

## Isle of Man Branch Committee



**Chairman: Derek Patience** is 46 years old and lives in Douglas with wife, Mima, and children, Dane, Brody and Martha. He works full time in the Finance Sector and has had RRMS since 1997 and SPMS since 2005. When his legs allow him, Derek enjoys the occasional game of golf and coaching junior football. Also enjoys gardening and playing acoustic guitar. Derek has been a MS Society committee member for 3 years and represents the society on the MS Forum. He is also a member of a group which raises funds for the hyperbaric chamber



**Website and Committee Member: Donna Turner** is 31, lives with her partner of 2 years Aaron, and was diagnosed with RRMS in 2004. Donna works full time for the family business Cop-Y-Cat in Ramsey. She joined the branch committee 3 years ago bringing her mum along for support. Donna looks after the branch website and facebook page.



**Treasurer: Richard Hill** joined the MS society with his wife Siobhan in early 2005 and graduated to treasurer in 2007 after many years of sterling service by John Stott. He lives in Peel with Siobhan and their dog. In his spare time he can be found playing golf, following Carlisle United and enjoying the Manx countryside with his dog.



**Secretary, Membership and Newsletter: Suzy Holland** lives in Ramsey with her husband, two teenage children and their dog. After 15 years of not knowing what was causing her strange and variable symptoms Suzy was diagnosed with relapsing/remitting MS in 2002 and has been on a selection of disease modifying drugs since about 2006.

Suzy has been on the Branch committee since 2004, and compiles the newsletter and keeps membership records up to date. She also sits on the MS Forum which is a bridge between the DHSS and people with MS, and which aims to improve services in the Isle of Man. Suzy is a Stakeholder Governor on behalf of the MS Society at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust.



**Vice – Chairman: Lillian Boyle** is the main carer for her husband who has MS. He has suffered with MS since 2000 and was finally diagnosed with late-onset primary progressive MS in 2006. Since then he has experienced a rapid decline in his mobility and is no longer able to work. Lillian is the MS Society representative on the Isle of Man Council of Voluntary Organisations which helps charities on the island to work together and to be able to talk to government with one voice.



**Committee Member: Siobhan Hill** joined the MS Society in early 2005 shortly after being diagnosed with the condition. She lives with her husband (also a member and the current Treasurer) and dog in Peel where she enjoys and plays an active part in the theatre. She works full time as Finance Director of Inter-Continental Management Limited primarily based on the Isle of Man but she loves to take the opportunity to travel when she can.



**Committee Member: Leanne Andrews** works full time at a bank, as well as also holding a relief position as a care assistant with Praxis Care, a charity for people with learning and/or physical disabilities and mental ill health. She has been on the committee since 2006 and is a member of the fundraising sub-committee. Leanne has been involved in branch activities for many years due to her Mum's previous involvement in the Society. Having been a young carer herself for her Mum who had MS as did her Nana before her, Leanne has a keen interest in the welfare of all those affected by MS and understands the various challenges that they sometimes face.



**Committee member: Linda Perkins** is married to Russell with three grown up daughters and has worked from home as a self employed registered childminder for 15 years. She has been a branch committee member for three years. Her oldest daughter, Donna, has MS and is also up for reelection to the Branch committee.