

Palfinger UK exercise crane operator skills at DAF Experience event

Palfinger UK were delighted to support the 2018 DAF Experience Ride and Drive event throughout May, held at the Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire.

The biggest of its kind for DAF, the 2018 event hosted almost 800 visitors during 3 weeks in May, showcasing the new DAF range and providing plenty of opportunities to get hands on with DAF vehicles.

One of the many practical activities on offer was the Palfinger UK Crane Operator competition, led by Palfinger UK experts, giving visitors the chance to try and safely manoeuvre a 500kg weighted drum to and from a DAF truck with Sterling GP Plant Body. A Palfinger PK33002EH C radio-controlled crane made light work of lifting the half tonne weight, leaving competitors with the tricky task of carefully repositioning the drum between strategically placed cradles on and around the DAF CF 370 FAR provided by Kel-Berg Trailers & Trucks Ltd.

The fastest and most accurate competitors each day received a Palfinger UK prize for their efforts.

Other activities organised by DAF at the event included Ariel Atoms and 4x4 off-roading as well as a host of different DAF vehicles from 7.5t to 44t, including 8x4 tippers and even road sweepers.

Ocin Erwee, Sales Support Officer and one of the team managing the Palfinger UK competition commented, "it was a great experience to interact with crane operators at all levels during the event, from complete novices to experienced daily-users. I am sure that no matter how everyone fared at the competition, we have one thing in common, we all had fun!"

Tex Allen, Palfinger UK's National Sales Manager, was delighted with the engagement at the event, "the crane operator challenge proved to be a successful addition to the DAF event for the attendees, with both experienced and novice operators negotiating the course and learning more about the excellent user experience offered by Palfinger cranes."

DAF Marketing Manager Phil Moon praised the support from the Palfinger team at the event. "Having the Palfinger Crane Operator Competition provided an added dimension to the event, and everyone enjoyed the challenge regardless of their previous experience with crane operation."

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