

## Young onset dementia media round-up February 2018

### Books

[Young Onset Dementia](#) by Hilda Hayo, Jacqueline Parkes and Alison Ward

[To Know Me](#) – Jim Horton. Jim Horton has found that writing poetry helps him cope with the emotional impact of caring for his partner, Jane, who is living with young onset Alzheimer's disease, and is now in residential care.

### In the UK news / press

The Sunday Times - [Book review: Somebody I Used to Know by Wendy Mitchell with Anna Wharton](#)

BBC News – [Alcohol and dementia: what is the truth?](#) - Excessive alcohol use linked to young onset dementia risk

i News - [Three generations of a British family are helping the fight against Alzheimer's](#) – Carol Jennings's family are affected by familial Alzheimer's and have played a vital part into research into the condition

The Mirror - [Victory! Woman with dementia who had benefits cut by DWP has decision overturned after nine months of worry](#) – Joy Watson who is living with young onset has her PIP benefits reinstated

The Yorkshire Post - [Still Alice: The play about dementia Wendy Mitchell has helped bring to life but will never remember seeing](#)

### Online

Guardian books podcast - [Do our memories make us who we are?](#) – an interview with Wendy Mitchell about her wonderful book & living with young onset dementia. Wendy's piece is about 14 mins 40 second in.

Radio 2 Jeremy Vine Show – [interview with Wendy Mitchell](#) - Forward to 1 hour 9 mins in.

BBC Radio London – [Jo Good interview's Wendy Mitchell](#)

ITVs This Morning – ['My early onset dementia diary'](#) – interview with Wendy Mitchell

Radio 4 – Book of the Week – [Somebody I used to know by Wendy Mitchell](#) – 5 part serialisation of Wendy's book

Alzheimer's Society blog - [Wendy's story 'It's about being around to support, but not taking over.'](#) - Wendy's daughter Sarah shares her views about her mum

Mum has dementia (blog) - [Advanced care planning – thinking ahead](#)

Alzheimer's Society - [A man with HIV and dementia who hopes to turn his struggles into something positive](#) - Patrick has been diagnosed with FTD aged 33

BBC Ideas - [How one woman transformed Alzheimer's research](#) - fascinating short film about Carol Jennings whose family has played a pivotal part in familial Alzheimer's research

Radio 4 - [Alzheimer's Society Appeal](#) - David Baddiel speaks to Peter Lyttle who was diagnosed with young onset dementia when he was 59

The London Assembly Health Committee is investigating how to make London a friendlier place for people living with young onset dementia. Here is the [webcast](#) recording of a meeting held on 28 Feb that includes evidence from two Londoners, Dianne and Hazel, who are living with the condition

Peter Berry weekly video diary - Living with Alzheimer's

[32<sup>nd</sup> diary](#) - restaurant menus

[33<sup>rd</sup> diary](#) - a challenging day

[34<sup>th</sup> diary](#) - challenging my Alzheimer's

## **From Ireland, Australia and Canada**

The Irish Times - [Cathy Kelly on her father's dementia: 'It was nine years of pain'](#) - Cathy's dad developed dementia in his 50s

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland - [The Experience of a Dementia Diagnosis](#) - a powerful short film that features a number of people affected by young onset

ABC (Australia) - [More young people caring for parents with dementia](#) - radio piece focuses on Isabelle Burke, was 20 when her then 54-year-old mum Christine O'Brien was diagnosed.

The Brisbane Times - [Would you want to know your risk of Alzheimer's?](#) - Article features Geoff who was diagnosed with dementia at the age of 51

Calgary Herald - [Young Alzheimer caregiver speaks out on disease's family impact](#) - Samantha's mum was diagnosed with dementia aged 55.

CBC News Calgary (Canada) - [New program targets younger, active dementia patients](#) - Cindy's husband, John, was diagnosed with young onset dementia 10 years ago when he was just 48 and struggled to find support that was the right fit.

## **Research, events & newsletters**

The **Rare Dementia Support Frontotemporal Annual Seminar** will be taking place in London on Friday 23 March 2018. Further details can be viewed [here](#).

[Reframe Dementia](#) - A multimedia art exhibition by Alzheimer's Research UK between 15-18 March at the OXO Gallery, London. A number of the people who have been involved in the project are affected by young onset dementia.

Physical activity for people with young onset dementia, and carers: [protocol](#) for a scoping review.

[Alzheimer's Research UK Oxford Dementia Information event](#) on Saturday 17 March, 10am-1pm at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. YoungDementia UK will be there with a stand sharing info about our young onset services in Oxfordshire.

[Claim a power of attorney refund](#) - You can get part of your application fee back if you applied to register a power of attorney, LPA or EPA from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2017.

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