

Newsletter



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A message from the LPC team,

Welcome to the final edition of the LPC newsletter for 2016!

Our last news round-up of 2016 – where did that year go? In our winter edition, we share our very successful 'I CAN' campaign with LimbPower and the Limbless Association. Along with some other great stories from our partners and revisit Ian Purton's case study.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
The LPC Team

Your feedback matters:

- What do you think of our latest issue?
- What stories or content would you like to see covered in the next issues?
- Let us know by sending an email to: ipcnews@thelondonprosthetics.com

Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The London Prosthetic Centre along with LimbPower and the Limbless Association joined forces to help promote the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the 3rd December 2016.

We asked all our social media friends to join us in promoting this campaign called 'I CAN' by sending photos of themselves showing what they are capable of and celebrating limb difference and inclusivity. The campaign was for 6 days only and we were overwhelmed with such immense support. THANK YOU to each and everyone one of you who helped us by sending in your pictures and supporting our page on Thunderclap, we really could not have done this without your support. The campaign really went viral and we managed a tremendous social reach of 305,750 people in these 6 days.

If you have not had chance already, then you can find the whole collection of photos on our facebook page, @thelondonprosthetics but here are a selection of our favourites including Abdo Haidar on the front cover!



Ray Edwards shares his new video of inspiration.

Ray Edwards shares his video about how important it is to him and his organisation about helping others. Giving you hope and inspiration! Be sure to take a look here, <http://bit.ly/2gvRxFV>



Boyes Turner host exclusive screening of the film Starfish

LPC lead prosthetist, Abdo Haidar recently attended law firm, Boyes Turner's screening of Starfish and sepsis awareness evening.



Tom Ray's devastating battle with sepsis required amputation of all four limbs and a partial face amputation to save his life. Starfish openly reveals Tom's struggle with his new disabilities and the strain on his marriage and ability to care for his children.

The event was an inspirational evening with presentations from the UK Sepsis Trust, Pippa Cross (producer of Starfish), and Terence Canning who tragically lost his brother to sepsis four years ago. The evening was very moving. Listening to those who have a devastating connection to sepsis and the work of the UK Sepsis Trust, was very emotional yet inspiring to see the strength and determination of all those affected to help raise awareness.

Boyes Turner have joined the UK Sepsis Trust in their campaign for greater awareness of sepsis, which includes promoting Starfish. The aim is to reduce the number of fatalities and life changing injuries from sepsis by early diagnosis and treatment. One of the aims of the UKST is to empower individuals feeling unwell to question, "could this be sepsis?" and seek early medical advice.



"Starfish shows just how suddenly sepsis can develop with life changing consequences especially if not treated quickly. It was an honour to host the screening and we are proud to be involved with the UKST helping in the fight against sepsis." Sita Soni, Medical Negligence Solicitor at Boyes Turner

"I have worked with many amputees who have suffered the loss of a limb due to sepsis. I found Boyes Turner's evening educational and inspirational, having heard the good work of the sepsis foundation and some personal experience of families who faced sepsis. I am truly grateful to have been part of the evening's events and we at LPC will strive to help raise awareness together." Abdo Haidar

Want to run the London Marathon?

The Limbless Association (LA) is excited to announce that it has 3 places available for the 2017 London Marathon.



The team would love to hear from potential competitors who are eager to take on this challenge while at the same time raising valuable funds for the LA. Applications are invited from individuals, or a team – just send us your details (name, contact, running experience) and a short piece (250 words) about your motivation for wishing to get involved.

There is a minimum commitment required in terms of fundraising at £2500 per entrant.

For more information please contact; deborah@limbless-association.org or Tel 01245 216670 the deadline for applications is the 3rd January 2017.

