Welcome to the first Membership Update for 2001. BIGGA would like to wish all existing members and prospective new members, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your 2001 Membership Renewal Pack contains important information, which as a Greenkeeper Member of BIGGA, you need to be aware of. For example, all Greenkeeper Members are covered by a personal accident insurance scheme. You can increase this personal protection benefit yourself by reading the form in your pack and using the tear off slip attached. A simple, one off payment could secure you up to £50,000 in increased benefits in addition to your standard BIGGA personal protection package.

For 2001 BIGGA have joined forces with Westfield Health Scheme to bring you a specially designed health care plan. You can choose a plan that most suits your lifestyle, to cover you for the cost of minor medical treatments not normally covered by the NHS. In this way, you will always have the funds to pay for dental treatment, glasses or contact lenses, physiotherapy and a whole host of other treatments, including consultation by a specialist. By ensuring that you have the funds, you can ensure that you have the treatment when you most need it, as opposed to when you can afford it.

When your 2001 Renewal Pack arrives check the contents carefully. The address card in the front contains your membership card - DO NOT THROW THIS AWAY. All Greenkeeper Members are required to sign the card and attach a passport size photograph to the card before sealing it in the wallet provided.

Finally, a reminder to all Greenkeeper Members whose membership expires this month. You should have received your renewal pack through the post. When you have completed the registration process, please telephone the Membership Services Department on 01347 833800.

December’s Monthly Membership Draw Winner

Just introduce one or more new greengrass member to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a draw to win a fantastic BIGGA sportswear. Our congratulations go to December’s winner, Gary Willson of Avisford Park GC.