



Welcome To REHAB Prosthetics' E-Letter May 2008

Take A Step Further with the leaders in prosthetic service.



Head Office in Coalville

Hello and welcome to REHAB Prosthetics' first E-Letter.

We've designed this to keep you in touch with whats happening here in Coalville and also some of the developments in the industry as a whole. This month, we've got news on our facilities, an introduction to our key staff and also an article about the C-Leg.

If there is anything in this you want to discuss with us, just drop us a line via phone, fax, email or through the website.

Until next time!

REHAB Prosthetics came about through a desire to move beyond and improve on the services already being offered in the market place and the NHS. Our aim was to offer a full assessment, supply the very best quality components, regardless of supplier, coupled with full gait training and optimisation and a review system. We believe that we have already achieved this, and we are now looking to develop our service further.

To this end we found our premises in Coalville, took occupancy in May 2007 and started trading. We saw our first customers in September, right in the middle of our building programme. Fortunately, they didn't mind being seen in a building site!

Our official opening was in January when the refitting work was fully completed, and we were able to utilise all our facilities fully.

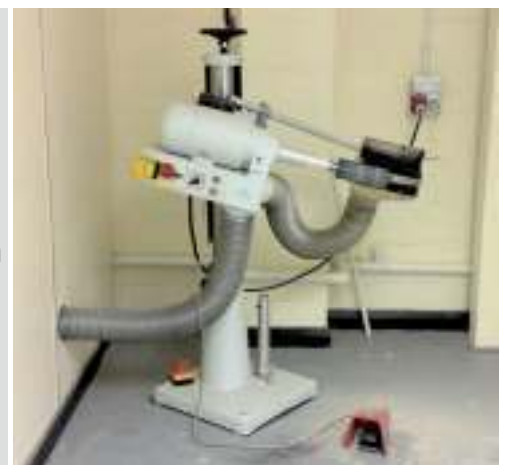


One of the first things that appealed to us about this building was the space it had available. In order to meet our goal of a full rehabilitation service, we would need space for a full physiotherapy gym.

Our gym is fully equipped and covers 115 square meters. This gives us plenty of room for our gait training and fitness classes.



All our Workshop equipment came from Otto Bock, and we are fully equipped to allow us to vacuum form, laminate and complete all standard production processes.



Port-Er running event

On Saturday 17th May, both Gordon and Shep attended the Port-Er running day in Exeter. Porter is a charity set up to further training and education in prosthetics, orthotics and rehabilitation, and part of the work it does is to hold training days, teaching amputees to run.

Gordon and Shep are part of the teaching faculty and offer their expertise in athletics and running.

These are excellent events, so watch out for one coming near to you soon. Check the Port-Er website for further details. www.port-er.com.



The C-Leg



REHAB Prosthetics have recently completed the Otto Bock C-Leg certification course, allowing us to fit and supply the C-Leg to suitable clients.

The C-Leg is a microprocessor controlled knee that is set up individually to each user utilising special software. It works by measuring the strain at the ankle and the speed of the knee 50 times per second, and then automatically adjusts the settings to suit. Therefore, the knee instantly adjusts to changes in speed, terrain or slope.

We are also in the unique position of being able to offer specialised physiotherapy to ensure that our clients are able to access all the advanced features of the knee and use it to its optimal potential.

REHAB Prosthetics are delighted to complete the certification course and be able to offer the C-Leg to our clients. Until now, C-Leg users have not always been able to access high level gait optimisation due to a lack of relevant experience and space issues in some centres.



Fitness First!

Also this month, we've launched our new Amputee fitness class. This class, run by Shep, is designed to offer exercise and fitness to people of all ages and levels of amputation.

In addition to aerobic fitness, the exercises are designed to strengthen the muscles used for gait, and make walking easier and more energy efficient.

If you would like more information on this, contact us on 01530 813555.



Key Staff



R. A. Shepherd BSc MCSP SRP

Shep spent his early career as a Merchant Navy Navigating Officer, seeing the world, before qualifying as a physiotherapist in 1983. Over 18 years working for the NHS ensured a wealth of physiotherapy experience. Of this he spent 13 years as a specialist in Amputee & Prosthetic Rehabilitation, and this combined with 5 years as Business Manager with Otto Bock Healthcare, gave him a broad depth of knowledge and understanding of how prosthetic components must be matched to the amputees' individual needs for most effective rehab outcome.

In 2007 he set up REHAB Prosthetics Ltd to put his previous knowledge and expertise into practice.

He is Managing Director of REHAB Prosthetics.

Gordon Wilson BSc (Hons), MBAPO

Gordon graduated from the University of Strathclyde in 1992, and has worked as a prosthetist/ orthotist since. He has over 14 years experience working in the NHS and the private sector. In addition, he has also worked extensively with private patients both from home and overseas. He also worked for 2 years as a Business Manager, and there by increased his knowledge of the prosthetic components available in the global market.

He previously worked as Manager and Lead Prosthetist in an NHS centre and helped to develop the service there. In 2007, he joined with Shep as one of the founders of REHAB Prosthetics.

In addition to working as Principal Prosthetist, he has responsibility for the Technical Department, and for ensuring that the prostheses are manufactured to the highest standards.



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