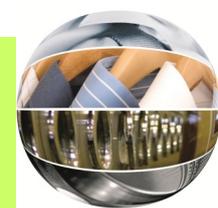




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**July 2014 E-Bulletin**

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## YOUR GUILD FACILITATING TRAINING

It is well known that we try very hard to raise awareness of the need to improve the standards within the industry and we have published information in the past about various training courses.

In the photograph below we see some of the candidates on the latest five day laundry technology course, which on this occasion was held in June at Retford, Nottinghamshire. The course tutors on this occasion were Roger Cawood FGCL and Ken Cupitt FGCL. Missing are the camera shy attendees. The Guild will be holding an examination for these candidates in two months time when they will sit a two and half hour theory test.



The course included Laundry technology following:-

1. The Guild's Intermediate Laundry Technology syllabus
2. HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points)
3. CFPP 01-04 Choice Framework for local Policy and Procedures – Decontamination of Linen for Health and Social care. (The effect on Guidelines HSG 95 (18))
4. Guidance for linen processors Implementing BS EN 14065 R A B C (Risk Analysis Bio-contamination Control).

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**Guild Officers for 2014/2015  
Elected at the Guild's AGM  
on Wednesday 18th June 2014**

President—Stuart Boyd FGCL  
Hon Gen Secretary  
Colin Paterson AGCL  
Hon Nat Treasurer  
Jan Knowles FGCL

**Elected at a Council Meeting  
on the same day**

Chairman of Council  
Archie Kerr FGCL  
Chairman of Conference  
Committee  
Ron Davidson AGCL  
Chairman of Examination  
Board/Publications/IT  
Ken Cupitt FGCL



Pictured above Stuart Boyd FGCL  
elected President at the Guild's AGM.

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There is another Laundry Technology Course, which is open to all in the industry, being organised for week commencing 27th of October, this year. It looks as if this will also have attracted a full quota of interested attendees, and is supported by the Company of Launderers and the training rooms at Johnsons in Rugby have been donated for the week.

### **Shop Front Competition ?**

What we are looking for is visually attractive shops, from within the industry, that welcome or invite the customer to use the shop. It does include Wet Clean as well as Dry Cleaning and this could become the trial of an annual contest.

The other thought, by the organisers, was to have regional areas based on the Guild's operating Centres, 1, 2, 3 in each region with an overall winner., The prize to the winner is stated to be £250.00 presented at the annual conference next February. All photos/ e-mailed sent to the Guild Secretariat and then the most attractive to be checked and the panel to decide.

The winner and then top ten plus regional winners to have a winner/ highly rated scroll to be displayed in the shop? Also suggested is to invite a company/ group, or any person to send photographs, you may probably already know some good attractive appearance shops in your own area. If you have ideas on the organisation of the competition the committee would welcome your input.

### **Guild Annual General Meeting**

Your Guild's AGM was held on Wednesday, June 18th, at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Haydock, just off the M6 Motorway, junction 23.

At the meeting all of the Guild Officials gave reports of their activities and achievements during the course of the past year, and the treasurer reported that a modest surplus in the accounts had been achieved due to stringent measures taken to bring expenditure under control. In the voting following the reports Stuart Boyd FGCL was elected to be the Guild's President for the next two years, and in taking over he thanked Archie Kerr FGCL, the retiring President, for all of his efforts in promoting the Guild over the previous years. In the results of a postal vote from members Colin Paterson AGCL was announced elected Hon Gen Secretary, and Jan Knowles FGCL was declared to be Hon Nat Treasurer. Both had served in the same roles in the previous year and the meeting thanked them for their efforts in controlling costs. Archie Kerr will stay on Council as he retained his Chairmanship after an unopposed vote by members present at a subsequent Guild Council meeting following the AGM.

### **Money for Local Training**

At an earlier meeting the Guild Council had proposed the financial subsidy of local Guild Centre training activities and this proposal was confirmed at a meeting of Council following the Guild's AGM. It is now up to local Centres to organise the training activity and to make the Guild Secretary, Colin Paterson, aware and to seek approval for the subsidy of up to £500 per centre. This subsidy is aimed at Guild members, and non members would need to join the Guild if they wanted to benefit from subsidised training.

What is needed is a group of eight members wanting training on a practical issue in an area and to identify a competent, Guild approved, trainer and a cost of holding the event before seeking approval.