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Come on down to Windsor!

This month, the industry makes its annual pilgrimage to Windsor as the 39th staging of the international exhibition organised by the Institute of Groundsmanship gets underway. Now established as the regular venue, the Royal Windsor Racecourse is expecting some 30,000 visitors to flock through its gates between September 18-20. We begin our potted description of selected stands on page 5.

The organisers say it will be the biggest show ever with over 300 exhibitors from around the world occupying 45,000 sq m of demonstration and exhibition space. In fact, such is the demand for stands that a waiting list has been introduced by the IOG. It is hoped that the installation of closed pavilions for next year's show will ease the squeeze.

A road across the centre of the Silver Ring, which will link the closed pavilions, should go a long way to improving 'traffic congestion'. Work has also started on a permanent IOG pavilion at Windsor.

You'll be sure of a big welcome this year at the *Greenkeeper* de luxe exhibition and hospitality unit. It has been designed to provide comfortable surroundings, both inside and out. A lounge area provides the right atmosphere to entertain or conduct business in style and *Greenkeeper* staff and contributors will be on hand to greet the magazine's many friends and to answer any questions you might have.

Ideally placed next door, you'll find the English and International Golf Greenkeepers' Association. So, head straight for stands I 20 and 21, only some 100 metres from the entrance, before making your way into the rest of the exhibition.

To celebrate its golden jubilee, the IOG has arranged a display of vintage mowers, showing their evolution since the 1830s. The display, presented by Andrew Hall, author of the *History Of Lawn Mowers*, can be found at the rear of the racecourse administrative offices near to the main grandstand. The display has been made possible through the sponsorship of Steetley Vitax.

Finally, the IOG is planning two overseas tours in 1985 for members. The first will be to the GCSAA convention in Washington DC next February. This will be followed by a trip to Holland in May.

At the time of going to Press, *Greenkeeper* heard of the sudden death of Alec Swan. Alec was the founder and head of Golf Landscapes Ltd of Brentwood, Essex. We extend the sympathy of his many friends in the trade to his family.