

MRF Media contact CHATHAM, Kent

Chatham mother's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.

Hazel Fillery

Hazel's 24 year old son Mark developed meningitis and septicaemia at the age of 10 weeks in 1984. For 18 months he was epileptic and deaf but by the time he was 14 he have recovered completely. Mark's 10 month old daughter Ruby (Hazel's granddaughter) also developed meningitis in June 2008. Mark has recovered well and Ruby is making good progress with her recovery.

Said Hazel: "My son Mark and granddaughter Ruby both suffered from meningitis when they were babies. Thankfully they both recovered but it was a nightmare experience for our family. Babies under one year old are 38 times more likely to get meningitis than those over one, and two babies will die every week from the diseases. It's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms, that's why I'm supporting Meningitis Research Foundation's Awareness Week."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

If you'd like to speak to Hazel, contact the MRF Communications team: 01454 281811