In January almost 180 new members joined the Association. BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, Tracey Maddison, would like to welcome them on behalf of the Association.

Prizes galore in the Membership Draw!

Help us to help you! In your Membership Renewal Pack you will have found two yellow application forms for Greenkeeper Membership of BIGGA. Help increase membership of your Association and join two new members today. If you join a minimum of two new members to the Association this year, you will automatically be entered into the Membership Draw at BTME 2001 to win one of three fantastic prizes.

You could find yourself flying off for a weekend away or spending a wonderful weekend in the historic city of York in the first class company of the Mon Bar Hotel, or winning vouchers for a major high street store.

To have a chance of winning a fantastic prize all you have to do is to make sure your name goes on the application form in the "Who referred you to BIGGA line, encourage two new members to join and leave the rest to us. Mark Smith, Head Greenkeeper of Drayton Golf Club, did just that and he found himself winning £500 worth of holiday vouchers. So come on, help your Association grow in members and grow in strength.

In December, the St James's Place Greater European Unitary Trust celebrated its 30th anniversary. Anyone who had invested £10,000 when the trust was launched, would today have an investment worth £1.4m - a return of 18% pa after all charges. By any benchmark, a very successful outcome for those clients who have remained invested throughout and an interesting thought for those of us contemplating where to invest in this millennium.

Thirty years is a relatively short part of our lifetime. What difference would it have made to any of us if our parents or grandparents had invested £10,000 on our behalf 30 years ago? What difference could we make by investing for our children's future?

What level of future investment returns are greater European managers aiming for and have they achieved in the past?

To find out the answer to these questions and to see if we can improve on the past results a panel of managers have been brought together to speak at BTME 2001. If you have any questions you would like to ask the panel please contact Trevor Downing on 01939 300427.

Trevor Downing of J Rothschild Assurance illustrates how an investment of £10,000 became £1.4m in just 30 years?

Wants to be a Millionaire?

If you want to know more about this or to access the J Rothschild Assurance web site please contact Trevor Downing on 01939 300427.