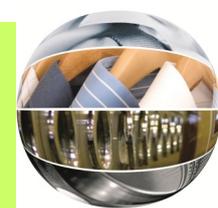




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**Date for Your Diary 28th  
February 2016 The next  
Exhibition and  
Conference!**



**Booking  
Places Now  
Clothes  
Care  
Conference  
and  
Exhibition**

**Exhibition  
opens at  
9.00am**

**Conference starts at 10.00am  
Park Royal Hotel,  
Warrington. Just off the M56  
Motorway, one junction away  
from the M6 with a train Line  
link to London and Glasgow  
on the Intercity Main Line**

**Guild Membership Renewal?** Your  
Membership Subscription for the year  
2015/16 is now seriously **overdue**  
and 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, Tele-  
phone 01698 322669 . Many thanks  
to those who paid on time because  
this saves money and time in having  
to check and chase late payers. Con-  
tact [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk)

Guild National Conference 28th Feb-  
ruary 2016, Park Royal Hotel, War-  
rington. Just off the M56 motorway.  
Exhibitor Enquiries welcomed, with  
already twelve booked up spaces

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**Date For Your Diary Sunday 28th February 2016, Guild National Conference and  
exhibition, this year to be held at the Park Royal Hotel, Warrington.**

This Hotel was chosen because it is at least 200 miles from the location of our Scot-  
tish event and equally 200 miles from the LCT Ascot Exhibition being held in April  
2016. It is also just off junction 10 of the M56 and this is one junction away from the  
M6 motorway. It is also just 4 miles from Warrington Quay Bank railway station which  
is on the intercity main line between London and Glasgow, which means it is conven-  
ient for all modes of transport. The Park Royal is a four star Hotel for those wishing to  
stay, but within 500 yards is a budget Premier Inn, making the location an additional  
choice.

Top class speakers, including Dr Richard Neale, from the Dry Cleaning Technology  
Centre, Dr Roger Salmon, from the Textile Services Association, Dr Mike Kalli, from  
Ideal Manufacturing, amongst other industry luminaries and for general interest Rich-  
ard Cullen and Stuart Arnold, from Cullen Wealth, will be giving a presentation  
on Pension Options & Retirement Planning, which will include "Auto Enrolment",  
which affects all employers.

We have a pre conference dinner on the Saturday night planned with an invited after  
dinner speaker, northern laundry owner John Shonfeld, who will tell attendees about  
the time he was almost locked in the Tower of London. On the Sunday partners and  
children of delegates, not wishing to be at the conference, will have an option of a  
free coach trip to the Manchester Trafford Centre famous for it's shopping and leisure  
facilities. Meanwhile business delegates will have time to visit the stands of exhibitors  
in the exhibition hall adjacent to the conference facilities. Tea/coffee and buffet lunch  
is included for the conference delegates and attendance is free to all pre-booking.  
To book a place contact Debbie at [enquiries@gcl.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gcl.org.uk) or telephone 01698 322 669  
Accommodation at the Park Royal Hotel phone :01925 730706 and mention the  
Guild of Cleaners and Launderers for preferential rates. For the nearby Premier Inn  
Warrington South telephone 0871 527 9134, or book on line at  
<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/WARCAT/warrington-south> Remember the ear-  
lier you book at a Premier Inn the cheaper the room rates.

## **Change to National Minimum Wage**

A reminder that from 1st October 2015 the **National Minimum Wage** rates increased,  
and they are as follows:

- Adult rate: £6.70 an hour
- Youth rate for those aged 18-20: £5.30 per hour
- Rate for those aged 16-17: £3.87 per hour
- Apprentice rate: £3.30 per hour
- Accommodation offset: £5.35 per day.

Note that in addition to these increases, a new "National Living Wage", not to be con-  
fused with the 'Living Wage', will apply from April 2016, and will effectively introduce  
an additional higher tier into the National Minimum Wage system.

The new rate, of £7.20 per hour, will apply to all adults aged 25 and over. The Low  
Pay Commission is now consulting on both the National Minimum Wage (NMW) rate  
for October 2016 and the future level of the National Living Wage (NLW) for April  
2017. The consultation seeks views on the existing rates of the NMW and the poten-  
tial impact of the NLW and there is also a short survey. The Low Pay Commission is  
expected to make its recommendation on the level of the NMW rates for October  
2016 onwards by February 2016 and on the April 2017 National Living Wage rate by  
October 2016.

**In the Planning Stage** is the next in the series of DVDs this time on "Stain Removal"  
This follows the very well received DVD your Guild did on "Hand Ironing" which  
proved to be a huge success. We hope to have this available for early April 2016.

**Stain removal training** is also planned for two events one in the London/Southern  
area, and a further one in the Northwest of England. Attendees names are being put  
together now for these and others will be organised if the demand is there. We need  
at least six for it to be successful.

**Changes to the Guild's Web Site** to make navigation easier we have commissioned  
changes to the design and layout of the site and will include Pay Pal as another  
method for payment. Interested in seeing some of the proposed changes?

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