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**Focus on Guild Q Stars  
Action Plan Approved  
to promote qualified  
cleaners.**



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

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

Now with ReportCam—see the website for more details

**See this month a Technical Bulletin dealing with fabrics and fibres in both washing and cleaning and an Amber Alert dealing with a Mattress Topper from Brinkhaus. containing pure new wool.**

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**Treasurer Tells Guild Annual General Meeting held on June 20th that the Guild has a financial surplus for the year 2017/18 but it was from donations that are unlikely to be repeated in future years.** Jan Knowles FGCL,

the Guild's Hon Nat Treasurer went on to thank the secretariat for bearing down on costs over the year but finalised by saying the well being for the future lay in gaining new members. In his report President Stuart Boyd FGCL reported that over the past year, the Guild had accelerated it's focus away from Centre meetings and Conferences to utilising the internet and electronic media's to inform and contact members and develop new initiatives for our membership. The success of these initiatives continues to grow with these and the monthly Amber Alerts are gaining much positive feedback.

In his report Council Chairman Ken Cupitt FGCL reported that over the past two years we had planned for and attended the UK industry exhibition the CleanEx held at Ascot with the largest stand we have ever displayed and was pleased to report it to have be a very successful event for us to have attended. He stated that we had gained new members, and we met many existing members who were attending the show, and we put on skill demonstrations that were well received and it was done by council members who worked very hard over three days for no financial reward. He passed on his grateful thanks to all involved in organising and to those who took the time to be there on the days of the exhibition. The results were well worth the efforts of all. He went on to say looking forward your council have an action plan for the coming year to both grow the membership and to develop Guild qualifications and spread their use to a wider audience. There is a demand for skill in our business he said, and sadly there is also a lack of competence which is very noticeable when we get about and meet people. He finalised by saying this highlights the need for our Guild but our weakness is still that we are volunteers and only council members appear to be active and willing to help spread and share the skills built up over the years, but he said that should not stop us trying to get others involved and maybe over the next year we can make it more attractive to others to join the council.

You can read the full reports and see the finalised accounts in the members area of the Guild's website.

**Guild Conference and Exhibition planned for the Midlands in Spring**

**2019.** Plans were approved at a recent Guild Council meeting to hold the next national conference either in Leicester or Meriden during the first few months of next year.

**Regional Meetings based on gaining skills and qualifications.**

Over the next 12 months four meetings will be held at strategically positioned venues to enable members to attend and not only to learn about new skills and qualifications but to help them to gain them.

**Members to be given the opportunity to advertise their business on the Guild's Website.** Being a member of the Guild does have an advantage to a business and demonstrates to the general public that their precious items are being handled by skilled people. Ways of allowing the members to have their business site details to allow public access when looking for a quality cleaner/lauderer is to be progressed Those with Q Stars will be highlighted in any promotion of the trade.

**Guild Technical Bulletins—are they too long?** We need your help with feed back to help us to deliver what you want and one concern is that many of our technical bulletins are very long and may not get read because of this. Please let us know if you would prefer shortened versions?

**Your Guild and ASBCI have mutually arranged to have a reciprocal membership agreement** The Association of Suppliers to the British Clothing Industry will in future have monthly access to our Amber Alerts which they see as valuable to their members. From fibre manufacture to garment manufacture, retail and aftercare, ASBCI is a centre of technical and commercial excellence where companies at the forefront of the specific sectors can discuss, share, and develop practices, processes and initiatives that will benefit their organisations and the UK clothing supply chain as a whole. ASBCI activities include technical seminars, conferences, publications and technical visits; as well as a number of Student Members, including the annual Student Design and Innovation Awards and Dissertation Competition. The ASBCI Student Design Award has been a significant presence for fashion students since 1994. Past sponsors have included Shop Direct, Topshop, Matalan, Adams Childrenswear, Marks & Spencer, BMB Menswear, GUS, Wallis, Republic and Director-e.

**Thought for the day!**  
Know the value of a true friend!