The Roden Family – Our Survival Story
Why a diary helped -

Something positive to do -

Helped keep a sense of time -

I could tell the truth! -

Gave Sam back those "lost" 3 weeks -

A record of progress for Sam -

Supported the healing process for me
35 days off ECMO
100 days off ECMO

Alpe d’Huez
London Marathon April 2013
Pledge a Pint

www.pledgeapint.co.uk

and

ECMO family support....
About us

ECMO family support was set up to support the families of ECMO patients during and after their time on ECMO at Wythenshawe Hospital (UHSM).

Sam’s Story

Sam was an extremely fit 44 year old father of two boys when, in April 2012, he very suddenly became critically ill with pneumonia.

His condition rapidly deteriorated and, within 48 hours of being admitted to hospital, his family were told that he may not survive the night.

His life was saved by the amazing work of the ECMO team at UHSM.

Following his recovery, Sam and his family were determined to lessen the trauma of the ECMO experience, by offering support and information to the people who come after them. We work in partnership with the ECMO team at UHSM, but we are not medically qualified counsellors or part of the UHSM ECMO service.

Sam on ECMO April 2012

Sam September 2012
What we offer

- Website
- Support by e-mail / phone
- Informal meetings if appropriate
Did it help?

“It's been good to share. Now I don't feel like I'm going crazy!”

“Thank you for emailing it's amazing how much it helps.”

“Thanks so much for the emails I really appreciate them and great to know someone understands what I am going through”

“Thank you so much for the help you gave me & hope when I needed it, I am very grateful to you both.”
Future plans

• More patient stories on the website
• More online content
• Group of volunteers
• Children’s pack
In every difficult situation is potential value. Believe this, then begin looking for it.

Norman Vincent Peale