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# Tree-mendous!

The 20th International Forest Machinery Exhibition - APF 2014 - held at Ragley Estate, Alcester in Warwickshire, UK appeared even bigger than the record-breaking event of 2012. The show is the UK's largest forestry, woodland, arboricultural, trees and timber exhibition with more than £30 million and two miles of working machinery and equipment on show. More than 270 exhibitors and about 20,000 visitors were expected over the three days including a growing number of access and crane equipment manufacturers and rental companies. The weather - certainly on the first of the three days - was glorious and helped to bring out a sizeable number of visitors.

As well as the machinery, the show had many other attractions including The World 25 metre Poleclimbing Championships as well as the European Chainsaw Carving Championships - both amazing to watch.

The last day saw a unique Track vs Tree race featuring GB sprint star and European gold medallist Harry Aikines-Aryeetey running 100 metres along a specially laid Olympic standard running track against World 25 metre poleclimbing champion and

world record holder Grant Gallier climbing to the top of the 25 metre pole. It was always going to be close with Aikines-Aryeetey best 100m time of 10.08 seconds and Gallier's world record climb time a second quicker at 9.07 sec. On the day Gallier won with a time of 9.90 seconds just ahead of Aikines-Aryeetey with 10.15.

The venue for APF 2016 has yet to be decided. Here are some of the show highlights.



*A busy first day in glorious sunshine*



*One of the highlights of the show is the 25m world poleclimbing championships with competitors completing the 'climb' (run up the pole) in about 11 seconds. Here a competitor gets ready before the start*



*The Overland stand*



*A piece of very inventive wood carving!*



*Affordable Access is also the CoMet distributor for the UK and was showing several machines including this platform with tipping chipper body on a 3.5 tonne chassis*



*Paul Davis of S E Davis & Son driving a fully working and tested 1931 Smith Rodley Two Ten crawler crane*



*Almost at the top!*



*A 1931 Smith Rodley crawler crane*





The Platform Hire stand gang with a Nifty SD210 and Multitel SMX250 spider and truck mount behind



Featured in last month's Arborist feature, Watmough's Forestry was showing off its modified 2150 Unimog with TP250 chipper on the rear and fittings for a fall on the front



Affordable Access was showing off its new Merlo 40.26 Roto telehandler with tree pruning attachment



Multitel truck mount on 3.5 tonne chassis



Multitel SMX250



Mark Gaves of Promax Access showing off the latest Platform Basket 13.80 Hybrid



Teupens latest pads



This Isuzu 4x4 based platform from Cumberland Platforms was fitted with a Sogage A314 boom



Orange Plant was offering this used Oil&Steel 1401 Classic spider for £17,750



Pam Penny of Vertikal and Melvyn Elfe of Access Industries



Lots of log transporters and loaders were on show including this Palfinger Epsilon M120L on the Outreach stand



Another modified Unimog from EGD Services this time with an Easy Lift ETJ190 platform.





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Higher Access' Teupen 36T platform was probably the biggest at the show



King unveiled this new range of Almac Italian crawler scissors with three models including the 410 with a platform height of 1.98m, the 2.98m 510 and the largest 4.3m 630 (above) with levelling tracks



The Promax Access stand



The Teupen Leo 21GT with specifically designed 3.5 tonne GVW transport



The APS stand



An Easy R180 spider on the Sky King stand



A fully working 1931 Smith Rodley Davis



Rob Nash of Overland with one of six Toyota Hilux based platforms using the CMC ATP145 boom giving 14.5 metres working height and 7.8 metres outreach



A Ford Ranger 4x4 with GSR platform on the SkyKing stand



Shaun Day of Promax with the Reedyk C3412 Compactcrane



Access Platform Sales (APS) had a very busy stand



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