This month, Rachael Palmer from BIGGA’s Membership Services would like to welcome 47 new members to the Association and also welcomes Gemma Lee to the department

Remember your benefits!

Now that summer is well and truly here we are all more likely to be out enjoying the sunshine, playing sport or even indulging in a spot of DIY or gardening.

Whatever you get up to this summer it’s worth remembering that all Greenkeeper members are covered by the personal accident insurance that is provided as a benefit of membership.

The personal accident package provides cover for any accident you may have at home, work or even on holiday subject to certain exclusions. The schedule of benefits include payments for total disablement through to loss of fingers or toes and temporary disablement. You can also increase your own personal protection with a one off annual payment which could secure you up to £50,000 in increased benefits.

In the event of an accident likely to give rise to a claim you should immediately call 0161 935 2935 remembering to have your BIGGA membership number ready.

A warm welcome

With Rachael having taken over from Tracey Maddison as Membership Services Officer her role of Membership Services Assistant has been taken by Gemma Lee (below).

Gemma (19) was born in Bradford, but moved to the York area eight years ago, and now lives in Easingwold, just a few miles from BIGGA HOUSE. In fact she was at Easingwold School at the same time as another BIGGA staff member, Brad Anderson.

Prior to joining the Association she worked in the Customer Services Department of Norwich Union, based in York, having previously achieved her NVQ in Advanced Health and Social Care at York College. Her interests include socialising with friends, going out for meals, cinema and swimming.

“I’m delighted to have joined the Association and am looking forward to getting to know many of the members over the next few months and years,” said Gemma.

Membership renewals

Keep those renewal forms coming in! Remember we can use any clear photograph of yourself on your new membership card as long as it is approximated passport photo size. If you are still having difficulty getting a photo organised send your renewal form back to us anyway so that you don’t miss out on the benefits of membership and we will sort your photo out at a later date. It’s not too late to renew if your membership expired in December, January, February, March or April just return your green renewal form and we will issue a new expiry date.

If you have mislaid your form then call either Rachael or Gemma in Membership Services on 01347 653800 and we will issue a replacement.

Rachael Foster

Name: Rachael Foster
Position: Receptionist/Administrator

What does your role involve?
Organisation of the reception area; looking Key Room hire; the magazine database; merchandise and BIGGA blazers

How long have you worked for the Association? One year and five months

Where were you born and brought up? Marlborough, Wiltshire but spent 17 years living in Jersey before moving here two years ago

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA? Kleinwort Benson (Jersey) Ltd

What are your hobbies? Teaching aerobics/step/boxercise and personal training. Also swimming, touch rugby and cooking

What is your favourite food? Seafood/Spanish

What is your favourite film? Dances with Wolves

What was the last book you read? How to be Good by Nick Hornby

Who is your all time hero? Jimmy Connors

What was the best event you’ve ever attended? 1. The birth of my daughter, Stephanie. 2. Seeing Robbie Williams in concert

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable)
1. Taking an aerobics/boxercise class for 100 people to raise £5000 for Cancer Research. 2. Meeting Ian Wommans at a party in Jersey

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