

Leg Club News August 2007

The week commencing 16th September 2007 is the Leg Club 'Healthy Legs for Life' awareness week. The official launch is taking place at a British Motorcyclist Federation event at the Peterborough Showground. The highlight of the week is the Foundation charity dinner on Wednesday 19th September, followed by the Leg Club conference *Expanding Our Horizons: Leg Care in the 21st Century* (in educational partnership with the WCS) being held at the Bescot Stadium, Walsall Football Club.

The Leg Clubs have been politically busy. In July representatives Mark Millar (Oadby & Wigston), Carol Brailsford (Mablethorpe & Sutton-on-Sea) attended a Parliamentary showcase at the Houses of Parliament (see picture). The event provided a tremendous opportunity to outline the benefits of the model and the work of Leg Clubs to representatives from The House of Commons and The House of Lords across the political spectrum. In his opening speech Norman Lamb MP (Liberal Democrat Shadow Health Secretary) stressed the importance of continuing to develop effective services and technology that facilitates the empowerment of patients. He went on to cite the Leg Club Model as an example of this approach. MP's, including Ann Keen (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health) who has previously worked as a District nurse in Middlesex, were keen to hear about the positive impact of the implementation of the model. Government representatives were encouraged to visit an established Leg Club to see firsthand how the introduction of the service could directly benefit their constituents! Representation from the Leg Club Foundation has also been invited to attend all the three party political conference being held in September and October.

