The 1994 BTME is even bigger than the record-breaking 1993 event.

Almost a year’s worth of work by many people has made it possible for me to make that simple statement and whilst the BTME has certainly caught the imagination of exhibitors and delegates, let no-one assume that the show’s organisation happened by itself.

As we look forward to a great week in Harrogate, I want to pay tribute to everyone in BIGGA, especially Louise Lunn, for sterling efforts in achieving what many thought would be impossible - to create a show of even more industry importance than in 1993. Thanks also to the BTME Steering Committee, staff, Board of Management, Regional Administrators, Section Secretaries, everyone in the industry and all the members - thank you for working together to build a brighter future for us all.

New for 1994 is the inclusion of BIGGA’s annual general meeting, at 5.15pm on Wednesday 19 January at the Old Swan Hotel, which hopefully will allow more members to participate and make some constructive input. The move to using BTME as a suitable venue for the AGM is specifically designed to gain wider response from a wider spectrum of members. Don’t forget, you will need your membership card to gain admission.

The BTME is an occasion to meet up with old friends, make new ones and enjoy a camaraderie unique to our profession and our industry. Exhibitors – as you will read in the following pages – have lined up an almost overwhelming display of equipment and services. Speakers in the seminar programme come from different backgrounds of experience, indeed from different countries, but have come together with the common aim of enriching your job and your life. Enjoy yourself!

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