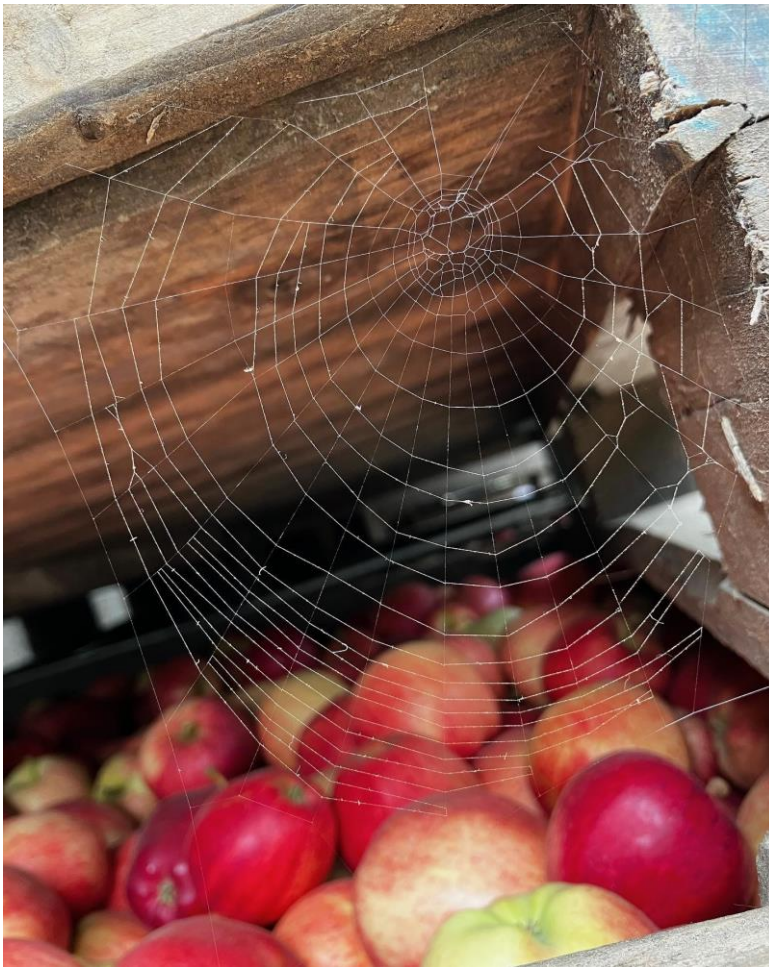




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NATIONAL FRUIT SHOW 2024



BIFGA once again organised a Photography Competition on our Stand at the National Fruit Show. The photographs from the 12 finalists were displayed on the stand, and a public vote was held to choose the favourite. The winner, who won a £50 gift voucher, was Miss Elizabeth Swatland, with her photograph titled: "A Farmer's Website". Many congratulations to Libby and thank you to the other entrants who supported this competition. The BIFGA Committee may decide to run this competition again next year, so don't forget to carefully store away any "special" photographs you may have taken, or will take in the meantime.



There was a very special moment at the Show's Prizegiving Ceremony this year, when Judi Perry, the BIFGA Secretary, was presented with the 2024 Fruiterers Fruit Culture Award, by Dr Christopher Bishop, Master of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers. This was a very well-deserved award, given in recognition of Judi's 30+ years of service to BIFGA and the wider industry. Judi has been an outstanding Secretary, and has been the driving force behind our Farm Walks; Technical Days; stands at the National Fruit Show; responses to consultations; BIFGA Quizzes, and much more besides. Many congratulations Judi!

BIFGA TECHNICAL DAY TOUR THURSDAY 24th APRIL 2025

We are delighted to announce that Alex Charrington of Charringtons, Cryals Farm, Cryals Road, Matfield, Kent TN12 7HN; and, David and Veronica Knight, Pippins Farm, Maidstone Road, Pembury, Kent TN2 4AD, have kindly agreed to jointly host our 2025 Technical Day, to be held on Thursday 24th April 2025 - please make a note of the date in your diary. Also, if you are an Associate Member who would like to have a “speaking slot” at the event, please contact the BIFGA Secretary as soon as possible, because, as in previous years, the number of “slots” is limited, and will be allocated on a first-come, first –served basis.

BIFGA SUMMER FARM WALK THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

Our 2025 Summer Farm Walk will take place at Gaskains Ltd., Norham Farm, Selling, Kent ME13 9RL, on Thursday 26th June 2025, by kind permission of Mr Mark Gaskain. Further details will be sent in due course.

19th BIFGA QUIZ: HELD AT STAPLEHURST VILLAGE CENTRE SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2024



The BIFGA Quiz was enjoyed by over seventy people who attended the event, which was held at the Staplehurst Village Centre.

The winning team, “Simple Minds”, won with 76 points out of 90. Judi Perry, BIFGA Secretary presented the trophy to Glynis Kemmenoe, the Captain of the winning team. Each member of the team won a baseball cap with the motif “Save Our Orchards – Buy British Fruit”, along with a bottle of Charrington’s homegrown Russet apple juice.

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 669A Mr P Strachan, Love Logs Ltd., 112 Unperdale Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire S72 5EF
- 670A Ms Alison Collis, Azets, Globe House, Eclipse Park, Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone ME14 3EN
- 671A Mr Paul Wilshaw, Ethero Farming, 83-85 Trinity Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent ST1 5NA

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still a few annual subscriptions outstanding, which if you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible to keep administration costs down – thank you.

SEASON’S GREETINGS

In closing, I, and the BIFGA Secretary, Judi Perry, would like to take this opportunity to send all of our members our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Breach, BIFGA Chairman



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