



INTERNATIONAL FOREST MACHINERY EXHIBITION LTD

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PRESS RELEASE

APF 2012 RETURNS TO RAGLEY ESTATE

APF 2012 will be held at Ragley Estate, Alcester, Warwickshire on the 13/14/15th September 2012 by kind permission of the Marquess Of Hertford.

The APF Exhibition is the UK's largest exhibition for the woodland, forestry, arboriculture and fencing industries. APF 2012 will build on the huge success of APF 2010 at Cannock Chase when over 250 exhibitors and 16000 visitors attended. The APF Exhibition was previously held at Ragley Estate in 2004 and 2006.

Exhibition Director, Mike Box, commented "We are very grateful to Lord Hertford for allowing us to hold our Exhibition at Ragley again. We have a fantastic new site with good access which allows exhibitors plenty of space to demonstrate as well as giving us plenty of room for all the usual competitions and features."

The first site meeting for exhibitors to book space will be at 2pm on Thursday October 6th at The Kings Court Hotel, Alcester. Full details will be on the website shortly.

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Editors Notes:

APF 2012 is a biannual event. This is the 19th Exhibition. The first Exhibition was held at Longleat Estate in 1976. It is returning to Ragley Estate after being staged there in 2004 and 2006.

The Exhibition is the largest such event in the UK and the 3rd largest in Europe. It is the leading exhibition for the forestry, woodland, arboriculture, wood fuel and utility sectors in the UK. 250 Exhibitors and 20 000 visitors are expected over the three days of the show.

Over 2000 exhibitor staff and thousands of visitors will bring more than £1million pounds into the local economy during the course of the Exhibition in terms of hotel bookings and meals.

It features a 2000m demonstration circuit where machines are shown working in a realistic setting. With exhibitors on both sides of the circuit that is over 2½ miles of working machinery. An estimated £30 million pounds of machinery will be on show.

The following events will take place at APF 2010;

STIHL® TIMBERSPORTS® Road show

The Husqvarna World 25m Pole Climbing Championships

The UPM Tilhill and A W Jenkinson European Chainsaw Carving Competition

UK Axe Throwing Championships

UK Forwarder Driving Competition

Bio energy seminars and Tree health seminars

The Buxtons World 'Log to leg' pole lathe turning championship

Extreme mountain biking demonstrations

Extensive woodland crafts area

Horse logging

Steam driven sawmills

Organised school visits to see 'from seed to sawmill' sponsored by the Forestry Commission.

Technical updates & seminars.

Images & Press Passes

Photographs of all the events, maps, exhibitor details etc. are available in electronic format if required. Please apply to the above office for press passes. Ian Millward, Exhibition Secretary, is the media contact for any queries or interviews.

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More details are on the web site www.apfexhibition.co.uk For more information on any of the above please contact the Exhibition Secretary , Ian Millward