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February 2015 E-Bulletin

**Guild Conference and Exhibition will be at the
Belfry Hotel, Mellors Way, Nottingham, NG8 6PY, just
off the M1 motorway, on Sunday 22nd February 2015
New format more speakers with exhibitors having the opportunity
to present their products. From 9.00am the Exhibition will
be open for viewing and tea and coffee will be served in the
exhibition area.**

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**Sunday 22nd February 2015
Exhibition opens at 9.00am
Conference starts at 10.00am**

Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2015/16 will soon be due and remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at www.gcl.org.uk, or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669 . Many thanks to those who paid on time last year because this saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Diary Dates for 2015

Guild Conference and Exhibition Sunday 22nd February at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham and
Executive Council Meeting 22nd April
General Council Meeting 17th June
Annual General Meeting 17th June
All of these will be held at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Haydock, WA11 0GR Just off the M6 Motorway at Junction 23

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At 10.00am the Guild President Stuart Boyd will open the conference and a full programme of speakers on a variety of subjects will follow.

Speakers include Rosie Akenhead from Yelp, Bob Ballantyne from Clean Supply, Jonathan O'Brien from the Dry Cleaner App, Phillip Kalli from Ideal Manufacturing, Marco Boccola from Ilsa, Italy, giving us his view on professional Cleaning in Europe, Michael McLaughlin from Kingdom Machinery, Graham Warren from Caraselle, Michael Williams from Electrolux, Darren Walker from Alex Reid, Steve O'Donnell from Bluefin Insurance Brokers. Another special feature will be an exclusive first viewing of a new video on finishing using Formers and Hand Ironing produced for the Guild by a professional filming company. Closing the conference at approximately 5.00pm will be by the Council Chairman Archie Kerr.

To avoid disappointment you are encouraged to book early and it is free entrance, including refreshments and mid day meal for Guild members, only £10 for non members which is a part contribution to the cost of the restaurant meal.

Non members wishing to make a saving on the conference cost can join the Guild, even on the day, and then entrance is free, or talk to any of the exhibitors who have vouchers for non members giving them a £5.00 discount . Remember you can obtain these from the Exhibition exhibitors, or the Guild if you wish to take your partner or work colleague, and to take advantage of this please contact them prior to the conference day.

Guild's Shop Front Competition—A selection of entrant photographs will be on view at the exhibition and the winner will be declared later in the day. There will be a prize for the winning entrant and this will be decided by a panel of judges.

Glitches in the Solv Calc spreadsheet— We are aware of problems in the still allowances in the spreadsheet for pump out systems, where month ten does not carry over the entry, and for the rake out allowances which does not carry any month entry over to the annual sheet. It is suggested that you carry on using the SolvCalc but to enter the allowance figure manually into the annual sheet. Monthly entries are write protected but the figures on the annual report can be changed by manual entry. We are working on a solution to the problem.

A Government issued Bulletin to employers and employees which says:-

"Save money, reduce sick pay with 'Fit for Work'. In late 2014, the government introduced a new Fit for Work (FFW) service (previously known as the Health and Work Service) to provide an occupational health assessment as well as workplace advice to employers, employees and GPs. The assessment and advice are designed to help injured or ill workers return to or stay in work.

Currently, employers pay about £9 billion every year for employee sick pay and other associated costs.

The FFW program could potentially reduce these costs for employers by helping injured or ill employees get back to work sooner. Under the program, employers will receive a tax exemption of up to £500 a year for each employee who receives medical treatments recommended by FFW or who receives an employer-arranged occupational health service.

The FFW program is designed to complement existing occupational health provisions and to fill the gap in support for injured workers. After an illness or work injury, it can be difficult for workers to feel motivated to get back to work. They may feel discouraged or the idea of returning to work may feel daunting or even impossible. But high-quality advice and a solid return-to-work plan can change that.

According to government statistics, nearly 1 million employees every year reach the four-week sickness absence point, and about 300,000 people fall out of work and into the welfare system because of health-related issues. A 2011 independent review of sickness absence found that at the four-week mark of an absence, there is an increased chance of the absence becoming long-term and the worker going on to claim benefits. This makes it the perfect time to intervene and create a plan for the injured worker to return to work.

The service consists of the following two elements:

Assessment: When the employee has reached, or is expected to reach, four weeks of sickness absence, the employee's GP will refer him or her to an occupational health professional for an assessment. The GP will review the employee's illness or injury and look at the issues that are preventing the employee from returning to work.

Advice: The occupational health professional will offer advice to help the employee return to work. The advice will be accessible by the employee, employer and GP through a phone line and a website.

The assessment will consider non-health and non-work-related issues as well as issues directly related to health or work. This holistic approach will help the occupational health professional give well-rounded advice, since conditions such as stress or anxiety may not be health- or work-related but could still affect an employee's recovery.

After the assessment, employees will receive a plan containing recommendations designed to