

Dave nearly loses finger

WYCOMBE physio Dave Springell's knowledge of first aid came in useful when he nearly lost a finger in an industrial accident last week.

Dave, who works in a furniture factory in High Wycombe, caught the ring finger of his left hand in a band saw. "The saw sliced straight through the bone and was only hanging by a bit of skin" he said.

After instructing his anxious workmates what action to take, he was rushed to Wycombe General Hospital where a surgeon tried to save the finger.

"I've had it wired and pinned, but won't know for another week, if it has been saved. But I am hopeful as there's some feeling there. It's rather tender actually!

"The hospital were terrific although some trainee nurses there looked a bit tentative, especially when I said it might fall on the floor if I wasn't treated quickly," he joked.

"It means I'll be doing no more massage this season," he added.