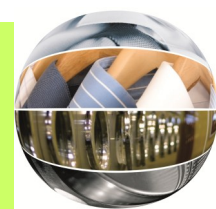




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Guild Council Chairman Stands Down at Annual General Meeting



Archie Kerr FGCL, who was council chairman for the last three years, stood down at the council meeting, prior to the Guild AGM on the 17th of June 2015, stating that his work load with the Scottish Church is to increase as there are plans to amalgamate two parishes in to one, and he is to lead this work. The Guild President Stuart Boyd FGCL, praised the efforts of Archie over his time in office and thanked him for his passed work, remarking on the progress that the Guild had made under his leadership.

Also at the AGM



Stuart Boyd was re-elected to remain President for a second term, and a postal ballot for the post of Honorary National Treasurer failed when the two candidates withdrew their names, Colin Paterson FGCL was unopposed and elected to remain as Honorary General Secretary, but two weeks after the meeting resigned from the post because he needed to commit more time to his business due to the imminent loss of large volumes of work. Back at the Council Meeting Ken Cupitt FGCL was elected by those present to be Council Chairman and stated in his acceptance speech that it was necessary for the future well being of the Guild that new people be encouraged to serve on council not only to lower the average age of council members, but also to share the workload. Andy Knowles, of the Midland Centre was nominated and elected to be Vice Chairman of Council with the additional role of designing the Guilds Stand for the 2016 Ascot Exhibition.

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Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2015/16 is now **overdue** 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 because this saves money and time in having to check and chase late payers. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Diary Dates for 2015

Scottish Centre Conference and Exhibition Sunday 6th of September, Westerwood Hotel and Golf Resort, Cumbernauld, G68 0EW. Just off the M80 Motorway

Guild National Conference 28th February 2016, Park Royal Hotel, Warrington. Just off the M56 motorway

Guild Extra Ordinary Meeting will have to be held following a new ballot for Officers The vacancies exist of Hon Nat Treasurer and On General Secretary

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Shop Competition—the poster has now gone out to members who have paid their subs. **Now we are Calling All Suppliers** Do you want to be associated with this competition?

What about adding to the cash prize being awarded by the Guild, such as a box of coat hangers, or a roll of polythene, or some other similar item to boost the value of the prize.

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Photographic entries to
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Amber Alerts Still proving to be popular to members but in June notices took an unexpected turn when information came in of a series of scams that could affect the unwary. Sadly it is now a fact of life that people will try to extract money from people and take advantage of the trust that is natural in human beings. We all need to be alert to avoid being taken in by these scams and remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't.

Serving on Guild Council A route to service on the Guild Council in the past was through service at the local regional centres. Alas, in more recent times members have found regular attendance at Centre meetings not to be conducive with modern lifestyles, and some centres have stopped having meetings because regional members could not find local officials to organise events. For this reason the pool of active members wishing to serve at the national level has also sadly declined. If you wish to attend a council meeting to see the activity before you commit yourself to becoming a serving member you will be very welcome. Send a message to the secretariat that you would like to be invited. enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Training Your Guild Council has allocated money for subsidised practical training for members and to achieve this objective we need to get sufficient people together who wish to further their knowledge and skill in a particular task, but now this has been extended to include two courses, one laundry one dry cleaning, in technology. If you would like to benefit from this help please let us know. Interested parties should make contact with the Guild Secretariat to book places. enquiries@gcl.org.uk

Guild DVD on Hand Ironing. A new DVD produced by the Guild is available and is a video version of the Guild's book on garment finishing. Members will get a free copy when they renew their membership—to get your copy send your payment now. At the June Council Meeting a proposal was accepted that, following the success of this DVD, a new one should be created for Stain Removal,

More on the Promotion of Dry Cleaning—At the Guild Council meeting a progress update on this new initiative was given, and to explore if this could be used to promote clean clothes. Customers bring items in for cleaning usually because they are stained, or creased, or they maybe smell from wear, but seldom because they think they are dirty. The Textile Services Association have expressed an interest in the proposal and their Chief Executive, Roger Salmon FGCL, has organised an exploratory meeting for Monday 13th of July. Let us have your views on this proposed venture which started within the Guild?