# Kate Garraway thanks 'gallant stranger' after being hoisted at Oasis as she lists Islington home



Kate Garraway spent part of last weekend thanking a “gallant stranger” after he hoisted her onto his shoulders so she could enjoy Oasis at Wembley with her two children. The broadcaster, who posted the moment on Instagram, said the kind act helped her “relive” her twenties as the band played Champagne Supernova, and shared a smiling photograph of herself dancing atop the well‑wisher’s shoulders.

Posting on Instagram, Garraway wrote that the man had unwittingly discovered that she was “heavier than I look” and joked about the length of the song, adding that she hoped he had not “spent all week at the chiropractor” but that she was “eternally grateful”. The family outing — with daughter Darcey and son Billy — was framed in her post as an evening of pure enjoyment and a contrast to the year the family has endured.

That year, of course, began with the death of Garraway’s husband, Derek Draper, whose prolonged and severe complications after contracting Covid in March 2020 were widely reported. Broad news coverage has traced his repeated hospital stays, a medically induced coma and further readmissions before he died in January 2024, and noted the public outpouring of sympathy that followed. Broad reporting has also highlighted the ITV documentary that chronicled the family’s ordeal and Garraway’s decision to step back from broadcasting to care for Draper as he fought to recover.

Alongside the personal tragedy, Garraway has faced significant financial pressure. Company records and insolvency filings show that Astra Aspera Limited, the psychotherapy firm connected to Draper, went into liquidation; company‑registry summaries compile statements of affairs and liquidators’ reports. Media reporting has detailed large creditor claims and the costs incurred during Draper’s lengthy illness. A liquidator’s filing, reported in the Evening Standard, said HM Revenue & Customs’ claim against Astra Aspera was revised down to about £288,054, and the same coverage summarised Garraway’s public explanation that months — and at times round‑the‑clock care — contributed to heavy expenses which she disputes in parts.

To help cover those liabilities, Garraway has put a second home on the market. The Mail reported that the couple’s four‑storey three‑bed townhouse in Islington — bought in 2004 and previously available to rent — is now in the process of being sold, with Land Registry confirmation of the transaction expected to fetch around £2 million. The property listing described a roof terrace, private garden and period features across four floors; earlier press coverage had suggested that selling a second property might avert the need to put the family home on the market.

Those closest to Garraway have spoken of the toll the past years have taken. One source told the Mail it was “so sad” to watch Draper’s decline while confronting mounting bills; other reporting has emphasised Garraway’s campaigning on the challenges faced by families caring for complex long‑Covid sufferers and the spotlight her family’s story has shone on gaps in funded care. Garraway’s public, often candid updates — whether a grateful Instagram about a stranger’s kindness at a gig or frank commentary about finances and care — continue to draw a mixture of sympathy and scrutiny.

Daily Mail editors said they had contacted Garraway’s representatives for comment at the time her item was published. The broader record of Draper’s illness and Astra Aspera’s administration remains documented in public filings and multiple news reports that have tracked both the family’s personal loss and the financial and policy conversations it has prompted.

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