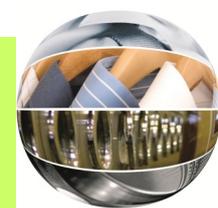




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**Guild National
Conference
Sunday 23rd
February 2014**

**At the Belfrey
Hotel,
Mellors Way,
Nottingham.
At 9.00 am for**

**Exhibition Viewing.
Contact Secretariat
For bookings.**

Guild Membership Renewal? If you have not already paid your Membership Subscription for the year 2013/2014 or you want to join. You can pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at www.gcl.org.uk, or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669



Pictured left is Ken Cupitt FGCL Chairman of Exam Board and Publications for the Guild and a Guild Council Member

You can now view and download a back copy of our monthly E-Bulletin and Amber Alert by visiting the website www.gcl.org.uk and choose this option from the menu. The Amber Alert is only available to members via the members area.

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Fire A Major Problem

Fire in laundries is a major hazard for our industry and one that can be avoided if due care and diligence is taken. Tumble Driers can be responsible for many of the fires but it is almost always because of either poor washing of oily fabrics, or poor housekeeping in the failure to keep things clean, or failure to cool items down before storage. This was the message given by Steve O'Donnell, from Bluefin Insurance, when he addressed the Guild's Seminar in Wetherby on Sunday 27th of October. He went on to advise delegates of the precautions that should be taken and that hot laundered items should not be packed within the last two hours before leaving the premises at the end of the day.

During the month of October a laundry fire in Mickleton, Gloucestershire, destroyed five tumble dryers one Saturday afternoon and 21 fire fighters were called out to fight the blaze. The cause was thought to be lint and fluff behind the tumble dryers.

Bluefin Insurance are the Guild's preferred insurance providers and we have an agreement with them that provides additional benefits for Guild members. When contacting them please remember to state you are a Guild member and have your Guild membership number ready.

OBITUARY for Norman Gill FGCL 20th April 1939—10th October 2013



It is with great sadness that I report the death of my friend and colleague Norman Gill FGCL who sadly died at St. Michael's Hospice, Harrogate on the 10th October following a very short illness. He died with his family around him. Norman will be remembered by his many friends within the laundry industry for his wide ranging knowledge and for the major contribution he made to the further development and delivery of the F.C.R.A. Laundry Management Course. At the time, the three month course was recognised as the most up to date training available for those aspiring to laundry management and was attended by students from

around the world.

Norman started his career in 1956 working for a short period of time in the Civil Service before joining the Establishment Department at Leeds Regional Hospital Board in Harrogate. He continued to work for the NHS until 1989 when he was recruited by the F.C.R.A. as a Laundry Consultant and Training Officer. In 1997 when F.C.R.A. merged with S.A.T.R.A. Norman was made redundant and set up SDML Consultancy & Training (UK). Working from his home in Harrogate he continued to deliver laundry training and consultancy services to the industry until his retirement in 2010. Shortly before his death Norman donated his extensive and much respected intellectual work to The Guild of Cleaners & Launderers. Roger Cawood FGCL

Good News for Dry Cleaners! The Amber Alert Service is available to members with an e-mail address registered with the Guild. If you are not receiving a monthly Amber Alert via your e-mail please contact the secretariat on enquiries@gcl.org.uk and they will be happy to register you so that the Guild can send on to you advance warnings of problems with fabrics and garments that are giving other members difficulties and it may save you money also by helping you to avoid these problems.

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. A session in the North West is now being put together and will be held at Fylde Coast Services, Lytham St Annes.

Guild Seminar held in Wetherby, Yorkshire, in October was a splendid affair with lively discussions following inspiring presentations from the invited guest speakers. Of note was the views of Mike Kalli from Ideal Manufacturing on the future of Professional Wet Cleaning versus solvent processing, and Brian Pearce from ITAS Consultants who emphasised the need to smarten up the appearance of the business. Andy Knowles, engineer and dry cleaner, gave a forthright talk on the need to focus on safety especially with regard to written procedures, and Graham Collier gave the delegates an excellent insight into the depth Monsoon Accessorize Ltd go to make their garments suitable for dry cleaning.



Plans For Next Year? 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