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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



Conference/Exhibition to be held on Sunday 10th March 2019 At the Manor Hotel, Meriden.



Intermediate Laundry Technology a weeks intensive training course to be held April 2019. Very popular in the past and

we are currently planning our next. Please register your interest as we require 10 delegates to make the training viable. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk or telephone 01698322669 to book places.

█ **Guild Membership Renewal?** Your Membership Subscription for the year 2018/19 was due from the beginning of April and if not already paid remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at www.gcl.org.uk, or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669 . Paying on time saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Guild Web Site has been upgraded visit <http://gcl.org.uk> to see what a difference we have made.

See this month a Technical Bulletin dealing with Stain Removal and an Amber Alert dealing with a Christina Wu sequined dress that appears to have shrunk even though the cleaner followed the advice on the garment care label.

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• 2019 Guild Conference and Exhibition

To be held on Sunday 10th March 2019 At the Manor Hotel, Meriden, just 3 miles from M42 (M6/M5/M40) and Birmingham International Airport and Railway Station. This Will Be A Day of Events Covering, Best Practices, Plus Profitable and Sustainable Business. Featuring, A Master class in Stain Removal, Marketing Your Business, Alternatives to Plastics for Packaging, Common Failures in Cleaning, Additional Income Generation, Starting a New Revolution in Our Business, and winning an award. (Tips from an international guest speaker)

Research Project

Your Guild, in cooperation with the Worshipful Company of Launderers', are to co fund a research project in cooperation with the Northumbria University. The remit of the research is to investigate the cross-bio contamination of textiles in both wet and dry cleaning processes. This follows two separate television documentaries on the likelihood of a future pandemic/epidemic such as the so called Spanish Flue Pandemic following the second world war which in fact originated on a poultry farm in America and came over to Europe with troops due to fight in the war. This pandemic was responsible for the death of over 50 million people throughout the world. The trend in our industry is to process at ever lower temperatures to save energy, and to prolong fabric life, and traditionally higher temperatures have been used to ensure the hygiene of textiles. The research will (A) check out the longevity of live bacteria under ambient conditions, (B) in simulated washing conditions investigate the effectiveness of wet cleaning on the removal of pathogenic bacteria from natural and synthetic fibre. (C) as in B but with dry cleaning solvents, (D) all above with and without bactericide. Being forewarned and prepared is better than having to react later.

Alternatives to single use plastics

In the last issue we mentioned a likely alternative to polythene for packaging and there is now a greater customer awareness of the damage to our environment that can occur by misuse of plastics. Your Guild have a number of members sitting on a committee looking at some of the issues involved but can you advise us on what alternatives you have come across, or already use. Send any information via email to enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Members Advertise their Business on the Guild's Website

An advantage to your business and demonstrates to the general public your proficiency. Check out the Guild's Web Site for your outlet or contact the secretariat for more details. The general public can check out the Guild's website for a registered member in their area. We are promoting competent cleaners.

Holiday Pay

Many employers operate a 'use it or lose it' policy with regards to holidays, which means that if workers do not take their allocated holiday entitlement, they will lose their right to take it once the holiday year comes to an end. However, a recent European case has determined that is not the case. This court held that a worker's holiday entitlement should not automatically be lost unless the employer has 'diligently' brought it to the worker's attention that leave will be lost unless it is taken. It also held that the burden of showing that it had been 'diligently' brought to the workers attention was on the employer. It is strongly advised that employers inform all workers of their entitlement and the requirement to take holidays periodically throughout the holiday year and keep records that this has been done. Even after Brexit we will still come under European law until the UK Government repeal these.

Standards

Both General Assemblies of the European Standards Organisations CEN and CENELEC have approved a plan that secures BSI's full membership post-Brexit. This will enable the UK to continue to influence and benefit from the content of voluntary standards that support trade across European member countries including those for textiles and garments.