

Young onset dementia media round-up April 2018

In the UK news / press

The Telegraph - [The Liberty buyer who gave up her career to care for her 60 year old dad with Alzheimer's](#) – Robyn was 22 when her dad was diagnosed, she has written a book about her family's experiences

The Daily Mail - [The cruellest role reversal: Robyn assumed her parents would always be there for her. Then, at just 25, she found herself back in her childhood bedroom caring for them](#)

East Anglian Daily Times - '[Dementia does not have to mean the end](#)' - Suffolk man with Alzheimer's to cycle 330 miles for charity - Peter Berry, age 53, who is living with young onset is taking part in a charity cycle challenge raising money for YoungDementia UK

Good Morning Britain – [Diagnosed with dementia at the age of 44](#) – interview with Shelley Shepherd and her family talking about her diagnosis

Daily Mail - '[I'm terrified I soon won't recognise my daughters': Heartbroken mother, 44, has Alzheimer's and says she is too scared to leave the house in case she doesn't remember where she is](#) – interview with Shelley Shepherd

Daily Mail - [Mother-of-five, 44, is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease after her family became worried about her forgetting her daughters' parents' evenings](#) – interview with Shelley Shepperd

Fabulous Magazine - [Mum diagnosed with Alzheimer's at 44 reveals fear of forgetting loved ones](#) – interview with Shelley Shepperd

The Daily Mail - [Huge study links brain injury and higher dementia risk](#)

The Express – [Early dementia symptoms: Mood changes to look out for](#) – article features a video of Wendy Mitchell being interviewed on This Morning

ITV News - [North Wales family fighting to raise awareness of Huntington's disease](#)

BBC News - [Woman with young onset dementia on running London Marathon](#) - 62 year old Sue Strachan who is running the London Marathon on 22 April, despite being diagnosed with vascular dementia in her 50s

Online

Dementia Diaries – [Valerie Blumenthal](#) – Valerie is living with young onset PCA and says, "I refuse to be defined by my illness....I do not feel sorry for myself. I would rather focus on what I can do than what I can't."

ITV Wales News - [Charity calls for better diagnosis in Wales for under 65s living with dementia](#) - Alzheimer's Society Cymru raising the issue of diagnosis rates

BBC News – '[I fear being in hospital, not death](#)' – Tommy Dunne, from Liverpool is living with young onset

Dementia Help – '[We struggled to get a diagnosis](#)' – YoungDementia UK's Fundraising Manager Anne tells her story

Dementia UK - [Young Onset Dementia: Supporting Families in Havering](#) - this article shares the great work being done in Havering, East London by the local Admiral Nurse & Memory Service to better support people affected by young onset

Alzheimer's Society Blog - '[There is an innate generosity and empathy in the human spirit that crosses borders](#)' – Katherine shares her experience of taking a family holiday in India with her father who has young onset dementia

Alzheimer's Society Blog - [Why people affected by dementia are opening the Alzheimer's Society conference](#) – by Wendy Mitchell, discussing why it's important that the 3 Nations Working Group are opening the conference

Alzheimer's Society – [Q&A with Pamela Roberts](#) – 60 year old Pamela talks about living with young onset Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's Society – [short film about Peter Lyttle](#) - Peter has young onset dementia, and is part of the Freshers Young Onset Cafes initiative in the North West

[Do I see what you see?](#) – A animated film about dementia, disconnection and seeing the world differently

Mix 96 - [Support for 500 younger people with dementia in Bucks](#)

Unforgettable – [How it really feels when your husband has dementia](#) - Laurie is living with frontotemporal dementia and their experience has led Jill to write a fiction book, 'Beyond The Marriage Vows: A Novel of Love, Loss, and Dementia.'

Dominique Kent – [London Marathon vlog](#) – Why I'm running the London Marathon

[Dementia Help vlog](#) – featuring Peter Berry, who is living with young onset and Jon Bray discussing their 330 mile cycle challenge

Peter Berry weekly video diary – Living with Alzheimer's

[43rd diary](#) – the power of being positive

[42nd diary](#) – a perfect memory with an old friend

[41st diary](#) – unseen changes

[40th diary](#) – a little help from technology

From Australia & America

Huffington Post – [Australia's dementia medical breakthrough](#) – 58 year old John Quinn who is living with dementia discusses research taking place in Australia

Books, courses & newsletters

[My Mad Dad by Robyn Hollingworth](#) - details her family's experience of young onset dementia. The book is described as, 'a wonderful, rather special book: funny, warm

and loving but also thought-provoking and deeply moving. Absolutely unforgettable - ironically.'

['Beyond The Marriage Vows: A Novel of Love, Loss, and Dementia'](#) by Jill Butcher. Jill's husband Laurie has FTD, their experience have inspired this book of fiction

['The Many Faces of Dementia'](#) - an online course from UCL - a very highly rated free course focusing on rarer dementias

YoungDementia UK – [Young Dementia News](#) – April newsletter