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Newbury parents' warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.

Paul and Janet Walter.

Paul and Janet's son Toby died 23 Feb 1993 aged 1yr, on the anniversary of his christening. He suffered from pneumococcal meningitis. Paul and Janet are very keen to raise awareness about meningitis and septicaemia so that other parents don't have to go through the same ordeal.

Said Paul: "We lost our son Toby to deadly meningitis in 1993. He was just one year old. His death was 16 years ago but we still think about him often. If you spot meningitis symptoms early and seek medical attention immediately there's a much greater chance that your child will survive. Babies under one are 38 times more susceptible to meningitis and septicaemia than older children and adults. Two babies die each week from the disease, so it's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms. We're supporting MRF's awareness week and urge parents, carers, and anyone who has contact with babies to visit their website. It could save a life."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

If you'd like to talk to Paul and Janet, contact MRF's Communications team: 01454 281811