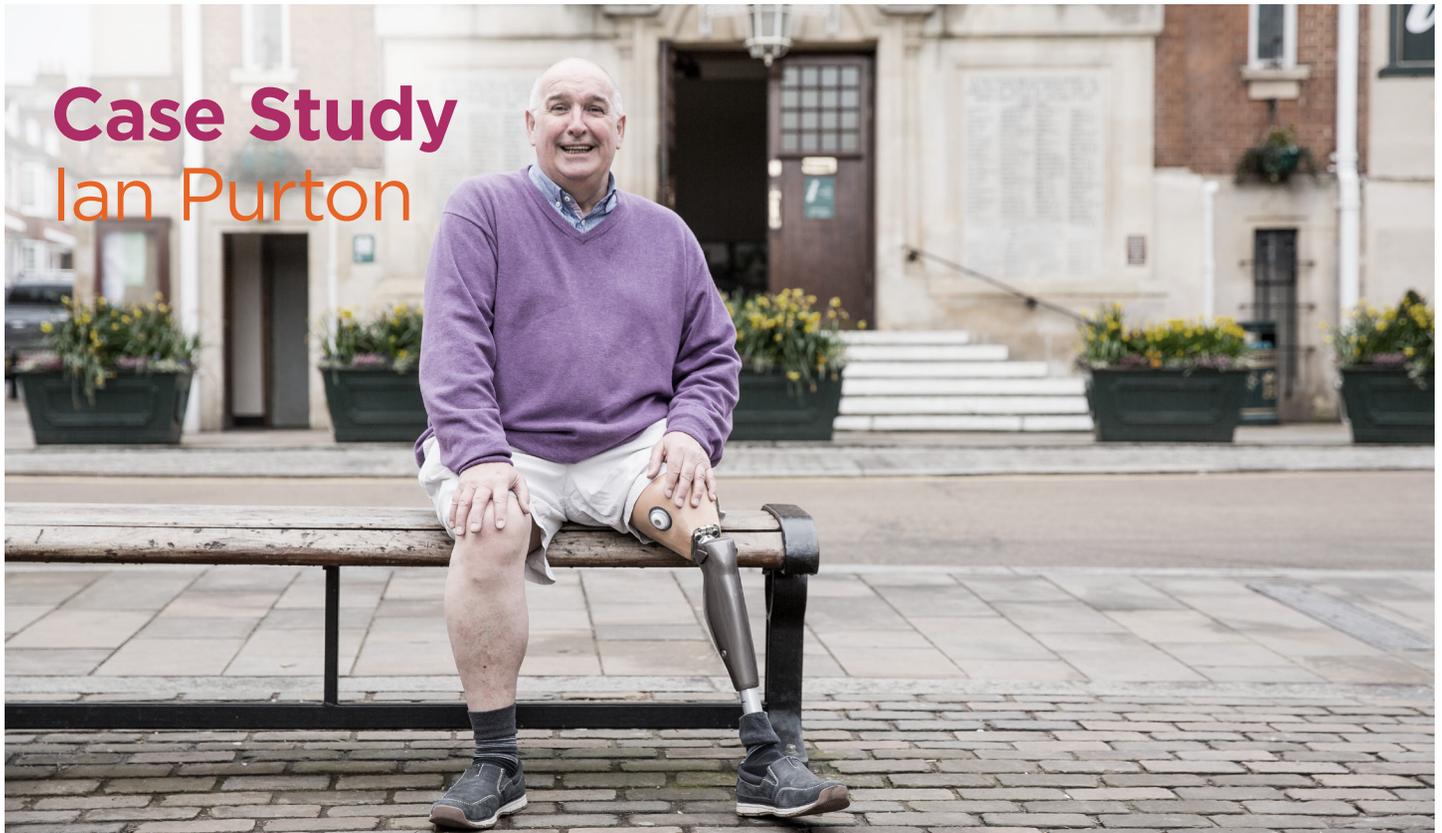


Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Just a reminder that the LPC offices are closed from Monday 26th December until Tuesday 3rd January.

That's all for this issue but we will be sure to bring you more news, stories and round-ups through 2017. In the meantime, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From all the team at LPC, have a happy holiday!



Case Study Ian Purton

Thanks to his new prosthesis and the specialist care he has received, Ian and his fiancée can now embark on new and exciting adventures together.

The story

Ian Purton's world turned upside down in 2010 after an aneurysm in his leg was misdiagnosed and he was given the green light to continue on his holiday travels. This devastating medical negligence caused Ian to lose his leg less than two and a half weeks later to a rare and very large popliteal artery (knee cap) blood clot that the two experienced operating surgeons had seldom seen during their careers.

Ian was left devastated following his above knee amputation and remembers the situation with the same anger, "I found myself in the dungeons of despair having lost my leg, my job and my self-respect", and he knew he had to think about his future to regain his quality of life.

The solution

5 years on, and despite the claim for damages being vigorously denied, Sita Soni, the Boyes Turner solicitor acting for Ian achieved a settlement figure.

Abdo Haidar, Lead Prosthetist at The London Prosthetic Centre provided Boyes Turner with a full medical report supplying substantial evidence on the future requirements for Ian's prosthesis. Abdo Haidar stated, "we understand that quality of life for amputees is directly linked to the quality of prosthetic care received. For

most amputees, ensuring that they can afford the on-going level of care they need is one of their primary concerns, and must be considered when providing medical reports."

Abdo recommended for Ian to be fitted with an Ottobock Kenovo knee joint, a prosthesis designed for safety and support in everyday situations. Starting to familiarise himself with his new prosthesis, Ian's journey with The London Prosthetic Centre began.

The turning point

After visiting Abdo at The London Prosthetic Centre for fittings and gait adjustments, Ian's outlook now beams of optimism and confidence as he eagerly anticipates what the future holds, "It's a learning curve having to adapt to my new prosthesis and I know it's going to be a slow process, but this is a new beginning for me that I'm looking forward to." Ian's treatment and relationship with the team at The London Prosthetic Centre will continue, and throughout his life he will always need adjustments to his prosthesis. Already, the difference to Ian's quality of life is remarkable to the point that he is in the midst of plans to marry his partner and embark on new adventures together.

To find out more about Ian visit www.thelondonprosthetics.com