

**APF
2012**

British Horse Loggers

The British Horse Loggers (BHL) had their usual busy area on the demonstration circuit. Organised by final year apprentice Richard Eames, and supported by new apprentice Steffi Schaffler, the demonstration was also staffed by Matt Waller and Peter Harmer. Trees were felled, extracted by Elizabeth, Holly and Lisa, cross cut and stacked and the response from visitors was as positive as ever.

It was an especially full year for the BHL. Across the track from the demonstration area was a competition course where, for the first time ever in the UK, the BHL hosted the European Horse Logging Championship.

This annual event moves around Europe by invitation and allows for the very best of the European professionals to come together in direct competition. Entries were from Switzerland, Germany, the Czech Republic and the UK, with the Germans performing strongly enough to win (by a squeak!) both the singles and pairs competitions. Sadly, entries from France and Belgium pulled out at the very last moment. There was even an entry from a professional horse logger from Japan!

The BHL also drew the winning raffle ticket for the Morgan three-wheeler sports car. Fiona Boylan, the winner, was at the APF and was able to pop along to receive the presentation of the winning car. She will now go to the Morgan Motor Company factory in Malvern to choose her paint and leather trim colours.

All proceeds from the raffle will support the funding of apprenticeship placements.

<http://www.britishfestivaloftheworkinghorse.co.uk/pages/results.htm>.

<http://www.britishhorseloggerscharitabletrust.org/pages/morganraffle.htm>



Singles champion Jürgen Duddek from Germany, with his Ardennes gelding, receives his prize from Doug Joiner of BHL.