## LONDON PROSTHETIC CENTRE Newsletter

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## A message from the LPC team,

Welcome to the second issue of LPC newsletter! Summer is upon us and many of you are preparing yourselves for upcoming challenges and races. Luckily, we have an abundance of varied events to suit everyone's needs on our website and a full list in this issue including LPC joining the first ever all-inclusive push/run event!

Included in this issue, we share some heart-warming stories about inspirational young women surviving severe car accidents and meningitis. In the media, 'Never Seen a Doctor' interviews Abdo Haidar and Nicky Ashwell on the bebionic hand, and Ian Purton tells of his transformation from despair to wedding bells.

Best Wishes, The LPC Team

### Parallel London event - Get free tickets here!

The world's first fully accessible and inclusive fun push/run event is taking place at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Stadium on September 4th.

We have 10 free tickets to give away for the entire family. You can decide if you would like to run for yourself or an elected charity. The London Prosthetic Centre will be attending to support those who take on the challenge.

Our stand will have games for adults and children, 'Ask the Expert' sessions with Victoria Milligan and our therapists will be there to give you all the advice you need. There will be some fantastic prizes and giveaways up for grabs, so why not make a day of it and visit LPC at Parallel London on the 4th September! For more information visit, http://bit.ly/299ij1L

To get your free tickets, email: lpcnews@thelondonprosthetics.com or call 0208 549 7010.



## Nicky completes the **London Marathon** in support of Leonard Cheshire Disability!

Nicky Ashwell, who was fitted with the world's most lifelike bionic hand at LPC, celebrated completing her seventh marathon in April. Nicky's marathon efforts made the media spotlight, with her giving interviews to both the BBC and London Live.

Of her fundraising challenge, Nicky said: "I want to raise awareness of the problems people with disabilities can face – not in coping with their disability, but with infrastructure restrictions and society's prejudices. I support Leonard Cheshire Disability because of their work to campaign for change in these areas."

On how Nicky coped with the race, she replies, 'Mile 22 was tough, but I didn't hit a runner's wall really - I got off easy this



time!' Nicky completed the marathon in 4 hours. To find out more visit, http://bit.ly/29fLu5k

## Ian Purton - From despair to wedding bells!

We share lan's story of alleged medical negligence that led to amputation and his feelings of being trapped in 'the dungeons of despair' to his joy of getting married this year to his partner.

13:24 Wednesday 11th November was the moment lan started looking to the future again. It started when his world turned upside down following a medical negligence case that resulted in the devastating loss of his left leg.

After five years of exhausting legal battles, Sita Soni from Boyes Turner reached a settlement; resulting in lan visiting The London Prosthetic Centre. Here, the dedicated team led by Abdo Haidar, began to help lan put his life back on track, from recommending the most suitable prosthesis for his lifestyle, to providing the utmost care and attention at each visit. With his new prosthesis, lan's outlook on the future has dramatically



changed, and now eagerly anticipates marrying his partner. To read more about Ian visit, *http://bit.ly/29j1eEX* 

#### **Boyes Turner Legal FAQs**

With the success of Ian Purton's case, we asked Sita Soni, from Boyes Turner, to share the FAQs that many of her clients have asked. The loss of a limb is completely life changing, so it's no surprise that many people are daunted and unsure of which way to turn for advice. Boyes Turner share their FAQs that may just provide the answer you are looking for. If you would like additional information from Boyes Turner, you can find their contact details on the FAQs link, *www.thelondonprosthetics.com/faqs/legal\_faqs* 



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find out more!

If you are a legal representative and would like to contribute legal advice to our readers, we would love to hear from you! Contact us at, Ipcnews@thelondonprosthetics.com

### The Worshipful Company of Glover of London help fund Charlotte Hannibal – meningitis survivor



Charlotte with her sister Sophie and Mum Dawn take a tour around the silicone workshop with Kevin and Mark the technician who made the hand.



Charlotte comparing her new hand.

