



Young onset dementia media round-up February 2017

In the UK news / press

The Guardian – [Dementia Diaries – It's like trying to go through a brick wall](#) – excellent short film featuring three Dementia Diarists including Agnes who is living with young onset

Daily Mail – [Pop star David Cassidy reveals he is battling dementia aged 66](#)

Caterer - [National Association of Care Catering names new ambassadors](#) – Chris Roberts who is living with young onset and wife Jayne are new NACC ambassadors

Daily Echo – [Martin Lewis: Parents, grandparents and carers: You could be missing out on £1000s](#) – severe mental impairments such as dementia qualify you for a saving on your council tax

Daily Mail – [Eat to beat dementia](#) – article about what to eat and what to avoid if living with dementia or trying to prevent it

The Guardian – [Terry Pratchett docudrama reveals moment author realised he was 'dead'](#) – Pratchett was diagnosed with PCA in 2007 and died aged 66 in 2015.

Evening Standard – [Lawyer quits the City to work on game for people with dementia](#) – John Ramsay was 13 when his dad was diagnosed with dementia, his dad was 52.

Online

YoungDementia UK – [Peter's story](#) - Peter was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in early 2015 aged 50. He lives in Suffolk with his wife Teresa.

YoungDementia UK – [Miranda's story](#) - Miranda's husband Peter was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia in 2011. She has fought to get continuing healthcare funding and has carried out major adaptations to their house so that Peter can continue to live comfortably at home.

Student BMJ – [What matters to me – Living with Alzheimer's disease](#) – interview with Keith Oliver, who is living with young onset Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's Society Living with dementia magazine – [Here and now](#) – an interview with Wendy Mitchell who was diagnosed with young onset dementia aged 58

Dementia Alliance International – [Why do you not believe me?](#) – article about the experiences of Mary Beth Wighton

We are #Alz Authors – [Meet Susan Suchan 'This disease does not come with an instruction manual'](#) – Susan is living with FTD / PPA

From abroad

The Catholic Leader (Australia) – [Dementia emergency across the nation](#) – article features Robyn who was diagnosed aged 53

The Sydney Morning Herald – [New dementia figures reveal staggering multibillion dollar cost](#) – article features Phil, diagnosed aged 57

Books, websites & films

[Walk the Walk, Talk the Talk](#) is a book by Keith Oliver, telling the story of his life before, during and since receiving a dementia diagnosis aged 55. His story is told not just by Keith, but by the health professionals, friends and family who know him best.

[The Memory Journeys](#) is a story book for children aged 6-9 who have a parent with young onset dementia written by Charlie Draper and Caroline Blanchette of YPWD (Berks).

[This is my Family](#) tells the story of 13 year old Jack whose father lives with young onset dementia.

The [Ally Bally Bee Project](#) has launched a video / crowd funding page about their innovative project to create personalised dementia story books for children.

Renowned nutritionist Jane Clarke has launched a new website, [Nourish](#), to provide support, nutritional information and recipes to help people living with dementia, cancer and other serious illnesses.

A [Dementia UK film](#) about a family affected by young onset dementia has been nominated in the Charity Film Awards. Follow the link to vote.

Courses & conference information

[Dementia 2020](#) – 50 fully funded places are available for people living with dementia and family members for the Dementia 2020 conference at the Royal Society of Medicine, London on 13 April 2017. Email delegates@govconnect.org.uk

[The Many Faces of Dementia](#) is a very highly regarded FREE online course that across four weeks features familial Alzheimer's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia and Posterior Cortical Atrophy as well as providing important insights about dementia in general. The next course starts on Monday 27 February.

Dementia Adventure is running a series of free seminars across the UK for family members from March – July 2017. Find out more [here](#).

Research opportunities

Lewy Body Dementia drug trial enrolling now – find out more [here](#).

[Cognitive Impairment in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease research study](#) looking for people living with Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia to take part.

Research study looking [for carers of people with PCA](#) in the Worcestershire area.

[Online Communication in Everyday Social Life](#) is a nationwide study. The study team are interested to hear from anyone over the age of 18 who cares for, or represents a person with dementia.