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October 2013 E-Bulletin

**Guild Wetherby
Seminar
Sunday 27th
October 2013**

**At the Murcure
Hotel,
Leeds Road,
Wetherby, Yorks.
At 10.00 am**

**Contact Secretariat
For bookings**

Guild Membership Renewal? If you have not already paid your Membership Subscription for the year 2013/2014 it is now seriously overdue. You can pay on line by visiting the Guild Website at www.gcl.org.uk, or alternatively, Telephone 01698 322669



Pictured left is Stuart Boyd FGCL Vice President of the Guild and a Guild Council Member

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Alternative Garment Care Label?

There appears to be a new unofficial care label symbol being applied to some garments in recent weeks. The label gives the usual instructions, which could include a circled P but also seen, and sometimes this is on the reverse of the label, a letter F in a circle that has been crossed out



One cleaner reported that on one occasion this symbol seems to have been added as an afterthought as it appears to be applied by a hand stamp, using a different type face to the front of the label. Sometimes the crossed out F symbol has been found to be only on the jacket of a two piece suit. The F symbol is now being used to denote cleaning in Hydrocarbon, and Siloxane (green earth) this could mean that this is being used, by some suppliers, to replace the wording "Do not use Siloxane or Hydrocarbon" due to the higher and often longer drying temperatures which could affect the interlinings, or some heat sensitive fibres, but at present this is not an official care label.

Scottish Conference held on Sunday 8th of September 2013, had 85 delegate bookings, and was held at the Macdonald Inchyra Hotel, Falkirk, and was opened by the President Archie Kerr FGCL. A wide range of seven speakers with birth places from Italy, Canada, England and Scotland held the attention of Guild members and visitors and covered a wide range of subjects that will be in reports coming soon in the trade press. The Scottish Centre Conference Committee are to complemented on an excellent programme in a delightful Hotel.

Stain Removal Training session in Reigate, Surrey, at the business of Churchill Dry Cleaners, on the 22nd of September, was a success for those who attended and who wanted to improve their skills and abilities. Interested in attending a future session in your area? Pass on your details to the secretariat because new sessions are being planned in all areas and 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.

Good News for Dry Cleaners! The Amber Alert Service is available to members with an e-mail address registered with the Guild. If you are not receiving a monthly Amber Alert via your e-mail please contact the secretariat on enquiries@gcl.org.uk and they will be happy to register you so that the Guild can send on to you advance warnings of problems with fabrics and garments that are giving other members difficulties and it may save you money also by helping you to avoid these problems occurring for you. This month we have published information on a nursery curtain that failed in cleaning and we thank Brightly Cleaners for passing on the warning.

Guild Text Books -The Guild have available a series of technical books for sale all written by members with experience in the business. To get a copy all you need to do is to contact the Guild's secretariat at enquiries@gcl.org.uk or telephone 01698 322669 or visit the Guild's web site www.gcl.org.uk Selling price £20 to members £25 to non members

Wetherby in Yorkshire, Guild Sunday Morning Seminar— 27th of October, 2013, five speakers, a mini exhibition, tea and coffee. Book in before 10.00 am for speakers, view exhibition from 9.30 am. Graham Collier, from Monsoon, Jack Martin from Timpsons, Brian Pearce from ITAS Consultants, Phillip Khalli from Ideal Chemicals, and Steve O'Donnell from Bluefin Insurance, will all give their thoughts on the future of dry cleaning up to a 1.00 pm when the session will close. Interested in attending? Book early to avoid disappointment, members free, visitors £5 returnable contribution if they join on the day. Contact enquiries@gcl.org.uk or tele 01698 322669

- Date for your diary
- February 23rd 2014
- Guild Professional Clothes Care Conference at the Bel-frey Hotel Mellors Way Nottingham NG8 6PY

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 and it is also planned to hold a series of demonstrations.

Good News! The President announced at the Guild Council Meeting held in September, at Haydock, that Guild membership was up 10% on this time last year and we are still growing