

CASE STUDY

CORNISH JOINER JOINS THE SPACE RACE

KEITH BRENCHLEY – NOVEMBER 2014

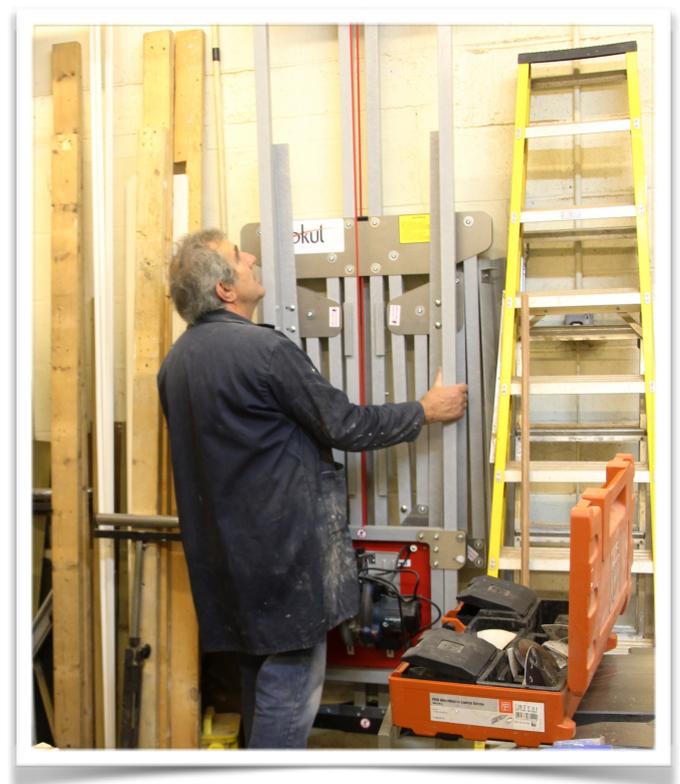
Keith Brenchley, of **KB Joinery** in Liskeard, Cornwall set up his workshop 11 years ago when his employers closed their business. He had risen up through the shopfitting and joinery trade to management, so was well skilled to start on his own. He now has a small but well equipped workshop, using his skills and traditional machines to create bespoke doors and windows. His work is particularly in demand by those refurbishing older houses, and by some of the larger historic houses in the area, such as the National Trust's Mount Edgumbe House outside Plymouth.

Due to shortage of space, Keith has had to turn away any work requiring cutting of MDF and plywood sheets, as manhandling these on his table saw has always been difficult, and to achieve a good accurate result has involved moving other machines and stored items out of the way. When he saw an article about Sagetech's unique Zapkut portable folding vertical panel saw, he immediately realised that when not in use, he could fold it and hang it on the wall out of the way, just lifting it down and moving it across the workshop when required. Its simple operation particularly appealed to Keith, where the sheet of material is placed vertically on its long edge on the unit and the sawhead moved for cross-cut work, or the head turned and the sheet pushed through on the inbuilt supports for any rip-cuts. Included with the unit is a mid way fence, which he realised would enable him to cut smaller pieces at a useful, back-saving height, and that with the stop, repeat size cutting would be a simple, fast operation.

As he was in the Birmingham area visiting family during the Woodworking W14 show, Keith visited Sagetech's stand to see the ZK unit and to satisfy himself as to its quality and durability, confirming his order on the spot. Within a few days his unit was delivered to his workshop.

Keith fixed standard ladder support brackets on to the wall of his workshop, and his ZK10 is lifted on to these and hangs neatly out of the way. It is easily lifted off and moved to wherever it is needed to be employed, with the ZK's ingenious patented folding mechanism making this a quick and simple operation. He was delighted that it solved his problem with shortage of space, and with easier cutting of sheet material, this now enables him to expand the work he can take on.

Keith ordered the ZK10 which cuts sheets up to 10' x 5'. The ZK8 is also available for those cutting sheets up to 8' x 4'. These, and Sagetech's range of heavier floor standing units, can be viewed online.



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