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# The Guild of Cleaners & Launderers

The Professional Qualifying Organisation of the Textile Care Industries

## Conference



**The National All-Industries Conference 2005 took place on the 12th March at the Slough/Windsor Marriott Hotel.**

A variety of speakers presented delegates with invaluable information

## National All-Industries Conference and Exhibition 2005

The Guild of Cleaners and Launderers, together with members of the Textile Services Association combined their efforts to organise a Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Slough Windsor. The venue was an apt choice, because of the connection with our industry through the writings of William Shakespeare. If you remember Fulstaff hid in a laundry basket in the tale of the 'Merry Wives of Windsor' at Datchet Mead, which is close to the hotel.

The Conference was free for delegates to attend, with a free lunch. The theme was 'Choices', which reflected on issues to increase your profitability and your advancement to success in your business.

The morning session was opened by the Senior Vice President of the Guild, Christine Richardson and chaired throughout the day by Murray Simpson, Chief Executive of the TSA and a Fellow of the Guild.

The Speakers were;

'Image & Design' Alan Springall

'Employment Law' Robin Rhodes

'Solvent Emissions Directive' Fay Rushby & Mike Etkin

'Green Earth' Shaun Mason

'Small Claims Court' Richard Neal

'Expense Reduction' Hartley Jenkinson

'The Way We Were' Martyn Lewis

'Procter & Gamble' Jayne Clark

Before the closing address there was a short ceremony whereby the retiring Master of the College of Fellows, Anne Parris, handed over the Chain of Office to Deputy Master, Derek Harrison, who succeeded her to become Master of the College of Fellows.

Ivan Kerry, Vice President of TSA, giving the closing address, concluded and endorsed with great satisfaction the way the conference had been organised

For the delegates present the conference was a huge 'think tank' within which important decisions were presented and made. The Conference Committee's aims for the event was to create an event that could satisfy all the requirements in the best way possible

One of the strong points of the joint National All-Industries Conference was the highly professional presentation and organisation by the Guild and TSA, achieved by the Conference Committee comprising of Murray Simpson, Sandra Pearce, Beverley Long, Tony Lee and Martyn Lewis who also added the professional touch with his Audio Visual techniques.

During all coffee/tea breaks and lunch, delegates were able to attend the Mini Exhibition where stands by Alex Reid Ltd, Buzz Drystream, Clean Way, Cleanstart Marketing, Furbimatic, Laundry Cleaning News, Parrisianne Drycleaning Solutions and SATRA were on show.

In the evening, after a drinks reception given by the Vice Presidents of the GCL and TSA, a dinner dance was held where dancing continued until 1.00 am Sunday morning. We say a big 'thank you' to all delegates and dinner guests who raised the grand sum of £750.00 for Comic Relief.

The Free Conference could not have been possible without the generous support given to us by our Sponsors who were;

Alex Reid Ltd    Buzz DryStream    Cleanstart Marketing

Clean Way    Cole & Wilson Ltd    Firbimatic

JLA Ltd    Johnson Group    Laundry & Cleaning News

Parrisianna Drycleaning Solutions    Procter & Gamble

SATRA Technology Centre

Worshipful Company of Launderers

**Below: Conference Chairman Murray Simpson**



**Below: Speakers left to right Robin Rhodes, Fay Rushby, Shaun Mason & Richard Neale**



**Below: Speaker Mike Etkind Below: Speaker Jayne Clark**



**Below: Speakers Martyn Lewis (left), Hartley Jenkinson (right)**



**Below: Speaker Alan Springall**



**Presidents Dinner Dance**



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