It's Still Not Too Late...

Bookings for the 1985 EIGGA conference at Warwick University from March 22-24 are coming into national headquarters fast and it is anticipated that there will be the largest-ever attendance of greenkeeper members. However, there are still places available so, if you have not already done so, book now!

There have been some amendments to the original programme. Hugh MacGillivray is unable to give his paper — Irrigation On the Golf Course From The Greenkeepers' View — and his place has been taken by EIGGA member and course manager John Mullen, who will be talking on Power and Communications.

On the Friday afternoon, there will be a paper, starting at 2.45pm, by a representative of the government's pesticide safety scheme. John Philp, second in command to Walter Woods at St Andrews, will speak on behalf of SIGGA. John's subject will be The Open Championship From The Greenkeepers' View.

A team quiz, sponsored by Rigby Taylor, will be held on Friday night. Teams of three will answer as many general knowledge and greenkeeping questions in a given time. If you would like to take part, register your team or yourself as an interested individual on arrival at the conference reception.

Saturday evening's after-dinner speaker is John Wells, star of the West End revue *Anyone For Dennis?* Mr Wells will no doubt enlighten delegates on greenkeeping at No 10!

EIGGA's annual general meeting takes place on Sunday March 24, commencing at 2pm. In accordance with the association's constitution, a copy of EIGGA's accounts for 1984 are enclosed with this issue of *Greenkeeper*.

THE GREENKEEPERS' TRAINING COMMITTEE

TRAINEE GOLF GREENKEEPER REGISTRATION FORM

Conditions of Registration

1. Employment on the greenkeeping staff at a golf club or on a public golf course (suggested six months) prior to registration.
2. Undertaking to attend courses leading to the appropriate certificates.
3. Membership of an official Greenkeepers' Association... YES/NO.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOLF CLUB OR LOCAL AUTHORITY BY WHICH EMPLOYED

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DATE ON WHICH EMPLOYMENT STARTED . . . . . .

NAME OF HEAD GREENKEEPER . . . . . .

Signed . . . . . **(Trainee)**

Signed . . . . . **(Golf Club or Local Authority Official)**

POSITION . . . . . .

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This is my last chance to recap the two successful events that climaxed the branch's 1984 activities. First, the annual dinner-dance, which returned to the Post House Hotel, Heathrow. Tom and Anne McDonald are to be congratulated once again on their organisation and for providing a most enjoyable evening. The fare was excellent and the disco had even the least energetic of us grooving around the dance floor!

London ended 1984 with a seminar at Moor Park Golf Club. Dr Peter Hayes brought a distinguished team of speakers from the STRI at Bingley to lecture on golf course construction and maintenance. They enlightened not only the 90 greenkeepers who attended but, more significantly, 20 members of golf club committees, who went away realising that there is far more to our profession than just cutting grass.

Seating in the magnificent foyer of the Moor Park mansion was an added bonus and we are grateful to the club and secretary John Linaker for their co-operation. It is hoped a similar project will be possible in future.

Details of golf outings arranged for this year should be ready for next month's *Greenkeeper*.

David Low.