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**Note for your Diary  
Professional Clothes Care  
Half Day Seminar  
Sunday 16th of November  
At the Mercure Hotel,  
Wetherby, just off the A1M  
Four Speakers  
Free to members  
Only £10 to non members**



Above Picture—Guild Secretary, Colin Paterson, and Treasurer, Jan Knowles, at the Scottish Conference

Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2014/2015 is now overdue for renewal. You can 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

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Picture right just a few of the members and guests who attended the first of the new season of monthly meetings of the Northern Centre here seen on September 30th at Town and Country Cleaners in Chester.



Below Guild Scottish Conference delegates start to take their seats in Cumbernauld on Sunday 7th of September for a full day of papers.



Left is Guild President Stuart Boyd Pictured here at the Conference. Being a smiling Scot he must have had fore knowledge of the referendum result. Pictured right is Archie Kerr, Chairman of the Guild Council and just announcing that £1,000.00 was raised by the Guild for his favoured charity in aid of Redburn Special Needs School.



## Progress on the Shop Front Competition.

The invigilating committee will be looking for visually attractive shops, from within the industry, that welcome or invite the customer to use the shop, and this does include Wet Clean as well as Dry Cleaning. Now that local Guild Centres are coming back together after the summer recess is it time to have regional area contests based on the Guild's operating Centres? The prize to the winner is stated to be £250.00 presented at the annual conference, to be held in Nottingham, next February. All photos/ e-mails should be sent to the Guild Secretariat and then the most attractive will be checked and then a panel will have 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.

## Reminder of Money for Local Training

Already Scottish, London and Southeast, and the Northern Centres have indicated that they will be running training events in the next few months on practical dry cleaning topics leading up to Guild Exams and Assessments. The Guild Council have offered up to £500 per centre and this subsidy is aimed at Guild members. Non members would be welcome to join the sessions but would need to join the Guild if they wanted to benefit from subsidised training. Other Guild Centres wanting to take part should try to form a group of eight members wanting training on a practical subject in their local area and ask for help from the secretariat to identify a competent, Guild approved, trainer and to work out a cost of holding the event before seeking approval. Good luck to all taking part!

**Do You Have An Amber Alert?** - Any garment that has caused you a problem or one that you think other professional cleaners should be aware of then please let us know. Each month we publish via e-mail information on items that are likely to cause problems, or need special care. During some months we have sent out more than one "Amber Alert" in our efforts to keep members aware. If you think you have information to share please send it off to the secretariat at [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)  
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