Charlotte Hannibal, 19, from Selston, Nottinghamshire, contracted meningitis that led to amputation of both legs below the knee, as well as the fingers on her left hand, in a bid to save her life. A year later, despite her life changing dramatically, Miss Hannibal is optimistic about life and claims she has cheated death. Speaking today, she said: 'I feel incredibly lucky. I'm still alive, and although I've lost both my lower legs and fingers, some people have lost a lot more.' (*Snippet from Daily Mail newspaper*)

The Amputation Rehabilitation Services in Nottingham approached The London Prosthetic Centre to produce a custom high definition silicone hand that has been funded by The Worshipful Company of Glovers. Adlerman Alison Gowman and, David Stone, members of the Glovers Charitable Trust Board, together with Charlotte and her family visited the centre to see the detailed process of producing a prosthetic and to take a sneak peek to see the almost finished hand, which will be delivered to Charlotte next week. The Worshipful Company of Glovers Charity will offer after care and maintenance for the next five years. A heartfelt thank you to the Company for their generous donation that has made this possible.

Charlotte is now an ambassador for Meningitis Research Foundation and is helping to educate younger people on the importance of vaccination against meningitis by sharing her near fatal experience. Starting in August this year, all 17 - 18-year-olds and first year university students in the UK are being offered a free vaccine which protects against meningococcal A, C, W and Y bacteria.

We'll be following Charlotte's progress every step of the way and if you want to know more about her story or meningitis, follow these links *http://bit.ly/29bfrQn* 

# **Chloe Monroe** - Car accident tragedy to surfer girl!

14-year-old Chloe Monroe lost her dominant left arm below the elbow in a horrific utility vehicle accident in 2015. Her younger sister was with her at the time and was fortunate that she sustained no injuries. After 6 operations, it was confirmed that Chloe's arm could not be saved.

Chloe, a Beauty Queen and high school dancer, has not been deterred by losing her arm, with her mum saying that Chloe's positive attitude has touched the hearts of her community so much so, that they held a fundraiser event to help with costs for a new prostheses. Chloe is re-learning how to write with her right hand and says with a smile, 'Some things are hard, harder than others, but I try to do everything that I can and sometimes I fail.' Her mother Jennifer explains, 'I think the word that comes to mind is resilient. She has really shown great stride in being positive.'

Chloe is one of only 20 girls across the USA recently chosen to attend the annual, 'Beautifully Flawed Retreat'. The retreat is hosted by friends of Bethany Hamilton, the surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack. The nonprofit organisation reaches out to encourage hope to young girls who have lost at least one limb.

The London Prosthetic Centre was selected to help build and create Chloe's new arm as both her and her mother travelled from Tennessee, USA to meet with Abdo and his team to create a high definition silicone hand and arm. The cast and colour matches were taken to create a high definition silicone arm.

Upon receiving her new socket that Abdo had made, Chloe shared her joy in terms of how well it fit and most importantly, how comfortable it was.

The finished arm will soon be shipped to Chloe and we look forward to seeing pictures of the fit! We are thrilled to have met such an inspirational and exceptional young lady and to be able to help Chloe embark upon her new journey in life. To find out more visit, http://bit.ly/297NHLy



Colour match of skin pigmentation with the Spectromatch camera.



Abdo readjusting the final socket.



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A farewell group photo with Abdo, Chloe and Mum Jennifer Monroe before they head back to the USA.

### Channel 4's Never seen a Doctor interview Abdo Haidar and Nicky Ashwell on bebionic

With ground-breaking work happening all over the UK, the culmination of years of development, investment and the interaction with amputees at every stage has led to Steeper's creation of bebionic. In a recent episode, 'Never Seen a Doctor' interviewed Abdo Haidar and Nicky Ashwell about the most lifelike multiarticulating, myoelectric hand.

In the feature, they both share their views on how bebionic has transformed the lives of amputees; helping them to create positive turning points in their everyday lives. Watch the interview here, http://thelondonprosthetics.com/ news/videos1



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# Get fit, get active or just be there.

Check out the links for these 2016 summer events! NOW

June, July, Aug - Adapted Crossfit Classes http://blitzcrossfit.com/

1-17 July - Flying for Freedom https://www.facebook.com/fly2pole/

9th July- Limbpower Manic Marafun

Join LimbPower for the Manic MaraFun! You can do one lap, one mile or as much as you want. As a family fun day out with a different, the event is open to adults and children of all ages and all abilities. **www.limbpower.com** 

29th August - Arctic One Chiltern Aquathlon http://bit.ly/29aznHo 28th August - Limbcare Fun Walk - Richmond Park http://bit.ly/28RgWVV

4th September - Parallel London https://parallellondon.com/the-event-1/ 4th September Arctic One - Para-Triathlon Junior http://bit.ly/29j04cu