 hour life, are guaranteed for 2 years and give off very little heat reducing the risk of burns or fire hazards, as well as containing no mercury and emitting no ultra violet, while glowing instantly with no flicker, delay or noise.

During their lifetime, our LED lamps will pay for themselves several times over by using a fraction of the electricity giving you up to 90% energy savings and reducing costs incurred for maintenance and regular replacement of bulbs that last only 2000 hours.

The 3 watt lamps are Extra Warm White 2500K, making them close to the colour of the old tungsten bulbs and have a lumen output of 280 – 300, nearly twice as much as some other manufacturers lamps. The caps are also small enough to be hidden inside candle tubes making them even more attractive.

All our lamps are dimmable and come individually boxed with our name on it so you can be sure you are buying a quality product. For more details on our full range and pricing please contact us and we will be happy to discuss your requirements.



#### Light shades

Shades were inspired by oil lanterns, sheets of glass were used to shield flames and soften emitted light. With the advent of fluorescent bulbs oil burners were no longer required and the shades began to develop into aesthetic features. With no naked flames, materials including fabric and beads were able to be used.

Glass in particular had few limitations, available in multiple styles, colours and sizes. Glass can be sand blasted, thumb cut or engraved to create some of the patterns you see on the left. (Clockwise from top left – onion/lotus shades, Greek key pattern hurricane shade, prismatic shade, paper and material shades.)

Their placement can also vary greatly, in a house on a chandelier or outside on a wall light, on a standing lamp or decorating sconces in your chosen style and size.

Our full range of shades - [wilkinson-plc.com/components/shades/](http://wilkinson-plc.com/components/shades/)



#### Interesting Fact

Frank Wilkinson, great uncle of current owner David, discovered a commercial method of acid polishing cut glassware, used by glasshouses worldwide. It would take 5 minutes rather than several hours using old methods. Unfortunately when Frank caught pneumonia, his lungs were so badly damaged by the acid fumes inhaled during experimentation, he died within four days aged just 30.



#### HRW Showroom

Don't forget to come and see our beautiful chandeliers hanging in HRW Antiques as well as a number of wall lights. Located on the first floor of Chelsea Harbour's Design Centre East, open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm.

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