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**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.

See this month a Technical Bulletin dealing with Textile Recycling and an Amber Alert dealing with a Gucci Blouse with a print and a care label that is inadequate for the garment. Also, issued this month to members is a copy of Solvetex VI. A new international wet cleaning study by TKT for CINET.

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**2019 Guild Conference and Exhibition to be held on Sunday 10th March 2019 At the Manor Hotel, Meriden, just 3 miles from M42 (M6/M5/M40) and Birmingham International Airport and Railway Station. This Will Be A Day of Events Covering, Best Practices, Plus Profitable and Sustainable Business. Featuring, A Master class in Stain Removal, Marketing Your Business, Alternatives to Plastics for Packaging, Common Failures in Cleaning, Additional Income Generation, and Starting a New Revolution in Our Business.**

**Viscose Rayon and a Derivative of the Process Cellophane** was a feature in last month's Technical Bulletin. It was suggested that this could be an alternative packaging material that was biodegradable. We are pleased to report that Kyle Grant from Oxwash has taken this one stage further and obtained samples made up into garment covers from a source in the Netherlands . He has promised to keep us up to date with his trials of this product. Look out for more details and further information soon.

**Apprenticeship In Textile Care**—Brian Pearce FGCL , Master of the College of Fellows, represented the Guild at the launch of the scheme in England which was on the 25th of October and held at a reception in the House of Commons. Last month we issued guidance for small employers, which has been updated to reflect the change in registration date for non-levy paying employers. Employers who do not pay the levy will not be able to use the apprenticeship service to pay for apprenticeship training and assessment until at least mid-2019, unless they are receiving a transfer of funds from a levy paying employer. Instead, they will need to agree a payment schedule with the provider and pay them directly for the training. The provider must prove that the employer has paid their contributions as a condition of the government paying its contribution. In addition, the 'Apprenticeship funding: rules and guidance for employers' for August 2018 to July 2019 has now been published. It can be viewed at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/733034/1819\\_Employer\\_Rules\\_v1.0.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/733034/1819_Employer_Rules_v1.0.pdf)

**Members Advertise their Business on the Guild's Website** - an advantage to your business and demonstrates to the general public your proficiency. Check out the Guild's Web Site for your outlet or contact the secretariat for more details. The general public can check out the Guild's website for a registered member in their area. We are promoting competent cleaners.

**Unemployment** The number of people in work has continued to edge ahead, though the employment rate was unchanged on the quarter. However, the number of vacancies is a new record high, while the unemployment rate is now at its lowest since the winter of 1974-75. The growth in employment is still being driven by UK nationals, with a noticeable drop over the past year in the number of workers from the so-called 'A8' eastern European countries in particular. *Fig from ONS*

**Reducing The Cost of Water and Effluent Charges** Your Guild has arranged with Phil Murdey, Director of Sales at Aquaflo Utilities, that Guild members interested in reducing their water purchase and waste water disposal costs can contact him to have a proposal on how much they could save by switching suppliers. Since April 2017, the water market in England has been open for competition and as a result businesses do not have to buy water services any longer from local Wholesale Water Supply Companies. For more information contact Aquaflo Utilities Sales Enquiries, Station House, Stamford New Road, Altrincham, WA14 1EP or Tel: 0161 696 2900 (mention the Guild)