

Forum of Mobility Newsletter

Photo taken at Mobility Roadshow at Kemble (UK) in May

AT THE MOBILITY ROADSHOW



dedicated mobility products for the Yaris, Corolla, Verso and RAV4 models.

Vauxhall was showing the new Astra twin-top.

Elap Mobility launched The Traveller, for people transfer from vehicle to wheelchair without the need to alight—ideal for those who do not require a full wheelchair accessible vehicle conversion.

As well as vehicles and adaptations there were exhibitors of wheelchairs, scooters, pushchairs, tricycles, seating, hoists,

and information on holidays.



The Forum stand being manned by Clive Peters, Bristol Mobility Centre Manager.

TRAINING UPDATE

The Forum short course programme started eight months ago and four rolling courses are in place, with tutors covering manual handling, the professional role, vehicle adaptations and medical conditions. Courses count for CPD.

Tutors come from within Forum and Jean Bish organises and runs them. A big thank you to Jean, and all tutors—as well as to Centres for allowing their staff the time—as trainers or delegates. Over 80 enthusiastic members of Forum have so far attended and, following positive feed-



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Before coming to Swindon, the show had already visited Edinburgh in April where Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson opened the show which was attended by the Duke of Gloucester.

almond, or has any ideas for future training courses, please contact me).

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Getting to grips with manual handling on the course!

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Annual show successful

The 2006 Mobility Roadshow was held in June at Kemble airfield, near Swindon. There were 14 motor manufacturers represented, as well as over 40 conversion and adaptation specialists. There were 180 exhibitors, including over 30 companies new to the event.

Forum was represented throughout the three days and saw brisk business with plenty of the new brochures being handed out to enquirers. Although this is the 23rd annual show, there were many new products on display. Amongst the new vehicles were the Kia Sedona Carnival, the Openroad Kangoo 'drive from' transfer conversion and a new model—Openroad Peugeot Partner rear-access conversion.

Visitors were among the first to see the all-new Ford S-MAX seven-seater and the new Galaxy, whilst Toyota launched a series of



COMPETITION

There will be a regular competition in the Forum Newsletter, but let's face it, 'The Forum Newsletter' is not the most inspiring of titles!

So, we are launching a competition to re-name the Forum newsletter. Please help! Send in suggestions to the address below—there will be a prize for the winner, (who will be chosen by Ed Passant, Chief Executive of Forum and Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter).

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