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LAWNS TRADE SHOW

Catalyst will be exhibiting at the Lawns Caravan Trade Show in Cottingham.

The show dates are Tuesday 4th September - Thursday 6th September. The opening times are 10:00am - 5:00pm on Tuesday & Wednesday & 10:00am - 4:00pm on Thursday.

The trade show is Europe's largest Caravan Trade Show and generally features more than 130 new touring Caravans and about 150 holiday homes and park homes from most of the major British manufacturers.

Come and see us on Stand 22 for a chat and see how you can get the most from your system.

The show takes place at:

Harland Way
Cottingham
East Yorkshire
HU16 5SQ



Visit: www.hercmatradeshow.com

PARTS PLATFORM SUPPORT - AGROPARTS

Dealers using Platinum can now upload and download their parts basket/orders directly into 'agoparts'

The agoparts basket upload/download tool is a new feature of Catalyst's powerful and flexible DMS, helping Dealers save time, become even more efficient and drive success.

The news of this new feature has generated much interest amongst Dealers and the brands represented on the agoparts site. All parties can see the benefits of using Platinum.

The agoparts website is used by many Agricultural manufacturers and parts suppliers including Krone, Kubota, Kverneland, Lemken & Pottinger.

Export from Platinum:

Using the Shift+F3 (Order export report) in the "Add/Edit/Process Purchase Orders" at the order or order item listing will output items on the current order for uploading to the agoparts website.

Import into Platinum:

Using the Alt+F6 (Add Pre-Built List) option throughout Platinum entry screens (Purchase Orders, Point of Sale, Invoicing & Customer Orders, Workshop and Vehicle Sales) you can use the Online Parts Finder on the agoparts website to create a list of parts to import into Platinum.

For more information see the agoparts section on the Knowledge Base.



A word from Les

I mentioned in my last newsletter article that our new "Booking & Hire" module was in its final stages of being tested and release was scheduled for mid-summer. We hit our goal, this module will work on its own or link to our "Stock Control" or "Vehicle Sales" modules allowing you to book and hire out your stock. In the pipeline we have secluded a pricing option to allow for any seasonal price variations in any stock hired out.



I also mentioned that our "Media Managers" were undergoing an overhaul with some extensive changes, along with images and videos you can now store PDF's, documents, spreadsheets, presentation and audio files. Support for these media types has been added to the "Report Generator" and "Data Import" for reporting and importing.

For our clients in the agricultural sector we have added support for the "agoparts" ordering website.

As always all these changes and others to Platinum can be found on your "Platinum Login Page", our website news pages (RSS), Facebook and Twitter social media accounts.

Our new "Order Dispatch" option is in the final stages of checking and is scheduled for release early September.

Users of the "Vehicle Sales" module that regularly update will start to see changes over the next few months as we rename this module to "Unit Sales" - this fantastic module was originally written for our Car and Motorcycle clients to help them sell and manage their vehicle stock. With our client base now extending far beyond those markets and the module now supporting many "Units" that are not "Vehicles" we feel it's time for a rename. Functionality will not change, all we are doing is renaming it.

We have started work on overhauling our "Platinum Online" website. Our plan is to upgrade it to a Progressive Web App allowing for a smoother experience when your internet connection drops, all existing features will be ported over plus the addition of new features that this new technology allows. We will be incorporating all options from our "Platinum Mobile" Android app allowing users to use other devices (iOS, Microsoft Surface etc) for those options. I envisage having much more to say about this in my next newsletter article in December.

Have you had a look at our Knowledge Base recently? Platinum links directly to this ever expanding resource from "Help" -> "Software Support" -> "Knowledge Base", see a small blue tick on the green background information button on your button bar to see context sensitive knowledge base articles as well.

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WINDOWS XP & PLATINUM

Platinum will no longer run on Windows XP and Windows Server 2003 and 2003 R2 machines.



We haven't supported Windows XP since January 2017 but Platinum did still function (albeit without support) on this platform.

Microsoft themselves abandoned support for this version of Windows in April 2014.

If you do still have Windows XP PC's please get in touch now with our Sales team to discuss upgrading.

Call 0116 230 1500
or email sales@catalyst-uk.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook or Twitter?

Whichever you prefer, we are on there!



Please like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to see our latest enhancements and news. Also, take a look at our Youtube channel for tutorial videos on various areas of the system which have recently been updated!



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VEHICLE ADVERTISING

Catalyst Dealers can now export vehicle records to Visordown (Motorcycles only) & Bumper (Cars, Caravans & Motorcycles)

Motorcycle Dealers can also feed to Catalyst FindIt, Bike Catcher, Auto Trader, PistonHeads, eBay Motors Pro & Gumtree, MCN & MCN Under 125cc & The Bike Market.

Caravan Dealers can feed to Catalyst FindIt, Auto Trader, eBay Motors Pro, Practical Caravan, Out & About Live & Caravans For Sale.

Advertising on our national Catalyst FindIt site is completely free to advertise your Bikes, Cars, Caravans and various Agricultural machines.



Visit: www.catalyst-findit.com

TRAINING COURSES

Here at Catalyst we recognise that with such a comprehensive system it can be challenging to absorb all of the system's potential. The solution? Catalyst Training Courses! With excellent staff and onsite facilities it's the easy way to digest all that you need to know with a particular module. The courses have been tailor-made to ensure that every individual leaves as an expert. Got a new staff member joining? Get them booked in today!

SEPTEMBER

- *Logistics in a Day*
Tuesday 11th September
- *A Guide to Workshop Control*
Tuesday 18th September
- *Vehicle Sales in a Day*
Tuesday 25th September

OCTOBER

- *The Joy of Accounts*
Tuesday 16th October
- *Stock Control in a Day*
Tuesday 30th October

NOVEMBER

- *The Customer Retention Centre*
Tuesday 20th November
- *Report Generator - So Simple*
Tuesday 27th November

DECEMBER

- *A Guide to Workshop Control*
Tuesday 4th December
- *Vehicle Sales in a Day*
Tuesday 11th December



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