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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 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, 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

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 Viscose Rayon and an Amber Alert dealing with a Gucci shirt with a care label that could be a problem.

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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, A Master class in Stain Removal, Marketing Your Business, Alternatives to Plastics for Packaging, Common Failures in Cleaning, Additional Income Generation, and Starting a Revolution in Our Business.

Cleaning Viscose Rayon is a feature in this month's Technical Bulletin. Many will think this fibre has had its day and has been replaced by modern synthetic fibres but with environmental problems associated with plastic micro fibres getting into our water supplies and the ocean-water a Swedish company has developed a system of regenerating old cotton and viscose garments into new viscose fabric making it one of the most sustainable of fibres.

It is the Season of Awards—Guild Members Left, Mr & Mrs Julian Stone of American Dry Cleaning Company in London for Best Green Policy, and right, two awards for Sarah and Kashif Sheikh of Elite Dry cleaners in Edinburgh, Best Independent Drycleaner and for best in Customer Service in the LCN Awards. On the right is editor of the LCN, Kathy Bowry passing over to Ken Cupitt the Life Time Achievement Award.



Updated Guidance Apprenticeship funding This guidance 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

Paternity leave It is believed that the take up of paternity leave dropped last year for the first time in five years. This is in sharp contrast to the take up of maternity leave which is believed to have tripled. This is in accordance with figures obtained from HM Revenue and Customs.

Members Advertise their Business on the Guild's Website - an advantage to your business and demonstrates to the general public your proficiency. Contact the secretariat for more details.

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*

Automation This month, a survey conducted by You Gov was published, which considered the expectations and views of workers on the impact of automation in the workplace. Some of the figures are listed below:
53 per cent of workers are optimistic about their future working life and job prospects, when thinking about technology change in the next decade.
Workers aged under 45 are more optimistic than older workers.
Only 29 per cent think technology will have no effect on their current job over the next 10 years. 44 per cent of workers think changes in technology will have a positive effect on their current job, but 20 per cent of workers think there will be a negative effect.

Reducing The Cost of Water and Effluent Charges Your Guild has arranged with Phil Murdey, Director of Sales at Aquaflow 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 Aquaflow Utilities Sales Enquiries, Station House, Stamford New Road, Altrincham, WA14 1EP or Tel: 0161 696 2900 Email: phil.murdey@aquaflo utilities.co.uk mentioning the Guild