

Young onset dementia media round-up January 2018

Books

Wendy Mitchell's book – [Somebody I used to know](#) – available now from Amazon and all good book stores

Jim Horton - [To Know Me](#) - In August 2013 Jim's partner Jane received a diagnosis of young onset Alzheimer's disease. In 2016, Jim began writing poetry about Jane's new life. To Know Me brings together a selection of those poems.

In the UK news / press

The Guardian – [Wendy Mitchell on her extraordinary Alzheimer's memoir](#)

Radio 4 Today programme – [interview with Wendy Mitchell](#) - forward the programme to 2 hours 40 mins, 30 seconds

BBC News - [Blue badge scheme could be extended to cover autism and dementia](#)

Daily Mail – serialisation of Wendy Mitchell's book, Somebody I used to know – [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)

Channel 4 News – [Memoir of dementia](#) – an interview with Wendy Mitchell

BBC News – [Living with Alzheimer's at the age of 30](#) - Daniel Bradbury's life was turned upside down last September when he found he had young onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 30.

Nottingham Post - [Notts dad-of-two diagnosed with Alzheimer's aged 30 wants to make final memories with his family](#)

Radio 5 Live – [Interview with Daniel Bradbury and his partner Jordan](#) – discussing life since his dementia diagnosis aged 30

BBC News - Personal Independence payments: All 1.6 million claims to be reviewed

Online

Wendy Mitchell – [On Living With Dementia](#) – a beautiful animation created by Bloomsbury Publishing about her book.

BBC News - ['There's a 50% chance I've a fatal disease. Do I find out?'](#) - Jackie's family is affected by Huntington's disease. She shares her family's story and her personal dilemma of whether or not to be tested for the gene.

ITV Loose Women - [Daniel Bradbury and partner Jordan Evans talk about him having a rare form of Alzheimer's aged just 30](#)

Being Patient – [Amy Jolley](#) - Amy's dad was diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment at the age of 59, which progressed into Alzheimer's disease. She gives some useful tips and advice around how to manage hospital stays for people living with dementia.

Living with young onset dementia blog – [Interview with Dr Janet Cater](#)

Peter Berry weekly video diary – Living with Alzheimer's

[27th diary](#) - reflecting on changes over the last year

[28th diary](#) – Alzheimer's through my daughter's eyes

[29th diary](#) - knowing my family but not knowing my family

[30th diary](#) - my wife is my memory

From Australia, Canada & USA

Riverine Herald - [Dementia destroys young lives as cruelly as the aged](#) - article about Paul who is in his 40s and is living with frontotemporal dementia.

Straits Times – [Turning Point: Living with dementia](#) - Kate Swaffer was diagnosed with dementia ten years ago at the age of 49. She talks about her experiences and hopes for the future in this excellent short film.

Red Deer Advocate - [Seniors/Aging: Too young for this](#) - Michelle's mum Debra showed signs of dementia at the age of 56

Toronto Sun - [Woman, 51, living her best life with dementia](#) - An excellent interview with Mary Beth Wighton who says, 'I'm trying to show them it's not just old people — this is what dementia can look like'

CBC News - [How this mother and daughter are dealing with a young onset dementia diagnosis](#)

Surveys & newsletters

The London Assembly Health Committee is investigating what support is available for people living with young onset dementia in London. Organisations and individuals are invited to submit views and information to the committee, giving you the opportunity to inform their work and influence their recommendations. The deadline for submissions is 1 March 2018. Survey – [click here](#).

Alzheimer's Research UK has created a free game app. Almost 3 million people have played it so far, making it the largest dementia research study in history. Anyone can participate and playing for just two minutes generates the equivalent of five hours lab based research data. To play Sea Hero Quest, [click here](#).

The government is proposing to extend the **Blue Badge scheme** to people with 'hidden disabilities' such as dementia. They are currently consulting on the proposal, you can respond via this [link](#).

Understanding Dementia is a Massive Open Online Course offering university-quality education about the latest in dementia research and care. This FREE course doesn't require exams or assignments. Find out more [here](#).

Petition calling for carers to be paid an allowance equivalent to a fulltime job at the National Living Wage. To sign click [here](#).

YoungDementia UK – [Oxfordshire News](#) – Oxfordshire based quarterly newsletter.

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