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Your Guild in a Determined Effort to Promote Skills, Expertise and

Improve the Image of the Industry—Guild Facilitates Training - In the last issue

of the E-Bulletin we announced the formation of a week long residential laundry technology training course to be held next October, which is supported by the Worshipful Company of Launderers and the Johnson Group with the loan of training rooms in Rugby. The course is not yet full and we are still accepting bookings therefore if you have an interest please contact the secretariat and book a place.

For the Dry Cleaning Sector we announced another training initiative. At the last council meeting the decision was taken to make a subsidy available, of £500, for each regional Centre of the Guild to hold skill training sessions provided they are based upon the Guild's syllabi, and lead to the candidate taking a Guild Qualification. Raising standards and abilities is foremost on the agenda as is a desire to raise the image of our industry by helping improve the outward appearance of dry cleaning retail shops through a competition of the best submitted photograph of a shop front. If you think your shop could qualify please submit your photographs to the Hon Gen Secretary 56 Maple Drive, Larkhall, South Lanarkshire, ML9 2AR

Guild Annual General Meeting 18th of June 2014 at 1.00pm to be held at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Haydock. WA11 0GR.

On the agenda is a proposal that member subscriptions, which have not been increased for at least ten years, be increased by £12 at all levels.

State of Health of your Guild—The Guild's financial year ended at the end of March, and from the 1st of April your annual subscriptions became due for renewal. Obviously we have to await the audit of the Guild's accounts before we can say how well the finances have been maintained by the Guild Council, but the indications are that the prudent measures maintained by the Guild Officers have kept us on a level keel and the results will show a positive surplus. However, the member subscriptions have not been reviewed for at least ten years, therefore there is a proposal to bring before the Guild's annual General Meeting, to be held at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 18th of June, at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Haydock, that all levels of membership be increased by £12 from April 2015.

Guild E-Bulletins. -If we have your e-mail address you will be receiving three electronic bulletins per month and the feed back on the "Amber Alert", warning of garments, or items, likely to give problems is receiving very favourable comments. If you have experience of an item that has failed in cleaning please let us have the information on it, plus a photograph, and then we can warn others of the problem, as well we can provide feedback to the manufacturers. The "Technical Bulletin" is the newest of the electronic information we are able to send off and by making use of e-mailing we are able to keep postage costs down, but at the same time improve member contact. If you have comments to make on any publication please let us know?

Charity London-Brighton bike ride on Sunday June 15. Mark Gleed, from LCT (Mega Events), and Phillip Kalli from Ideal Manufacturing, plus many other supporters will mount their cycles in aid of the British Heart Foundation and it is particularly significant this year because Phillip Kalli's sister's husband is suffering with a rare heart condition at the age of 40 (and with two very young sons). He is in the RAF and was otherwise fit! However, he is now recovering having been fitted with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (May 22nd) - we are all hoping it will be successful and he speedily recovers. If you would like to support this worthy initiative log on to the link below to make a small donation to sponsor them.

<https://www.justgiving.com/idealwashcyclists>

The Guild on Social Media—Growing the business—Are you a follower of social media? The Guild has blogs on Facebook as well as LinkedIn and there is already a world wide following. It is nice to see the positive comments but some comments can be outrageous and lack any credible accuracy. It is a new medium and these are the early days when we all learn to see what help, or to what advantage, this modern communication tool can bring us, but we need to promote professional cleaning rather than pass adverse comments on other sectors.

Sunday Training Sessions -There is a call for more training sessions, and now the Council have agreed a subsidy, it expected that more sessions will be organised. If you have an interest please let the Guild Secretariat know and what skill you would like the training to be in?

Future Dates for your Diary -Wednesday 18th June 2014 Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Haydock. Commencing at 1.00pm Sunday 7th September Scottish Conference The Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld. Sunday 16th November, Wetherby Seminar, Wetherby, Yorkshire.

The Loss of another Icon— During the month of May we were made aware of the death of Sydney Butler once a Director of Watford Laundry and a former Guild member and Conference Speaker. He was a great advocate of a high quality service and proved to be a valuable member of the team at Watford and a sad loss so soon after the loss of Peter Ross, the business owner. Syd retired to live in Walsham following his illness in 2012. His funeral is 2nd June at 11 a.m. at North Walsham Congregational Church, Cromer Road, North Walsham NR28 0HD and after at Beechwood Hotel, next to the church. Cremation at 4.15pm for family.

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Pictured left above Guild Council Member Ron Davidson, who is also Chairman of the London and Southern Centre seen here in conversation with Bob Ballantyne FGCL at the recent Guild Conference in Nottingham.

Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2014/2015 is now due for renewal. You can 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.

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