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A Happy New Year to All Members

**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 below is Council Member Roger Cawood doing what he does best training. Seen here at Reigate at the premises of Churchill Cleaners.



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News from HSE: Safe use of gas boilers: A recent fatality at a dry-cleaners involving an open-flued gas boiler has highlighted the need to ensure the safety of all gas boilers, some of which may have been installed several decades ago. These boilers carry a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire or explosion and therefore need to be properly maintained. Gas boilers in industrial/commercial premises should be regularly serviced and maintained by a competent gas engineer. This will include any associated equipment such as flues and also ventilation requirements. For more information see HSE's Gas Safety webpage. Consider—A very cheap solution to monitor for carbon monoxide for less than £35.00 is a Carbon Monoxide monitor which can plug in to a 13 Amp socket. (or battery operated is available) nearest to the boiler which gives a audible warning if Carbon Monoxide is present.

International textile care labels: Care symbols give consumers and retailers information on how best to wash, dry or clean their clothes. Following the correct care labelling can help keep clothes in the best shape possible. And help reduce the number of customer complaints and returns. The symbols are owned by an International organisation called GINETEX, which is based in Paris, and the UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT) is their UK representative. Care Labelling: The care symbols are contained within an International Standard ISO 3758. This Standard is written and maintained by a group of international washing and labelling experts under the umbrella of the ISO. The group meets regularly to ensure that the symbols are up to date and reflect consumer practice across the world. During in April 2012 ISO 3758 was revised and the group looked at symbols for natural drying as well as other minor changes. The UK is represented on this committee through the British Standards Institute (BSI). BSI has its own committee that looks after washing and care labelling - TCI/82 and UKFT provides the secretariat to this committee. And for the past decade UKFT staff have attend the ISO meetings representing the views of the UK. Washing & Drying: There is a separate Standard ISO 6330 which establishes the washing and drying programmes 'behind' the care label. It is this Standard that allows retailers and manufacturers to choose which care label to use. UKFT staff also sit on the ISO committee that maintains this Standard. ISO 6330 was also revised. The main aim of this revision was to ensure that the Standard is based on global practice and that the wash processes in the Standard remain more severe than those in domestic washing machines.



Cotton Wash (No Bar) A wash tub without a bar indicates that normal (maximum) washing conditions may be used at the appropriate temperature.



Synthetics Wash (Single Bar) A single bar beneath the wash tub indicates reduced (medium) washing conditions at the appropriate temperature.



Wool Wash (Double Underline) A double underline beneath the wash tub indicates much reduced (minimum) washing conditions, and is designed specifically for machine washable wool products.



Hand Wash Only Wash by hand



The five symbols should appear on the care label in this order above and relate to the standard BS EN ISO 3758 The sixth symbol **X** is superimposed over any other symbol to indicate that process should not be done. See January 2014 Amber Alert for more Garment Care Labelling Advice.

Welcome to 2014: When you open your new diary for 2014 don't forget to put in a reminder for the Guild Conference to be held at the Belfrey Hotel Nottingham on Sunday 23rd of February and it will be accompanied by a mini exhibition which will be open to viewing from 9.00am and the Conference will commence at 10.00am. The conference committee have a few surprises for you for this special event as it will feature a stain removal demonstration which will be relayed and displayed on two cinema size screens. It is hoped also to record the session and have it available on DVD afterwards. Your Guild breaking new boundaries!! Another event for your diary is the LCT Cleanex Exhibition to be held at Ascot on the 27/28th of April. Yes, this year two days of exhibition being held on two floors in the buildings at the famous race course. Guild Officials will be in attendance to answer any queries, or just to discuss matters of interest. Revised COSHH ACOP: HSE has revised the Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) for the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations. The changes cover local exhaust ventilation and health surveillance and also take into account the introduction of the EU Regulations for REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals.) and CLP (European Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures). More information can be found on HSE's Website.

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](mailto: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. A southern area session is planned subject to securing suitable premises.



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