

Ian Ormond Michel FSLTC

Ian was born in Northampton in 1952, the son of a leather merchant, the family business of G L Michel & Sons, had been thriving in Northampton since 1858.

Ian attended Felsted School, in Essex and then went on to the National Leathersellers' College in London plus a year at the Northampton College of Technology leather department. These two institutions have since joined forces, to become the Institute for Leather Technologies at the University of Northampton.

The family business was not the way he wished to go as he found the tanning and finishing of leather so enjoyable. Thirty years at H Goodman & Son in Kettering gave him huge experience in leather manufacturing. He soon went on to run the finishing department and then managing the whole technical side of the business becoming more involved over the last ten years with sales and all the business aspects.

In 2001 Ian set up Amandian Ltd, Leather Merchants based in Stanwick Northamptonshire, which was a return to the family roots. Amandian sources leathers from all over the world primarily for Men's footwear but also many other areas.

Ian is a trustee of the Leather & Hide Trades' Benevolent Institution of which he was President for two years. He has served as a Director of G L Michel & Sons and the British Leather Confederation, (now the UKLF) and spent time on the British Leather Fashion Council. He is also a Fellow of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists.

In his spare time Ian watches Rugby Football, particularly Northampton Saints where he has been watching since 1953. He played for Northampton for a few years in the 70's, but never for the first team (Just not good enough). He went on to play for and captain Northampton Casuals, later becoming President and trustee of the club. Now he is a little older, he has taken up cycling and has recently completed a 200-mile ride through France in aid of Leather based charities.