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Dementia the 'jokester'

Fantasy author Terry Pratchett and former quantum chemist Graham Doggett describe life with a rare form of Alzheimer's disease.

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Centre stage

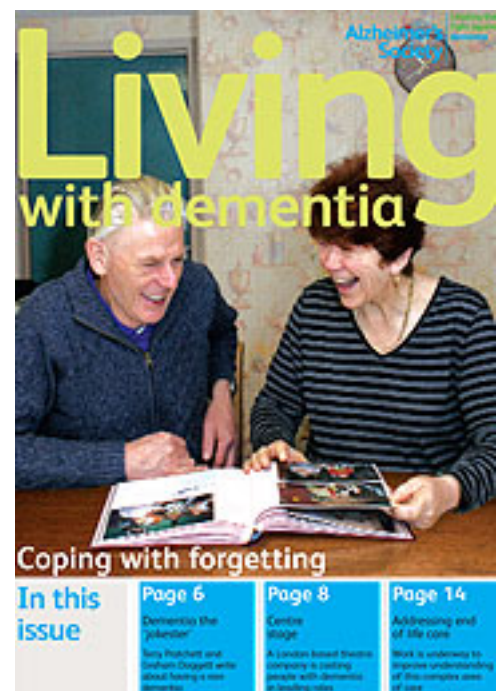
A London-based theatre company is casting people with dementia in leading roles, leading to greater self-esteem and changed perceptions.

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Addressing end of life care

A team of researchers has embarked on a four-year programme of work to gain a greater understanding about this complex area of care.

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Out of the shadows

Fantasy author Terry Pratchett and other people with dementia reveal how stigma impacts on their lives in a new report launched by the Society. From losing friends to seeing people cross the road to avoid them, the experiences of people with dementia underline the urgent need for greater awareness.

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Coping strategies

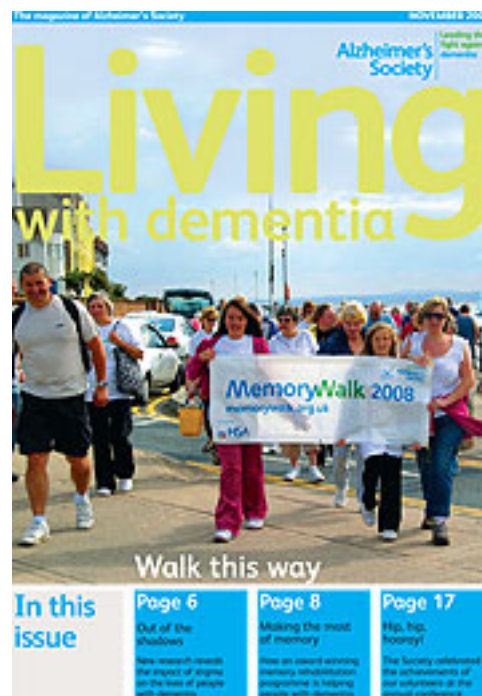
How optimum organisation and a structured routine keeps one carer from losing control.

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Communication skills

New research reveals that people with dementia may understand more than people realise. Much depends on the way we communicate with them.

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'We just clicked'

Carers who have been supporting each other online for the last four years met each other face-to-face for the first time.

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Alcohol and dementia

Read what our Head of Research has to say about alcohol consumption and the risk of developing dementia.

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The right to decide

Empowering people with dementia to make decisions for themselves is at the heart of the Mental Capacity Act. The article provides guidance on how to help people with dementia make their own decisions.

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Computer skills

Scientists in London are developing a computer programme aimed at helping to diagnose people with dementia earlier.

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Breaking through

An award-winning support project in Bradford is breaking down barriers for people with dementia in South Asian communities.

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The latest word in dementia research

The world's largest conference on dementia research took place in Chicago in July. Our Head of Research reports on some of the highlights.

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Planning for the future

How setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney can give you control over your future.

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A lifeline for carers

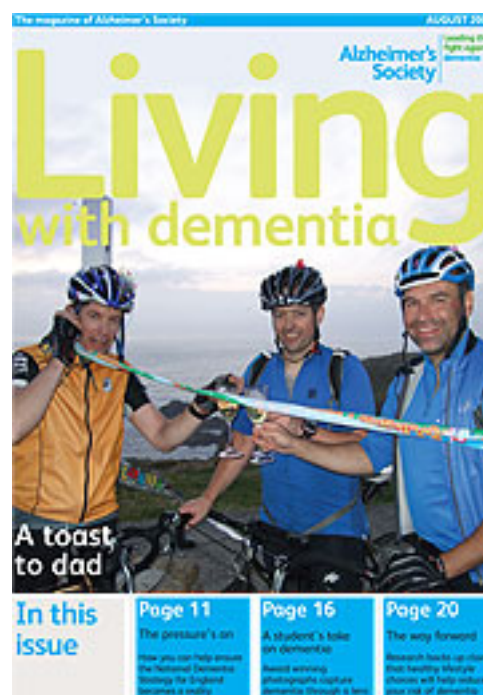
A pilot project in Surrey aimed at encouraging GP surgeries to do more to support carers is having positive results.

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The cost of care

Former carer Shirley Honey tells how she had to sacrifice basic needs to find the money to pay for her husband's care.

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Ready for reform

The day of action on 20 June saw protestors around the country take to the streets to demand a reform of the system of charging for care.

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Cafe Culture

A growing number of cafes for people with dementia are providing advice and support over a cuppa.

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Art therapy

Former carer Chris West discovered a talent for drawing late in life. She found that drawing helped her to come to terms with her late mother's dementia.

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May 2008

She made it!

A jubilant Elaine Moody - the first woman with dementia to run in the London Marathon on behalf of the Society - crossed the finishing line in April.

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Good practice - Carers as trainers

Training in dementia care is sorely lacking in the UK. In London, a group of carers are working to change clinical practice by educating medical students and trainee psychologists about the realities of dementia.

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Sharing the care

Bridget Kelly's condition improved immeasurably when she stopped living alone and moved in with both her daughters. Her family is delighted she has adapted so well.

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Genetic research

New research indicates that your chance of developing Alzheimer's doubles if both parents have the disease.

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Understanding hallucinations

Many people commonly mistake visual problems experienced by people with Alzheimer's disease for hallucinations. A new Society factsheet explains why these misunderstandings occur.



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Reason to hope

Improving services for people with dementia from early signs of dementia to end-of-life is the aim of a new research programme which is now recruiting participants. Professor Steve Iliffe explains more.

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