

## NEW IPAF HOIST COURSES

**IPAF has launched two new programmes for rack & pinion hoists and platforms - the Construction Hoist and Advanced Installer training courses.**

Candidates need six months of supervised hoist installer experience to enrol in the first course, with a 12 month experience gaining gap before taking the advanced course. The courses cover legal installation, maintenance, inspection and dismantling of hoists, safe systems of work, and include technical theory and supervised on-site practice at an IPAF approved training centre.

The Installer course lasts five days and the Advanced Installer three days. Graduates receive a digital certificate via the IPAF ePAL app, valid for five years.



## FATAL CRUSH COSTS £40K

**Roger Gibbons, director of UK company RM Gibbons, received a 16 week custodial sentence, suspended for 12 months plus a £40,000 fine and costs of £9,420 after one of his employees, Uldis Sankans, 30, died in a crushing incident while using an aerial work platform at work.**

The HSE found that RM Gibbons failed to properly train and risk assess the use of aerial lifts on site. HSE inspector, Mike Lisle said: "This incident could easily have been avoided by simply identifying the risks and putting in place appropriate control measures and ensuring employees have been suitably trained."

## MANITOWOC UPGRADES TRAINING IN BRAZIL

**Manitowoc has upgraded its São Paulo training centre, doubling its capacity, which it claims is now the largest in South America. The upgrade includes an additional crane simulator, a new classroom and additional instructor. Registrations for crane training in Brazil have increased by 350 percent in recent years, making São Paulo Manitowoc's fastest growing mobile and crawler crane training centre of its six international centres.**

The new simulator, similar to those in the US and Germany, allows technicians to practice troubleshooting, maintenance and operational testing.

Global trainer, Josh Garrington said: "We are aiming to have more people better trained and in a shorter timeframe. Our new QuickStart programme was designed to reduce the time that it takes for a technician to become well versed on certain crane types from the current three to five years to less than 18 months."



## WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

**Another example of Australian ingenuity from one of our readers down under. Looks like the team on this timber frame project only had a convertible step ladder when they really needed a platform or small tower.**

**The solution - extra manpower. They look as though they would be more at home in the circus. We assume the job was completed without further drama, although how the man on top got down again is a mystery.**



## FRACTURED BACK FROM FALL

**UK roofing company Hightech Roofing N/W has been fined £20,000 plus £5,860 in costs after a 24 year old employee fell 4.8 metres through a roof light in August 2022, sustaining a broken foot, ankle and fractured vertebrae.**



## CRANE COLLIDES WITH SCISSOR

**UK companies Optilight Electrical Services and Expert Tooling and Automation were handed fines totalling £60,000 for an incident in which an overhead crane knocked over a scissor lift, causing the man in the platform, 52, to fall to the ground leaving him with eight broken ribs, a broken elbow, a punctured lung and a fractured skull. A second man narrowly escaped the falling scissor lift.**

Mansfield based Optilight was fined £7,000 plus costs of £1,000 for not identifying the risk of overhead cranes to its employees when working at height. Expert Tooling of Coventry, was fined £50,000 plus £2,000 in costs for not putting procedures in place to prevent the use of overhead cranes while work at height was taking place.

HSE inspector Charlotte Cunniffe said: "This case clearly illustrates the disastrous consequences that can occur when two companies assume that the other has taken responsibility for safe working practices - a failure to communicate effectively."

