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The Remap panel will be exhibiting at the Etwall Well Dressings again this year. The event will be Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May. Everyone is welcome to call in at the stand to help support us.

The panel held an annual lunch in February for members. Lunch was at the Great Northern and the opportunity was taken to present Mike Banks with the Mike Aston award for his work on book page turners.

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-22-071 – Mike Banks



The client has dementia and needed a hand rail fitting to garden steps which lead to "favourite" bench in the garden. Α rail attached to the side of the garage which flanks one side of the steps - see photo. The hand rail is made from standard 42.4 mm diameter galvanised

tube and clamp fittings attached to three wooden bases which in turn are attached to the garage wall.

DB-22-086 - Stephan Ashford

The clients wanted to fit a bag on her trolley that was too big for the shaped fittings of the trolley. Stephan made a shelf from a recycled plastic chopping board that created a flat shelf to take the client's alternative bag.



B-22-091 - Brian Barry

A single mum with chronic hip pains needs to have sofa raised by 125mm to ease her difficulties in getting up & out of sofa. The sofa is almost 3m long and 1m deep and stands on 6 cylindrical legs. Concern about the stability of individual raisers led to the decision to link the front & back raiser pairs each by a connector and to join the connectors by a single spine running the full 3m beneath the sofa, making it difficult for any of the 6off raisers to topple over.





DB-22-098 - Vic Brown



This requirement was for a swivel tray to be made and fitted to the client's powered wheelchair. She had very little use of her right side, therefore, the tray needed to be light and easy to handle with her left hand. An existing bracket on the wheelchair lower frame was utilised. A right-angled bracket

was fabricated with a swivel post attached. The tray was made from 9mm thick ply-board edged with hardwood moulding and incorporating a hole closed in on the underside at the left-hand corner to secure a mug. The tray could also be very easily removed from the swivel post using her left hand.

DB-22-016 - Trevor Beeson



Α tetraplegic client was wanting replace his bed. He has a hand control positioned within easy reach and wanted to reuse the control on the replacement bed. A gooseneck support was constructed and fitted to the new bed. The client was delighted with the installation.

DB-22-073 - Steve McCordick



A severely disabled man cannot feed himself with a conventional spoon. It was considered that a plastic bent spoon would be suitable. A second plastic spoon with a 45 degree bend was provided. The OT confirmed that this was acceptable.

DB-22-101 Peter Brien



Lady, difficulty walking, lives in bungalow, wants handrail to be able to exit bedroom by patio doors and descend 3 steps to the garden. Patio doors open from centre outwards, so rail needs to be in centre of steps. A rail was constructed from 42mm galvanised rail with bases bolted down to the patio slabs.

DB-22-108 - Nich Holberton

A client was unable to comfortably fit under table. 3" raisers were needed to be secure as client pushes down on table to lift himself. The table leg feet already had screw in height adjusters. These were used to secure the raisers.

Each of the 4 raisers were made from 3 lengths of 21 x 70mm and 1



length of 35 x 70mm PAR Redwood screwed together with 70mm wood screws. The top piece had a routed recess to securely fit the leg foot. The 2nd layer had a routed space beneath and a hole drilled to allow the table foot height adjuster to screw it to the table leg foot. The 3rd and 4th layers completed the height extension. Corners were filed down and raisers were coated with satin oak furniture varnish.

DB-23-002 - Vic Brown



A changing bed had been supplied by Remap with one fixed rail and one rail that can be lowered. A request was submitted to modify the fixed rail so that it can be lowered.

This was achieved by using two lengths of steel box section for each end of the rail welded together, one length served as a spacer between the bench leg and the rail tube to allow for the mattress when in the raised position. The rail tube has a steel peg, which held the safety rail in the raised position when inserted.