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Pictured below is a small group from the Nottingham Conference, held on Sunday 23rd of February 2014



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Guild News

Being printed now is a Guild "Handy Reference Book" giving you quick reference information, and this will be posted off to members within a few weeks time. Keep an eye on the post!

Guild Conference

The Nottingham Conference, held on Sunday 23rd of February, was huge success with 96 delegates attending and when you take away Guild Council members and supplier representatives it was still 66 from the dry cleaning sector. Both trade magazines LCT and LCN will be carrying reports from the conference and you will be able to read a summary in the member's section on the Guild's website. For those followers of the Guild's Secretariat area of Facebook there are already photographs posted of just some of the attendees. A special thanks must go to the exhibitors who sponsored the conference and to the organising committee for all of their hard work in putting it together. The choice of speakers was excellent with some fresh thinking to keep attendees interested in the proceedings and the exhibition was excellent.

CleanEx at Ascot

The next big date in the industry calendar is the LCTCleanEx Exhibition at Ascot on Sunday and Monday 27/28th of April. The Guild will have a stand (Unit 22) on the upper floor and we are planning to have some live practical demonstrations relative to the industry. If you are going to Ascot don't forget to visit the stand you will be very welcome.

Examination Board

March is a busy time for Guild Examination activities—a training course is being run in Ireland which will finish with the Guild Intermediate Laundry Technology Examination and soon to get underway is an Advanced level dry cleaning course in Scotland which will terminate with the Guild Advanced Level Dry Cleaning technology Examination. Good luck to all of the candidates. Under consideration is a week long training course for Laundry Managers in England leading to the Intermediate Laundry Technology Examination and it is a well done to those training agencies involved in pushing forward with these courses.

Guild E-Bulletins.

If we have your e-mail address you will be receiving three electronic bulletins per month and the feed back on the "Amber Alert", warning of garments, or items, likely to give problems is receiving very favourable feedback. If you have experience of an item that has failed in cleaning please let us have the information on it, plus a photograph, and then we can warn others of the problem, as well we can provide feedback to the manufacturers. The "Technical Bulletin" is the newest of the electronic information we are able to send off and by making use of e-mailing we are able to keep postage costs down, but at the same time improve member contact.

Generous Gift. Stella Broadbent, widow of the late Leslie Broadbent, has made a generous donation to the Guild to further technical knowledge, which was one of Leslie's ambitions in his work life. At a recent council meeting it was decided to put this money into publishing the next text book and to have his name written into it in acknowledgement of the gesture. Stella also passed over to the Guild his reference books and it is hoped that a library can be created to enable students to take advantage of them and further their study.

Associate Membership.

Congratulations to three members who applied to be re-graded to be Associate members of the Guild, which enables them to put the letters AGCL behind their name. Stephanie Parry, of the Northern Centre, Tim Grice and Ron Davidson of the London and Southern Centre all have a high technical knowledge and long service in the Guild and all passed in recent interviews set up to check on their ability.

The Guild on Facebook.

Looking after the numerous entries on the social medium Guild Facebook is Debbie Patterson, Guild Secretariat. She will be working hard to keep the comments in keeping with the high ideals of the Guild and trying to avoid some of the more negative comments from non members.

Stain Removal Training We are putting together Sunday training sessions in all areas but places are limited. Good value at only £75 including lunch tea/coffee and biscuits. Bookings on a strict first come first served basis. Professional Guild approved trainer in attendance. and monitored by a Guild official. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk for details. Sessions in the Southern and North West regions are now being put together and a few places are still available on each. Contact the Secretariat at enquiries@gcl.org.uk.

Plans For April? Your Guild will have a stand on the upper floor of the LCT Cleanex Exhibition on the 27/28th of April 2014. Guild Officers will be in attendance on both days to meet members and visitors and it is also planned to hold a series of demonstrations.

