



Merry Christmas – may you be blessed and enjoy this special time of year and may we wish you a wonderful and peaceful 2021. Thank you for all your love and support during the last challenging eighteen months.

As the year draws to a close, and I am sure we have all had the most difficult and trying and sad times during the last few months, we are so grateful to you for holding on to the assurance that Laura will make a full recovery from this Miller Fisher strain of the Guillain Barre Syndrome.

We have spent the last two weeks with Laura and her family, James and Ella and Wispa (cockapoo) and were daily amazed by yet another first in her recovery. To name but a few:

- Climbing up and down her stairs unaccompanied
- Walking unaided for short distances but also moving to a 4-point base stick instead of her wheeled walking frame
- Managing all aspects of dressing and undressing unaided
- Preparing simple meals for Ella each day without assistance
- Using her computer, phone and TV controls independently
- Carrying out manicures and applying her make-up herself
- Wrapping Ella's Christmas and Advent presents unaided

Laura's company, SES Water, have been so supportive of her throughout this whole challenging period and have given her the opportunity to choose what hours and work she would prefer to do (from home) as well as providing the equipment she will need. Therefore she will start work, doing two hours a week initially, on 11<sup>th</sup> January and with responsibility for long term coordination and planning of all company policies.

Sadly she will be unable to attend Paul and Becky's wedding on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December but will be there "virtually" along with other originally invited guests. Just 15 of us will be there to celebrate their wedding.

With all our love and blessings, Jan and Lee Walshe