

BIGGA welcomes Vanessa Depré as our new Membership Services Officer along with 33 new members to the Association

Membership Update

First Impressions

"Hello! My name is Vanessa Depré and I have just joined BIGGA as the new Membership Services Officer.

I am now 26 years old and I was born in Belgium but spent most of my youth in Surrey. After returning to Belgium and completing my Marketing Bachelor in Brussels I rushed back to England two years ago to work as Communications Executive for The British Horse Society (BHS), Kenilworth, Warwickshire.



PROFILE	Name:	Vanessa Depré
	Pets:	Two cats
	Favourite food:	Steak and chips
	Favourite music:	The Cranberries
	Favourite film:	Firefly
	Hobbies:	Swimming and retail therapy
	All time hero:	Mum and Dad

At the BHS I was responsible for the website, media relations, marketing and writing for various publications (among other things).

I moved to York at the beginning of January and am very excited about my new role within BIGGA. I look forward to meeting as many BIGGA members as I can. I already met quite a few of you at Harrogate and would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

If you need my help in any way or if you have constructive ideas on how to improve BIGGA's membership package email me on: vanessa@bigga.co.uk or ring me on: 01347 833800."

Show Success

Having just joined BIGGA in the middle of January I have utterly and truly been pushed into the deep end. In my second week I was off to Harrogate with no idea what to expect of BIGGA's flagship show. I was very pleasantly surprised and met many friendly faces during this hectic event.

Not having any previous shows to compare Harrogate week 2007 with I am having to rely on Gemma, who told me that Harrogate was a great success this year, even though the "big boys" were missing.

There was a great buzz at the show and both nationals and internationals had positive feedback. We recruited many new members and had a lot of renewals. Our new BIGGA clip on blazer badges were very popular. If you didn't get a chance to buy one at the Show they are also available directly from the BIGGA Headquarters for £26 on: 01347 833800.

I hope you all enjoyed yourself and I would like to say a big thank you to all who came down to Harrogate to support us. I hope to see you all again next year.



BIGGA welcomes...

SCOTTISH REGION

Ian Craig, West
Jeff O'malley, East
Kevin Webster, East

NORTHERN REGION

James Heaton, Northern
John Williams, North Wales

MIDLAND REGION

Ross Cook, Berk, Buck & Oxon
Alan Higgins, Midland
Alec Horsburgh, Berk, Buck & Oxon
Ian Richards, Berk, Buck & Oxon
Thomas Weaver, Midland

SOUTH EAST REGION

Dorian Ansell, Essex
Darren Burton, Kent
Douglas Butler, Surrey
James Collins, Kent
Mark Halverson, East Anglia

Lee Hamilton, Kent

Graham Hipkin, Essex
Kevin Hungerford, Sussex
Andrew Naismith, Sussex
Alan Smith, Essex

Timothy Stigwood, East Anglia
Wayne Syres, Kent

STH WEST & WALES REGION

Gerald Clark, South West
Ben Cuming, South Coast
John Halley, South Coast
Benjamin Hollands, South West
Mark Tucker, Devon & Cornwall

NORTHERN IRELAND

Hugh Farry, N Ireland

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Kristian Munk, Denmark
Robert Lof, Sweden



STUDENT MEMBER

Sven Livesey, 42

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Ian Vanson, North West

GOLD KEY MEMBER

William Tuer, East Midland

Harrogate week PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to the four people who won a Nokia 6233 mobile phone at Harrogate week:

Marcus Phelps from Filtion GC
Robert McCabe from Flamborough Head GC
Joshua Taylor from Thawnhurst Manor
Francis Kempster from Glen Gorse



FEBRUARY'S MEMBERSHIP DRAW WINNER

Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a monthly draw to win a £10 Music Voucher. Our congratulations go Norman Fenwick of Ipswich Golf Club.

