

DANNY'S SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Update 27 July 2016

Dear Friends

We want to give you an update on how things are going with Danny and Sue and also to invite you, and anyone else that you think may be interested, to a fundraiser at Soaks Rugby Club in Perth on Saturday 10th September at 6.30pm. Royle Godwin and Inger Sanderson have again put in much time and effort to organise this event so we are hoping that as many of you as possible will attend – an invitation is attached to the accompanying Email.

Danny's MND continues to reduce his muscle strength and coordination and he has had a few falls lately. His hands, although in some ways still strong, battle to cope with the mainly intricate tasks like using a phone, holding a cup of tea etc. We have noticed however that his thirst remains strong and that he finds it much easier to hold a beer glass than a tea cup!! The dementia also continues but, those of you that know him well, will appreciate that the dementia has a very limited area to attack – nobody in their right mind would have tackled as low as he did!!

Sue has stopped working so that she can spend more time with Dan. She has been granted a Carers Allowance which is a great relief and will help compensate for her loss of salary.

The alterations to their house which involved closing in the downstairs patio and converting the downstairs laundry into a bathroom with facilities for wheelchair access etc. have been completed and it all looks great.

Dan, Sue and the family stay amazingly strong, manage to keep a sense of humour and be as positive as possible, but there are times when it all can be overwhelming. Lucy and her family, as well as Ben, live in Perth and provide great support. Sebastian and his wife are returning to Perth from London in October and it will be fantastic for Dan and Sue to have the whole family together again.

As many of you will know Danny cancelled his trip to South Africa in April on medical advice. He was really sad about this and felt he had let his friends and family down and wanted to say sorry to all those involved.

The Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Dementia Association continue to provide Danny and Sue with fantastic medical and moral support and provide guidance to them wherever they can.

Once again thank you all for your assistance, thoughts and prayers and we will keep you informed as to how things proceed.

Regards

Brian (Stroppy) and Dave