

Over 100 new members were welcomed to the Association in December 1999 by BIGGA's Membership Services Officer Tracey Maddison...

It could be you!

Will you be BIGGA's 7,000th member? Whether you are joining BIGGA or renewing your membership you could be the 7,000th member. Watch this space for further details.

Many of you will be due to renew your membership at the end of this month. Don't forget, if you pay for your own subscriptions, you can take advantage of paying by direct debit and spreading the cost over 10 equal monthly payments. 25% of members are already taking advantage of this service, why don't you?

If you are retiring from greenkeeping at the end of this month, congratulations! However, your BIGGA membership doesn't have to retire with you. Why not apply for retired membership of BIGGA and keep in touch with your friends and the industry? Contact Tracey or Kirstie in the membership department for further details.

Once you have returned your completed renewal form, together with payment, we will send you a new 2000 Membership Renewal Pack, containing useful information and telephone numbers regarding the many benefits and services available to you as a valued member of BIGGA. Read it and keep it for future reference - one day you may be glad you did!

If you have any queries or any general enquiries regarding membership services or benefits, please contact Tracey or Kirstie on 01347 833800.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Kirstie and myself to say how nice it was to meet and chat with all those who were able to call onto the Membership Services Stand at BTME 2000 last month.



BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

William P Bell, Central
 Paul R Brown, Central
 Euan J Cameron, North
 Brian W Duguid, East
 Paul Hay, East
 Kenneth A Henderson, North
 Qin Junning, Central
 Steven Lamb, East
 Shaun P MacDonald, North
 Stuart Muir, Central
 Duncan J Wright, Central
 Xu Xiao, Central
 Haung Ziaofeng, Central

Northern Region

Simon P Ainsworth, N West
 Andrew Billings, Sheffield
 Keith D Blaylock, North East
 Gareth Bullock, Northern
 David R Creaser, Sheffield
 Andrew Fenn, Sheffield
 Scott Greaves, North West
 Alan D Jackson, North West
 Adam P Kendall, Sheffield
 Richard Knowles, North West
 John A Longcake, North West
 Alaster H McAnaw, N West
 David A Platt, North West
 Paul Redford, North West
 Frank Shields, North West
 Daniel J Teale, Northern
 Darran Thomas, Sheffield
 Adam M Wainwright, N West
 Ian Wrightson, North West

Midland Region

Roger Ashby, Midland
 David M Ashley, Midland
 Shaun C Beddoe, Midland
 Paul R Carter, Midland
 Nicholas W Clarke, Midland
 Michael T Fowkes, Midland

Peter Gibbins, BB&O

Scott Glover, Midland
 Gavin T Heath, Midland
 Peter A Jenkin, E of England
 Andrew D Jones, Midland
 Andrew Laing, Midland
 Stephen Massingham, E of England
 Russell D Moody, E of England
 Andrew Pearson, Midland
 John M Smith, E of England
 David R Sturgeon, BB&O
 Richard D Thomas, Midland
 Alastair R Weir, BB&O
 John J Wilkes, Midland

South East Region

David Banks, Essex
 Derek P Blake, Essex
 Mark J Bugler, Surrey
 James P Celphane, London
 Richard Cook, Essex
 Robert Cox, Essex
 Gavin Cranness, East Anglia
 Gareth Dowsett, Essex
 Wayne C Eyres, Surrey
 Brian Gillespie, Surrey
 Andrew M Guy, Kent
 Andrew J P Haskell, Surrey
 Barry D Hawkes, East Anglia
 Rodney Hensby, Surrey
 Ian S Kendrick, Kent
 Christos J Kyriazis, Kent
 Ewan D McCabe, East Anglia
 James Morris, London
 Eddy Oliver, Surrey
 Mark Pisani, Surrey
 Matthew Pratt, East Anglia
 Michael J Scarr, East Anglia
 Glyn P Taylor, East Anglia
 Gareth Upham, East Anglia
 Michael Walsh, Essex
 Gareth P Weekes, Surrey
 Ben D Whelton, Surrey
 Stephen R Whitwell, E Anglia
 Andrew M Winter, East Anglia
 Gareth D Winter, East Anglia

S West & S Wales Region

Derek B Booth, Devon & Cornwall
 Christopher Ball, South West
 Simon P Bell Tye, S Coast
 Duncan Brown, South Coast
 Paul J Downham, S Coast
 Alan J Jacobsen, South Coast
 Philip R Littlehales, S Coast
 Stuart L Mason, South Coast
 Mark J Prentice, South West
 Colin Revill, South West
 Christopher I Salter, S Wales
 Ian Shaw, South Coast
 Paul Staples, South Coast
 Neil J Wright, South Coast

International Members

Andreas M Krichel, Germany
 Petri Anton, Italy
 Geoffrey H Coggan, USA
 James H Siard, USA

Associate Members

Gary A McCulloch, East
 David Samuel, East
 Martin Donbavand, N East
 Martin Gillet, Essex
 William J Sullivan, Essex

Check out
 March's
 edition for
 January's
 new members!

Maxi or mini? Trevor Downing of J Rothschild Assurance gives some useful advice on ISAs

Individual Savings Accounts – Know your limits

The introduction of the Individual Savings Account in April was accompanied by a great deal of advertising and press coverage. Since then you have doubtless been inundated by countless messages selling the virtues of the various options available. This may have left you a little uncertain as to which of these options is most appropriate for your needs.

Choosing the right ISA is critical. With the choice of 'maxi' or 'mini' plans, incorporating 'stocks and shares', 'insurance' and 'cash' elements, investors have never had such choice. However, these choices have added to the complication and confusion currently associated with ISAs. This uncertainty will no doubt be exacerbated by the reductions to the ISA

subscription limits that will take effect from April 2000.

Obviously, if you are looking to take full advantage of the increased limits during this tax year then you will need to act fast by maximising your ISA contributions before April 5, 2000 therefore the option available to you is simple, use it or lose it!

The St James's Place ISA deliberately

focuses on the 'stocks and shares' elements (both maxi and mini) and builds on the successful approach of the St James's Place PEP offered in previous years.

If you have yet to utilise this tax year's high (maximum £7,000) allowance or would simply like to find out more about ISAs as a form of tax-efficient saving, please contact Trevor Downing on 01959 500427.

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