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BIFGA TECHNICAL DAY - WEDNESDAY 30th JANUARY 2019

Over 80 people attended the highly successful 31st BIFGA Technical Day, held on Wednesday 30th January 2019, at Dale Hill Conference Centre, Ticehurst, Nr. Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 7DQ. Our grateful thanks are due to our hosts, and to the 11 speakers, who all gave excellent presentations. The BIFGA Technical Day has become a much appreciated industry event, and, as in previous years, we have received a great deal of positive feedback, together with a number of excellent reports about the Technical Day in the trade press, and on theenglishappleman.com website. We are also very grateful for the support given by the sponsors for this event – please reciprocate and support these companies whenever possible:

**LANDSEER Ltd. Lodge Farm, Goat Hall Lane, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8PH Tel: 01245 357109
Email: info@lanfruit.co.uk Website: www.lanfruit.co.uk;**

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Any Associate Members of BIFGA who might be interested in helping to sponsor next year's Technical Day (or one of our other events) should contact the BIFGA Secretary for further details.

Please note: next year's Technical Day will be held on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at Dale Hill Conference Centre. This is one week earlier than usual to avoid clashing with other industry events. Also, it will be on a Thursday instead of the usual Wednesday.

BIFGA SPRING FARM WALK WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2019

The BIFGA Spring Farm Walk will be held by kind permission of Clive and Ross Goatham at AC Goatham & Son, Howt Green Farm, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0SE on Wednesday 8th May 2019, starting at 3pm. We are pleased to announce that:

**ORCHARD COOLING LTD., Rumwood Green Farm, Sutton Rd, Langley, Maidstone, Kent ME17 3ND
Tel: 01622 861989 Email: info@orchardcooling.co.uk Website: www.orchardcooling.co.uk;**

STORAGE CONTROL SYSTEMS LTD, Bridge House, Hop Pocket Lane, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6DQ Tel: 01892 831702 Email: jake@storagecontrol.com Website: www.storagecontrol.ltd, and

**WEATHERBYS HAMILTON LLP, Hall Farm Stables, Stetchworth, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 0TY
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have generously agreed to help sponsor this event, and will bring us up to date on their latest products/services. Further details about the event will be posted on the BIFGA website: www.bifga.org.uk.

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GROCERIES CODE ADJUDICATOR (GCA) SURVEY AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MONDAY 24th JUNE 2019

The GCA is seeking experiences and views from suppliers, and others in the sector on how the supermarkets are complying with the GSCOP. The survey can be found on the GCA website and is open until Tuesday 23rd April. The results will be presented at the GCA Annual Conference to be held on Monday 24th June 2019. More details can be found on the GCA website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/groceries-code-adjudicator.

The British Brands Group have sent us further dates for their GSCOP training courses. The dates can be found on the British Brands Group website: www.britishbrandsgroup.org.uk. There is a discount for BIFGA members.

BIFGA AGM – TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2019

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding the 31st BIFGA AGM at Castlewood Farm, Conyer Road, Teynham, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 9ES, by kind permission of Stewart Wood on Tuesday 2nd July 2019. Further details will be sent to members in due course.

BIFGA QUIZ – SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2019

This is early notification of the very popular Annual BIFGA Quiz, to be held at Staplehurst Village Centre, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0BJ on Saturday 23rd November 2019 – please make a note in your diary.

CIRCULAR EMAILS SENT TO MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

19.11.2018 BIFGA Technical Day Programme
13.12.2018 News from the GCA – Edition 17 and GSCOP Training Dates 2019
14.12.2018 Horticulture Week Business Awards
20.12.2018 Letter to Jason Feeney FSA, plus letter to Dame Glenys Stacey with links to gov.uk and HSE
01.02.2019 Rural Task Force
04.02.2019 Amendment to Rural Task Force contacts
12.02.2019 Dates for your diary
18.02.2019 GCA Sector survey now open
22.02.2019 Unfair Trading Practices
01.03.2019 Letter to Jason Feeney and reply
26.03.2019 GCA Investigation with Co-op Ltd.
01.04.2019 News from the Adjudicator – Edition 18 (April 2019)

YET MORE NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members:

616A Mr Charles Hedges, Sweetwater Resources, 14 Weald View, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6ER

617A Dr A Brown, Andermatt Biocontrol UK Ltd., 47 Compton Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 5AL

618A Mr K Warner, Energy Renewals Ltd., 1st Floor 1 Holtspur Top Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1DN

Please remember that we are always keen to find new members – both Full and Associate, and would appreciate any help that existing members can give in encouraging more to join.

J R Breach
Chairman

BRITISH INDEPENDENT FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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