



**GUILD
OF CLEANERS
& LAUNDERERS**



Calling all
cleaners and
launderers. The
Guild will soon
have the E-
Learning
Educational Project available
and access will be via the
Guild's Website.

Contact
enquiries@gcl.org.uk or
telephone 01698322669 for
membership or help with text
books or training.

Guild Membership Renewal? Your
Membership Subscription for the year
2019/2020 is now very much over
due for renewal and if you have not
paid you are blocked out of the mem-
bers area of the Guild's website

You can 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
changes we have made.

**See this month the Technical Bul-
letin dealing with Wool and an Am-
ber Alert reporting on a colour
bleed problem with a Hobbs Dress.**

We need more help about items or labels that give
you problems. Let us know then we can keep others
better informed.

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LADAs Congratulations To All Those Guild Members Who Were Finalists

Special mention to those who won their individual heats and came away with trophies and it was great to see so many Guild members being asked to go up to the stage on the night. Each year more entrants are putting themselves, or col-
leagues, forward in this prestigious event.

Your Guild will again have a stand at the 2020 CleanEx Exhibition



being held at
Ascot Racecourse 26/27th of April. As in previous years Guild Coun-
cil members will be in attendance to meet members and will be
ready to discuss any issues that you may have.

Research Project into low temperature processing You will be
aware this project has left the stage of laboratory and field testing and Northumbria
University have been asked, and have agreed, to carry out a limited set of further
trials. This is not expected to take too long but the findings will be an important de-
velopment for the industry.

CINET Young Entrepreneur Programme The first of the set of meetings took
place in Holland in the first week of this month but alas no contingent from the UK
was able to be there and represent views from our market perspective. In the UK
market place there is much activity with new ideas being tested but it would be nice
if someone could find the time to go and listen and perhaps share new ideas with
others it may help all in the market to expand the business.

E-Learning Development You will be aware that your Guild has been actively in-
volved in generating the UK version following the agreement with CINET to cooper-
ate and offer in the UK a complete package of on-line learning programmes. Work
still continues on the opening pages for those interested to make their selections
and your Guild website advisors are following the lead from CINET on the neces-
sary changes required. A Skype Conference was held in the last few days on finalis-
ing the new pages and when available a full set of modules for dry and wet clean-
ing, as well as laundry both at retail and commercial levels, will be offered, plus an
examination and certification if required.

New Text Books Coming Soon The programme of writing and publishing three
new Guild Educational Books, "The Science of Laundry", "Stain Removal in Dry
and Wet Cleaning", and "Professional Wet Cleaning", progresses well with the sec-
ond draft of the science of laundry, and the new Q & A Book being submitted for
Peer Group approval. The target is to have all new titles available in time for the
CleanEx Exhibition at Ascot.

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

Virtual Meeting Have you ever been frustrated by not being able to attend a Guild
meeting or conference? Work continues on having available Guild meetings online
to be seen at a time to suit your convenience. This is an opportunity to attend a
"virtual meeting" on-line, via the Guild's Web Site. Source material has been identi-
fied, and we are hoping to have this available soon.

Check out the Guild's Website If you have not visited the website recently we
have made some changes and are making more.

**New Level of Guild Membership - Following member requests for Bulletins and
Amber Alerts to be posted rather than "digital on-line" you now have available
"Plus" membership and those subscribing to this will receive printed and posted edi-
tions each month just a further £3.50 per month on top of normal membership rates.
Just a further £17.50 to cover this November issues and the next four up to the end
of March 2020. Contact Debbie on 01698 322669 or enquiries@gcl.org.uk**

Wool fibre is a natural protein fibre, which is used for the manufacturing of gar-
ments because of its excellent fire retardancy, stain-resistance, antistatic and odour
control properties however, wool fibres shrink during washing and to overcome this
problem, wool fibres, especially those used in clothing, are frequently shrink-resist
treated to make them machine washable. See the Technical Bulletin for more info.