



Well, if the hat fits...

David Mason, Managing Director of Wellwise Group, became the Great Yarmouth Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers' 'Oil Baron' for 2007 in a surprise award announced at the recent Annual Oil Barons Ball.

The criteria to be nominated include, to have carried out business in the local area for many years, to have maintained connection with the Society of Petroleum Engineers during this time and deemed to have contributed to the Oil and Gas business, particularly in the local SPE section.

David established Wellwise Oilfield Services Ltd, in May 1988. Over the following years the group has extended to four UK Companies with the additions of Fardux Limited in 1990, PACE in 2001 and Proteus Well Services in 2005.

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Photo winner

Scott Lamb, last quarter's photo winner, pictured below with his new Wellwise Group jacket. (You may recall his brother Geoff won the competition the previous quarter – they are obviously trying to keep it in the family!).

To replace it, we are now offering a prize for RIR of the quarter (see news item on page 2).

To find out more about our RIR competition or to view all pictures submitted during our photo competition, log on to the Wellwise Group website www.wellwisegroup.com



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With primary service offerings in the specialised skills area of oilfield personnel supply, Wellwise Group has established itself over the last 18 years as the premier international supplier of technical specialists. The group has a strong QHSE culture and history which plays an ever increasing role of importance going forward with today's demanding quality and safety standards.

Fardux remains a recognised international, independent force in the world of Data Acquisition and process control, particularly in the fields of Well Testing, Early Production and Under Balanced/Pressure Managed Drilling.

David started his oilfield career with Baker Oil Tools in 1976 undertaking field activities in Well Testing and Slickline. After District Operations Management positions with Baker, David moved, in 1984 to independent Petrocon Production Services as a minority shareholder and Operations Manager.

David said he felt, "extremely proud and delighted to be voted the Society's 23rd Oil Baron." Celebrations lasted well into the night, and his hat and trophy now take pride of place in his office.



The quarterly news feed from the Wellwise Group

RIR of the quarter

To replace the photo competition we have decided to award a prize for the best RIR (Risk Identification Report) submitted by a Contractor each quarter.

This quarter's winner is Nigel Turner, who submitted a Risk Identification Report (RIR No. 6 2007) concerning a Stinger Line which fell from a raised whip line from crane narrowly missing five personnel. The Stinger was 15-20 kg in weight and 8 ft long and had the potential to seriously hurt those performing the operation. Fortunately on this occasion it was a near miss.

Nigel will receive an iPod as his award.

Risk Identification Reports (RIR's) can be viewed via our website www.wellwisegroup.com under QHSE. Please take time to look as it is important to be aware of hazards offshore to prevent further accidents/incidents. Please don't hesitate to raise an RIR if you see a potential hazard or incident whilst on a job, these can now be easily completed by a Wizard Tool via our website as above.

David Mason quotes: "Quality, Health and Safety is everybody's business. Don't just ignore it – get involved and sort it with others! Report it via our RIR system so that we can contribute to everyone's safety going forward."



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What not to wear!



As you all know, as Contractors, you are responsible for supplying your work safetywear to go on a job.

It is important to the Wellwise Group that you turn up suitably and adequately dressed. A well kitted out Contractor looks like an efficient Contractor, and of course there are legal requirements.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a must in an offshore environment. Hard hats, safety glasses, and suitable coveralls are mandatory. A guide to BS standards of PPE can be found in our Health & Safety Manual – Section 16 – which can be accessed via our website www.wellwisegroup.com under the QHSE section.

It is a requirement that PPE must be kept in good condition, maintained and replaced where appropriate. Please do not turn up for a job in dirty or torn coveralls – the Client is likely to be very unhappy and could even force you to purchase some safetywear which will be embarrassing for you and for us.

The standard for footwear offshore is a lace up boot – this is to provide the wearer with increased ankle support to limit the severity for potential ankle injuries.

Minimum PPE requirements are as follows:-

Coveralls	Long sleeved, flame retardant	BS6249
Safety Helmets	With chin strap and ear defender slots	BS5240
Safety Boots	Lace up, protective toe	BS1870
Appropriate gloves	General work/chemical resistant	BS 1651
Safety goggles/glasses	As informed by the Client	BS 2092-2
High Visibility Jackets	When required whilst working on site	

Club communiqué

- Congratulations to Jason Bruce and his partner Elaine (Wellwise Group Contractor) on the birth of a baby boy Kieran Graham Bruce on the 11th March, 2007 in Montrose. He only weighed in at 5 lbs 13 oz! Elaine was only in labour 50 minutes – he was just itching to get out and see his dad says Jason!!!
- Glenn Durrant, Service Line Manager did a bungee jump at Windsor Great Park in February, 2007. Glenn did an “elegant” swallow dive 170 foot off a crane – and it was not even over water! Glenn wore his brown corduroys and bicycle clips! The bungee jump was a birthday gift from his girlfriend (trying to get rid of him already!!!)
- Eleanore Bush (Ellie for short), joined the Wellwise Group in March as front office administrator to replace Deb Bird.



Eleanore Bush – new front office administrator



Credit card cloning



All members of our contractor community are required to travel extensively, often throughout the world. More often than not, bills will be settled by credit card increasing the exposure to fraudulent activity.

Credit card fraud is a huge problem and it's getting worse. But it is not card theft that poses the greatest problem – it is card cloning.

A fraudulent card transaction takes place every eight seconds and cloning is the biggest type of credit card fraud. Last year card fraud losses totalled £424.6 million and the problem is getting worse.

Cloning a credit card takes seconds. Whilst a card is being swiped for payment – dishonest staff can swipe the card details which are downloaded on computer. A duplicate card is made and until your next statement arrives to alert you – the cloner can spend at will!!

Restaurants provide card cloners with the best opportunity to commit fraud as it is common place for credit cards to be taken away from the table to be swiped. So it is wise never to let your card out of your sight.

The good news is that “chip and pin” cards will wipe out 50% of card fraud. They require a PIN number to activate a transaction, making card cloning near impossible.

A credit card is worth thousands of pounds to criminals – and you foot the bill. So next time you are about to let your card out of your sight, think twice – it could be the most expensive purchase of your life!!!

Credit Card loss when in transit can cause embarrassing delays. It may be advisable to keep a second card in another place for such emergencies.

Top tips to avoid credit card fraud

- Keep your cards and cheque books safe, and do not let anyone know your PIN number even if they say they are the police or the credit card company.
- When paying by card, do not let it out of your sight.
- Only use secure, well-known internet sites when shopping on line.
- Always check bank and credit card statements carefully, and query anything you don't recognise immediately.
- Be careful when disposing of bank statements and credit card receipts. Criminals search dustbins for these.
- If you think your card is stolen or copied: Call your card issuer immediately.
- Be wary of vendors making multiple card swipes as these are often picked up by banks as attempted fraud.

Joint venture with PETANS

Wellwise Group have collaborated with Petans, the Offshore Training people in Norwich to advertise our services at their premises.

Next time you go to Petans Training Centre, in Horsham St. Faiths, nr Norwich, you will see Wellwise Group leaflets on your desks and Wellwise Group Napkins in the canteen area.

We are hoping that this advertising exposure will attract more registrations to the company. It should certainly raise our profile in the local area.



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