



Notice to All Woodcraft Manningham Leaders and Members

As I “missed” the cut off for this month’s Newsletter. I am therefore taking the chance to do a general mailing, please review these comments within your work groups.

Firstly we welcome Renato Simionato, and John Wheeler onto the Safety Committee and bid a farewell to Austin Polley with sincere thanks for a job well done. The Safety Committee is now Renato, John, along with Bill Paul and Myself David Cretney

All Members please note:

Please note; “Machine Kill Switches are installed and working. Located at either end of the work shop in the case of an Emergency depresses the Red knob and every machine in the shop will run to a stop. The lighting etc. will remain on. Note the when you restart the Kill switch the Band running light will “come on” the Bandsaw requires to be turned off .When the bandsaw is turned on it will then restart and will operate as normal.

Please Note; the new First Aid cabinet is installed and stocked. Note all the First aid equipment is all together the Blankets and Pillow hang in the tube alongside the Cabinet. Please familiarize yourself

Safety Equipment provided is to be used, Safety Glasses have been issued to all members, We provide Face shields for turning and other activities as required, there are earmuffs available to be used on most of our equipment especially the Tablesaw, The Drop Saw, Thicknesser etc., We have an efficient Dust Extraction System if additional protection is required that is the members responsibility to provide. REMEMBER ALL DUST IS DANGEROUS.

(I have ordered more Safety Glasses to be issued to New Members and anyone who missed the initial issue)

All Members: as a courtesy to all the members please consider this:

It is with some concern members of the Safety committee have observed that there is a growing number of instances when equipment is left cluttering the access ways to the machines. Along with scraps of wood, even drills and rulers jigs are being left loose on the Table saw and not returned to the shadow board. Stools have left all around the work space.

Gee It is simple if you use something return it to its appropriate place, Do Not just leave it where you used it or on the nearest flat surface. And then clean up your mess.

A CLEAN WORKSPACE INDICATES A SAFE WORKPLACE

Leaders please discuss with your Workgroup:

- 1/ Use of Safety Equipment provided
- 2/ Returning equipment and tools to their appropriate storage area

Last year the Safety Committee attempted to introduce a concept we called Toolbox I am afraid we (I) didn't do a very good job. This is the Toolbox topic for November and February will be "use" of the Band saw (more later)

Wow who said something about a new committee new brooms etc etc.

Thanks for your patience that's all from me

David Cretney

General club safety guidelines.

All accidents are preventable

1. Everyone is responsible for their own safety & the safety of those around them
2. You are responsible for any private tools brought onto premises
3. The user is responsible for damage to club equipment due to misuse.

Always

4. Be proactive about safety
5. Assess the risks. Stop & think
6. If you see something wrong, speak up
7. Follow the group leader's instructions, and if you are required to cease an action or activity you must do so immediately
8. Wear safety glasses when operating any machine or tool which has an electric motor.
9. Wear closed shoes as a minimum. It is recommended members use safety shoes.
10. Be aware of where stop switches are located.
11. Practice good housekeeping.
12. Keep the floor clear of tripping hazards.
13. Clean up any spillages immediately.

Never

14. No member is allowed on the club premises while affected by alcohol or by drugs. Members using medication need to check with their medical practitioner if the medication has any detrimental effect on them using machinery
15. Jewellery, long, loose hair and loose clothing must not be worn while operating machinery as these could lead to body entanglement and possible injury.
16. When walking around keep clear people of operating machines, pushing or knocking someone is a recipe for an accident. Example: walking to the circular saw whilst someone is using the buzzer.
17. Do not talk to anyone using a machine, unless you are there to assist.
18. Do not use naked flames, blow-torches, etc., in the workshop.



If you don't know how to do it safely, ask someone who does!