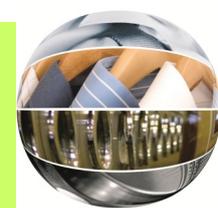




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**Guild Membership Renewal?** Your Membership Subscription for the year 2015/16 is now seriously **overdue** and remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at [www.gcl.org.uk](http://www.gcl.org.uk), or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669 . Many thanks to those who paid on time because this saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

### Diary Dates for 2015

Scottish Centre Conference and Exhibition Sunday 6th of September, Westerwood Hotel and Golf Resort, Cumbernauld, G68 0EW. Just off the M80 Motorway

Guild National Conference 28th February 2016, Park Royal Hotel, Warrington. Just off the M56 motorway

A Guild Extra Ordinary Meeting will be held on Saturday 5th of September at 5.30pm at the Westerwood Hotel Cumbernauld, to declare the winners of the ballot for Officers The vacancies of Hon Nat Treasurer and Hon General Secretary will be voted on by postal ballot.

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**Vacant Positions, Honorary General Secretary and Honorary National Treasurer**  
At the present time there are only two nominations for the vacant positions for these important members who serve on the Guild Council.

There is to be an Extra Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld. G68 0EW on Saturday 5th of September, commencing at 5.30 pm to declare the results of the postal ballot, but there seems to be a reluctance for members to put their names forward to be part of the election process. Jan Knowles FGCL has been nominated for the vacant treasurer position and Debbie Paterson has been nominated for the vacant secretary position, which means they will be elected unopposed unless some more names come forward very soon.



**Guild Scottish Conference and Exhibition**—Sunday 6th of September at the Westerwood Hotel and Golf Resort, Cumbernauld. Just off the M 80 Motorway midway between Glasgow and Edinburgh

Entrance is free to attendees who pre-book and enrol for a place. Pre-booking allows us to cater for the many dry cleaners who are expected to attend and we can then arrange the teas, coffees, and refreshments that are inclusive and have become a tradition at this our annual event, and are served in the Exhibition area. For suppliers looking for exhibition space there are still spaces available, contact Debbie at [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk) The weekend of activities start with Golf on the Saturday, followed by a Presidential cocktail party and then dinner on the Saturday night. Golf is £15 per head payable to the Hotel, Guild dinner £30 inclusive of wine. Sunday is free to all, thanks to the sponsorship of the Exhibitors, with the Exhibition opening to viewing at 9.00am. The Conference commences at 10.00 am with a wide range of speakers. **Book in soon to avoid disappointment.**



**Do You Remember the Letter Regarding the Campaign For More Cleaning!**  
These letters, contained within an e-mail, went out to Guild members and similar letters were also be sent out to members of the Textile Services Association and to members of the Society of Laundry Engineers and Allied Trades asking about your views on dry cleaning volumes. The question asked was "are they starting to decline?" These letters are considered to be a prelude to starting a campaign to raise the awareness of the value of having items cleaned. You may remember in previous issues of the E-Bulletin we have made reference to the "Man in A White Suit". Is he in fact going to become a reality?

Please respond to the letter, your views are important to us and at present there has not been a lot of reaction, which could be indicated to mean you are happy with the volumes of dry cleaning you are currently receiving. If we do not hear from you we do not know what you are thinking?

**Amber Alerts** Still proving to be popular to members when they receive the information but there is still a reticence in sending in information on items that have failed, or given trouble, when brought in for cleaning. We value your input and promise

Ⓜ not to divulge your details to anyone so that others are unaware of the origin of the information. We published two alerts in August and the second proved to be very popular, mainly because it had a seldom seen symbol, double underlined Circle W, and the colour ran in the hydrocarbon solvent the cleaner chose to use, but tests showed that it was not fast to water either. On unpicking the garment it was revealed that the loose colour was from a tape used to fix down the seams. At the Scottish Conference to be held in September it is planned to have a session where we can debate problem garments that cause cleaners concern.

**Members To Lose Facilities** The time is approaching when members who have failed to renew their subscription for the current year will be taken off the lists of members and will no longer get the Amber Alerts, regular bulletins, and Guild Newsletters, and other benefits of membership. If you are one of these please pay up now to avoid being taken off the lists which will happen in September.

**Serving on Guild Council** Willingness to serve at the national level on the Guild Council has sadly declined in recent years and if you wish to attend a council meeting to see the activity before you commit yourself to becoming a serving member you will be very welcome. Send a message to the secretariat that you would like to be invited. [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk) The burden of providing Guild services fell on the few members left on the council from June this year when three prominent members resigned.

**Digital Age** We send more information now via e-mail, because it is cheaper, but we notice less response from members. Are you comfortable with e-mail?