



Hobbies

Here's something you didn't know about me...

Name: Brad Anderson

Hobby: Building PC's

Job: Membership Services Assistant at BIGGA HQ

How and when did you start building computers?

"It was either 1994 or 1995 when my dad's computer started playing up and not working properly. I decided to take it apart to try and mend it for him – not knowing anything much about computers at the time – and I managed to fix it.

"I've always been interested in computers but ever since fixing my dad's, my interest in how they work has grown and I built my first PC from scratch in 2001. (I can only build PC's as it is not possible to build Macs from scratch)."

What is it about building PC's that appeals to you?

"Being a bit of a nerd, I just like taking things to pieces and looking at how they work. You get quite a sense of achievement from building something from nothing - computers are a part of everyone's life whether they like it or not so it's beneficial to know them inside and out."

What's the best computer you've ever built?

"The one I currently own at home which I built at the beginning of this year (see picture). It's made of transparent perspex and is basically an all singing all dancing PC. It has dual core which is better for performing many tasks and it is good to use for video and MP3 manipulation.

"I bought the pieces I needed to build the computer over time and it ended up costing considerably less than buying a new computer."



FEATURE



WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?



Name: David Withers

Company: Ransomes Jacobsen

Position: Managing Director

How long have you been in the industry?

"20 years."

How did you get into it?

"I was working as a mechanic in partnership with David Watson, now at Does of Esher, and we started servicing the cars for Charterhouse Turf Machinery. From there, we started doing demos, building some of the machines and so on, and in the end went to work for CTM full time, which was a great learning experience for me."

What other jobs have you done?

"I did two years working in Kenya as a volunteer followed by working at Barker's Garage, then CTM followed by a variety of different jobs since joining Jacobsen in 1992."

What do you like about your current job?

"The opportunity to meet interesting people and to travel to some of the best golf courses in the world. I also enjoy the challenges and being able to make a difference."

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?

"Increased focus on environmental and ergonomics on machinery design, Consolidation of golf courses and increased commercial pressures on Golf Course Managers. It's also more professional in virtually every way than it used to be."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I enjoy playing golf and watching rugby."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

"I would like to think I will still be in the industry and doing a worthwhile job if I haven't turned golf pro by then."

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?

"Too many to mention."

What do you consider to be your lucky number?

"Don't really have one."

Pick a number

"5."