

## **MRF Media contact AYLESBURY, Buckinghamshire**

### **Aylesbury mother's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.**

Helen Davies

Sons Dillon & Joshua both had meningitis in infancy. Dillon recovered from pneumococcal meningitis in April 2005 aged just 7 weeks. Joshua recovered from meningococcal septicaemia in December 2001 aged just 5 months.

Helen says: My sons Joshua and Dillon both had meningitis when they were under a year old. Thankfully they recovered but only after treatment in two hospitals. It's vitally important to be aware of the symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia, especially in babies, as two babies die from the diseases every week, and the under ones are 38 times more likely to get meningitis than older children and adults. I'm supporting MRF's awareness week and would urge all parents to call the helpline and get free symptoms information - it could save a life."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

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