

## **MRF Media contact BUNGAY, Suffolk**

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### **Bungay parents' warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.**

Charlotte & Matthew Myall – daughter Ruby had meningitis.

Baby Ruby - who is now four - contracted pneumococcal meningitis just before Christmas 2005 aged just 21 weeks. Charlotte had never been to doctors with Ruby, but on a Monday afternoon in December, Ruby was acting a bit grizzly. She had a restless night so mum took her to Doctors on the Tuesday morning where she was diagnosed with a suspected virus. She deteriorated and was rushed to hospital.

Said Charlotte: “Our daughter Ruby had pneumococcal meningitis during her first Christmas. When we got to hospital, she had a high-pitched cry that sounded like a squealing pig. It was days before she started getting better and we had been warned by the doctors about the seriousness of the condition. Ruby has been left with damage to her hearing, but we’re just glad she survived as we know that others aren’t so lucky. Babies under one year old are the group most at-risk from meningitis. Two babies die every week and many more are left with life-altering after-effects such as brain damage, deafness and amputations. Knowing the symptoms can save a life, that’s why I am supporting Meningitis Research Foundation’s Meningitis Awareness Week. Ring their helpline or go to their website for free symptoms information. It only takes a minute but it could make all the difference.”

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

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