



Calling all cleaners—We are planning a one day training courses in all areas if we can assemble 10 interested people together and we can find suitable premises to hold them. These have been very popular in the past. If you are interested in attending one on a Sunday please register your interest as we require 10 delegates to make the training viable.
Contact
enquiries@gcl.org.uk or
telephone 01698322669

Guild Membership Renewal? Your Membership Subscription for the year 2019/2020 is now very over due for renewal. Remember that you can now pay on line by visiting the Guild Web-site 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 changes we have made.

See this month a Technical Bulletin dealing with Curtains and in particular those without a care label and an Amber Alert in support of Curtain Cleaning as we will soon be in the season when customers will want to take advantage of cleaners offering this service.

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Ron Davidson FGCL Elected President at the Guild AGM held on the 19th of June. In his "inaugural address" he paid tribute to the retiring President Stuart Boyd FGCL and thanked him for the sterling work that he had done on behalf of the Guild. He then went on to thank the Guild council for their dedication and for their work programme which, he said, was commendable and members appreciated their efforts. In the Treasurer's report Jan Knowles FGCL advised of a loss of £3,917 in the accounts for the year ending 31st of March 2019 which she went on to say was as a result of running the Conference and Exhibition, held in March, for free to all attendees. Other points of interest in the financial report was that examination and qualification income was up over the previous year but Corporate membership had shown a sharp decline reflecting the uncertain business climate

Master of the College of Fellows, Brian Pearce FGCL, Training in Africa

Following a request to carry out training at Lavasec Launderers and Cleaners in Lome', the capital city of Togo, which is the Togolese Republic and is a French speaking country in West Africa bordered by Ghana. To the left are just two of the photographs we have on file showing Brian with the staff at Lava-sec. He said they were anxious to learn and showed great interest in his training sessions. He also said they were a kind and considerate people and he will be going back later on in the year to follow up on the training.



E-Learning Development This has caught the interest of some enquirers - Following the agreement with CINET to cooperate and offer in the UK a complete package of learning programmes to be made available via the Guild's web site, covering dry cleaning, wet cleaning, and industrial laundry, work has already commenced. Leon Wennekes, Secretary General of CINET and Ken Cupitt FGCL, Chairman of Council of the Guild have worked together on laying out a comprehensive programme list and agreed cost profiles. Work has commenced and we hope to keep you updated each month with progress.

Alternatives to single use plastics We need your help by advising us on what alternatives to plastic packaging film you have come across, or already use. Also, importantly which disposal service takes used polythene film. Send any information via email to enquiries@gcl.org.uk BBC Radio 4 carried out a programme on small businesses and single use plastics on Thursday the 4th of July.

Research Project Your Guild, in cooperation with the Worshipful Company of Launderers', and the Northumbria University, have co funding this research project and Dr Reid from the University has advised that he is now finalising the results of his research which is now being peer reviewed and we hope to be soon publishing the results.

Advertising Your Business on the Guild's Website An advantage to your business and demonstrates to the general public your proficiency by belonging to the Guild. Check out the Guild's Web Site and if your business is not there, and importantly you have paid up your annual membership fees, please pass on your details to the secretariat. The general public can check out the Guild's website for a registered member in their area. We are promoting competent cleaners who are members and who keep abreast of developments by receiving monthly bulletins and alerts as well as attending meetings and conferences.

New Text Books Coming Soon The Guild General Council have agreed to write and publish three Guild Educational Books, "The Science of Laundry", "Stain Removal in Dry and Wet Cleaning", and "Professional Wet Cleaning". The other important future addition for members is an opportunity to attend a "virtual meeting" on-line, via the Guild's Web Site, at a time to suit your convenience. More details on this project will be issued when available.

Guild Members are dedicated to the care of garments, care for the environment, and care with skill and knowledge to serve the customer to the best of their ability.