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**The Autumn Season of Guild Meetings Starts on Sunday 7th  
of September with The Scottish Conference and Exhibition at the  
Westerwood Hotel Cumbernauld**

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**Note for your Diary  
Professional Clothes Care  
Half Day Seminar  
Sunday 16th of November  
At the Mercure Hotel,  
Wetherby, just off the A1M  
Four Speakers  
Free to members  
Only £10 to non members**



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As summer slips away and holidays become just memories we begin Autumn with the return of Guild regional centre meetings and the first in Scotland is the much acclaimed "Professional Clothes Care Conference and Exhibition" returning again this year to the Westerwood Hotel. Always very popular and very well attended but as with all Guild meetings spare a thought for the organisers because these events don't just happen they are the culmination of months of effort and stress by fellow Guild members who deserve our thanks.

In the Midland Centre on Monday the 15th of September they start their new season with the first of a series of monthly meetings and on Thursday 25th the London and South East Centre have a meeting organised at the Ibis Hotel, Euston, London. On Tuesday the 30th the Northern Centre commences their season with a practical stain removal demonstration, given by Roger Cawood FGCL, and this will be held on the premises of member Keith Holliday at Town and County Cleaners in Chester. September is going to be a busy month with four meetings, plus the Guild Council will be holding a meeting for Council members in Leicester on Monday 15th of September.

On a sad note it is with regret that we have to advise of the death of former Midland Centre member John Redgate, father of former Guild President and Council Chairman Adrian Redgate FGCL. John was the second generation of Nottingham based dry cleaners National Dry Cleaners and he was a Guild member for over thirty years prior to his retirement. We send our sincere sympathy and condolences to his family.

## **Progress on the Shop Front Competition.**

The invigilating committee will be looking for visually attractive shops, from within the industry, that welcome or invite the customer to use the shop, and this does include Wet Clean as well as Dry Cleaning. Now that local Guild Centres are coming back together after the summer recess is it time to have regional area contests based on the Guild's operating Centres? The prize to the winner is stated to be £250.00 presented at the annual conference, to be held in Nottingham, next February. All photos/ e-mails should be sent to the Guild Secretariat and then the most attractive will be checked and then a panel will have to decide. The winner and then top ten plus regional winners to have a winner/ highly rated scroll to be displayed in the shop. Also suggested is to invite a company/ group, or any person to send photographs, you may probably already know some good attractive appearance shops in your own area. If you have ideas on the organisation of the competition the committee still will welcome your input to ensure that it is a success.

## **Reminder of Money for Local Training**

At recent Guild Council meeting it was proposed that there be a financial subsidy for local Guild Centre training activities and this proposal was confirmed at a meeting of Council following the Guild's AGM. It is now up to local Centres to organise the training activity and to make the Guild Secretary, Colin Paterson, aware and to seek approval for the subsidy of up to £500 per centre. This subsidy is aimed at Guild members, and non members would need to join the Guild if they wanted to benefit from subsidised training.

What is needed is a group of eight members wanting training on a practical issue in an area and to identify a competent, Guild approved, trainer and a cost of holding the event before seeking approval. Good luck to all taking part!

## **Laundry Technology Training?**

Week commencing Monday 27th of October an intensive, residential Training Course being held in Rugby, at Johnson Group CPU, being organised by your Guild and will end with candidates sitting the Intermediate Laundry Technology Examinations, which is a two and half hour long theory examination. The course, including accommodation and meals, costs £1,000.00 and the Worshipful Company of Launderers have generously offered candidate employers a subsidy of £100 per candidate, which they can claim when course fees have been paid. Course costs have been kept low by the also generous loan of the training rooms at Johnson's CPU in Rugby, which is very close to the Hotel where candidates will reside for the week. Contact the Secretariat ASAP if you are interested.