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We will be exhibiting at the Etwall Well dressings on 18th and 19th May. Please call by our stand if you are attending and take a look at some of our exhibits that we will have on the stand.

19 panel members enjoyed lunch at the Great Northern in January. We have also presented talks at the Swarkestone boat club & Headway in Derby.

The panel want to express our thanks to Dianne Phillips who has supported us with donations for several years. Dianne has run a craft business and has recently retired. We wish her all the best for the future.

In view of several recent retirements, we would like to recruit new members. **We need volunteers** who want to help disabled people live better lives by making or adapting aids. The panel also need members to assist with talks, exhibitions and publicity. If you know anyone who would like to help, then please contact Peter Brien on 01773 821768 or send an email to derbyremap@gmail.com.

We are now receiving referrals using a website portal. Please select to submit a referral for yourself, or on behalf of someone else, and then fill in the form as best you can. Please pay particular attention to your contact details, specifically your email address and phone number and the client's postcode, which will be used to determine the Remap panel to which the referral will be sent. To send a referral, log on to the Remap website, <https://www.remap.org.uk/referral-form/>

DB-23-011 – Bernard Killeen / Dennis King

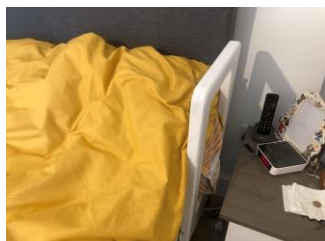


Jeanne has MS and is unable to use her arms or legs. She took up painting by mouth and is a keen artist. She is frustrated because she can only reach a small area of a canvass

Bernard & Dennis set about making a motorised art easel that could move the easel automatically. It is programmed to respond to Alexa commands to move the canvas up / down and right / left. Jeanne can now paint unaided with much less carer input

DB-23-091 – Paul Gillians

The client needed something to help her turn over in bed. The bed is articulated in four sections so Paul made a bed lever with an extra wide base. It appeared to work but time will tell.



DB-23-089 – Nich Holberton

The client asked for 2 sofas to be raised by 10cm. Nich decided to add a section in to each leg. The existing feet were taken off and spacing blocks were fitted using lengths of screwed rod in place of the original furniture screws.

The spacer blocks can be removed to return the sofas back to their original height.



DB-23-090 – Trevor Beeson



Lady has mobility problems and has an assistance dog. She has a new mobility scooter and needs a hook fitting to it to attach her dog's lead.

She had saved the hook from her old scooter, but unfortunately the scooter was quite different from the old

one so most of the bracket had to be remade. Trevor machined a base from aluminium with a hole in which to clamp a steel bar bent in a U form to position the dog lead anchor from the old bracket. Several adjustments were needed for the arm rest but all seemed to work well. The client is waiting for the better weather to use the scooter outdoors with her dog,

DB-23-020 – John Gellatly



The objective of this referral was to provide a means to allow the client to access the outside on her electric wheelchair on her own.

An external ramp was required as well as a modified door and extension to an indoor ramp. The client was advised of the specification for the ramp and door.

A raised plinth was made to sit on the door step and match up to the new door and deck level to ensure a flat transition to the outside.

DB-23-070 – Peter Brien



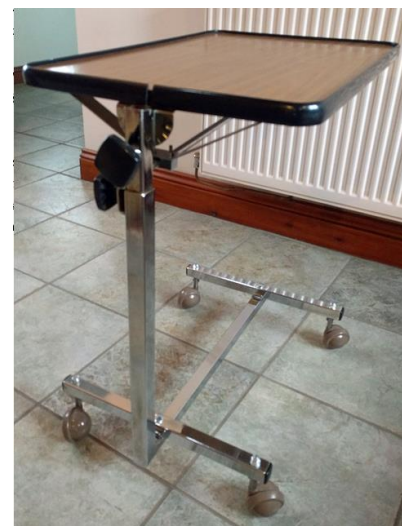
Client has Parkinson's; tends to flop to the left when sitting at dinner table. Asked for a support to stop this leftward flop.

She was using a curved back armchair, which would be hard to adapt. I suggested using an upright kitchen chair, and I made a vertical side panel to screw to the left side of the chair. The

panel was sanded smooth and varnished. Padding could be added if necessary.

DB-23-036 – Mike Banks

The client uses a small, low table on caster wheels both as a mobility aid and for carrying food etc. around her bungalow. The wheels are too small to easily traverse door thresholds and the table top rocks too much to be the stable platform she requires.



The solution has been to fit larger, more free-running, caster wheels and to incorporate a fixed stay under the table top. This prevents the top from being adjusted which suits the client's needs. Fitting of larger caster wheels has been achieved without raising the height of the table by transferring the transverse "axles" from under the chassis to refitting on top of the chassis. See photo.

DB-23-044 – Vic Brown



The client has severe motor impairment and uses a wheeled stool to get around her kitchen. The stool is uncomfortable and unsafe.

Vic used a moulded chair that is height adjustable. Initially it was fitted with castors which were replaced with larger castors with brakes.

She also needed seat pads fitting for her comfort and safety, these were tailor made to suit from PVC with foam inserts and secured in position with Velcro strips.