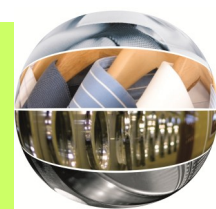




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Good News Edition—The Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Saturday 5th of September the Vacant Positions, of Honorary General Secretary and Honorary National Treasurer were filled.

Jan Knowles FGCL has been appointed to the treasurer position and member Debbie Paterson has been appointed to the Honorary General Secretary position. Both are to be congratulated on their election and appointments and now take up their positions on the Guild's Council.



Guild Scottish Conference and Exhibition—was held on Sunday 6th of September at the Westerwood Hotel and Golf Resort, Cumbernauld, and what a success it was with an excellent display of stands by the exhibitors, and the Hotel put on a magnificent lunch for the delegates, which was paid for by the funds received from the exhibitors. Speakers from the UK and Europe gained the attention of those attending with papers relevant to the future of Professional Cleaning and it again proved that this kind of formulae

of an exhibition, plus first class speakers at the adjoining conference, is still the way forward, but it must be planned and controlled with technical precision. Yes, there was some lessons to be learned but it was good to see the cooperation between all on the day. Speaker's papers will be a feature of the next issue of the Guild News, and congratulations to all involved and those taking part for making it a success.



Campaign For More Cleaning! Do you remember the letters, contained within an e-mail, sent out to Guild members and similar letters were also be sent out to members of the Textile Services Association and to members of the Society of Laundry Engineers and Allied Trades asking about your views on dry cleaning volumes. The question asked was "are they starting to decline?" The views expressed verbally have not been supported with many confirmation letters with just five having been received. Clearly this is insufficient to provide motivation for a National Campaign, but strangely Jan Querengaesser, from BUFA Germany, confirmed a similar decline in his country within his presentation to the Conference in Cumbernauld, as also did Marco Boccola from Italy, in his presentation, which shows an international trend.

Digital Age Connected to the above—we send more information now via e-mail, because it is cheaper, but we notice we are getting less response from members following requests, therefore it is right to ask, "Are you comfortable with e-mail?" For example let us know if we are using the right e-mail address or have you an alternative preferred address?



Amber Alerts Still proving to be popular to members when they receive the information but there is still a reticence in sending in information on items that have failed, or given trouble, when brought in for cleaning. We value your input and promise not to divulge your details to anyone so that others are unaware of the origin of the information. We published two alerts in August and the second proved to be very popular, mainly because it had a seldom seen symbol, double underlined Circle W, and the colour ran in the hydrocarbon solvent the cleaner chose to use, but tests showed that it was not fast to water either. At the Scottish Conference Michael Williams of Electrolux advised in his presentation that they had developed a "Wet Cleaning Machine" that had results to rival solvent processed garments in terms of standards pre finishing which he advised did not require any special stretching equipment and normal finishing methods were therefore adequate.

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Members To Lose Facilities The time is approaching when members who have failed to renew their subscription for the current year will be taken off the lists of members and will no longer get the Amber Alerts, regular bulletins, and Guild Newsletters, and other benefits of membership. If you are one of these please pay up now to avoid being taken off the lists which will happen in September following the next council meeting.

Wish to Serving on Guild Council Send a message to the secretariat that you would like to be invited enquiries@gcl.org.uk It would be nice to have new faces to share some of the workload and bring new ideas.

