

Membership



AN UPDATE FROM BIGGA'S MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

A personal thankyou from Head of Membership Services, Tracey Maddison...

During the last two months I have been travelling the length and breadth of the country to visit as many Section AGM's as possible. I can honestly say that I have been impressed by the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment displayed by all the Section Committee Members. I would like to say a personal thank you to each of them, via this article, for making me feel very welcome and the constant effort they put in to the administration of the Section.

Your Section Needs You

BUT they need your support. Many Sections need members to get involved at Committee level, without 'new blood' many Sections will struggle and remain reliant upon the same people to continue in these roles, sometimes doubling up the responsibilities. If you are interested or would like more information about getting involved at Section level contact your Section Secretary for more information or contact me, I'd be happy to chat with anybody who may be interested.

The Section Committee spends a lot of time organising Section golf days, education events or just plain good old social nights, this takes time to do and the sections would really appreciate as much support as possible at these events. Look out for notices on...

"Your Pages"

The new "Your Pages" Section in the Members Area of the BIGGA Website is now up and running and ready for your Section representative to use for Section or Regional news. Log in to the Members Area with your surname and membership number, which can be found on your membership card, and select "Your Pages" from the menu down the left hand side. Then select your Section.

Increased Pressure at Work

During my travels around the Sections I've become increasingly concerned to hear how many members are under increased pressure at work. I recently read an article in a magazine that said one in five people are stressed at work, with workload, management style and relationships at work as the top three causes of work-related stress. With the state of the nation being a hot topic then 'worrying' will, I'm sure, become a pastime for a lot of us. I noticed that when I mentioned the word 'stress' many still curled their lip and rolled their eyes as if it was a nonsense word, but believe me stress is all around us. It is not an illness in itself, but over time it can lead to ill health, such as depression or anxiety, and it is also linked to coronary heart disease.

With this in mind BIGGA are working on introducing a new membership benefit to help combat this issue. Watch this space.

Well, that's it for this month, have a fantastic Christmas and New Year, and the Membership Team look forward to meeting you at Harrogate Week.

Scottish Region

Andy Burnett, North
William Forbes, North
David Forrest, North
Christian Landsverk, East
Alexander Richardson, North

Northern Region

Toby Brearley, North West
Philip Cox, North East
Stephen Davey, North West
Andy Elenor, North East
Martin Heywood, North East
Christian Lane, North West
Greg Lee, North East
Ian Lockwood, North East
Richard Webb, North East

Midland Region

Philip Colley, Midland
Liam Martin, Berks/Bucks & Oxon
Derek Swannick, East of England
Jamie Wade, Midland
Jonathan Wall, Berks/Bucks & Oxon

South East Region

Graham Baker, Sussex
Tony Bartram, Surrey
Scott Beadle, Kent
Stephen Laidler, Surrey
Richard Larkin, Kent

S West/S Wales Region

Christopher Dafter, Devon & Cornwall
Liam Screech, South West

Overseas

Declan O'Hagan, Republic of Ireland
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This month BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

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