

## MONTH 2

A much better month than last!

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

Actually got out of the house today, took her to see Granny Attrill in Winchester. She had the miseries today and wouldn't settle. Granny had a cuddle and after giving her a bottle half hour early left Granny's at 1.30pm (Granny was tired anyway). Got home and she and I fell asleep together on the sofa until 3.45pm!



### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

Took her to ITT today (where I worked) to see everyone. They have now moved back upstairs onto the mezzanine floor where there are no windows. She still had the grumps today and it was very hot as well upstairs. Didn't stay too long, as I wanted to get back home in time for her feed. Managed to see my old boss briefly as we were leaving, as he had been in a meeting. Not impressed at the new office, it was so quiet, cramped, dark, and hot.

When Daddy (Dave) got home I had a bit of an emotional outburst but he calmed me down – he's been great, such a rock and very supportive – I love him so much.

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

Meriel & Lorraine (formally ITT now PEI) came over to see her at lunch-time today. Bought her a lovely baby-gym with flashing lights and sound – great!!!!!!!!!!

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

Got my first menstrual cycle today since giving birth – OH MY GOD!!! – Can't wait to go back on some contraception to sort this out, it's like it was when I was 17...

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2006

Had a call first-thing from Kingfisher Housing Association to ask if I would be interested in a house.

Took her to the baby-clinic first thing to get her weighed (12lb 1oz at 6 weeks) and then went to Mothercare's to have her Pixi-foto taken today, they spent about 45 minutes taking different shots by which time I called a halt as she was hot and tired. Pick up 'free' photo in 2 weeks time – spent £25 on one sheet of another photo in wallet sized pictures to give to family.

Had a quick look at the house on the way home and then the Housing Association back to say definitely yes and to send me the relevant documentation, so we could arrange a

viewing. DaddyDave phoned at lunchtime and told him about the house, he will have a look at it on the way home tonight.

Went to see Nikki in the afternoon and Verity had her photo taken again. Nikki is Winnie the Pooh mad and has about 300 cuddly toys, had arranged them all on her spare double bed and we put Verity in the middle, talk about 'spot the baby'! Didn't stay long as Nikki had to go shopping and didn't even have any milk to make me a cup of tea...

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

She whinged all day! Granny Oxlade dropped Richard off after school and Verity was still whinging. DaddyDave came home and she still wouldn't settle, tried to put her down in the pram at 7pm and she cried/ screamed for an hour until we finally caved in and picked her up again. Gave her a last feed at about 9pm and she finally went down.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Met DaddyDave and the man from the Housing Association at 5pm at the house, so that we could have a look around it. He did his inspection report (as the house had only been empty since Monday) while we looked around. Asked us if we wanted it and we accepted there and then. Gave him the documentation requested in their letter there so he could drop it back in the office as he was off to Ireland tonight and won't be back until Wednesday. Reckoned it will be ready in approximately 2-3 weeks – Blimey!!!...

At least we are in the fortunate position that we can decorate, carpet and get some new furniture first before we move, then we will need to paint the 2 bedrooms here (in the mobile home) before we can put it on the market.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Went for Sunday dinner at Granny Oxlade's (DaddyDave's mum) – first time since before I gave birth.

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Took Verity (& me) for our 6 week check-up at the Doctors this morning. Pushed her down in her pram, as it was easier. Appointment was at 10 am and she was due for a feed at 10.30 am but managed to keep her occupied until we finally got home at mid-day!.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

She slept from 8pm last night until 5.30 am!! – Best yet (8 & half hours)

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Last bottle last night was stretched out until 9pm and she slept all night until 7am!!!!!! (10 hours),....

### **Thursday 21st September, 2006**

Gave her a bath last night and last bottle at 8pm but she didn't sleep all the night – had to feed her again at 4.15am (8 & quarter hours) – can't complain really though. She is now doing 6 ounces regularly and 4 & half hours apart.

### **Friday 22nd September, 2006**

Another good night – put her to bed at 10pm last night and she slept until 8am – gave a little murmur at 5.15 and 6.30 a.m. but sucked her thumb till about 7am.

### **Saturday 23rd September, 2006**

Increased her feeds today to 7 ounces, bed again last night at 10am and slept until 8am.

### **Sunday 24th September, 2006**

Would appear that keeping her up is working and now sleeping through the night on a regular basis. Daddy and I decided to get jiggy this evening and had a massive craving after for a Pizza!! – Ordered it and ate most of it – first time properly since getting pregnant!!! (Not necessarily a good thing though as very fattening...)

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Would appear that she is now sleeping through the night on a regular basis – goes to bed around 8.30-9.30 and sleeps until 6.30-8am – yippee!

Sonia (lady- friend from work) came over at lunchtime to see Verity– (she'd resigned from ITT the day I went on Maternity leave.)

Went and saw Granny & Granddad Mott this evening as it was Granddad's birthday – got his first 'Granddad' birthday card from Verity (because we could.)

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Took her to Baby clinic to get weighed today (12lbs 10oz – 8 weeks old) and then went round to see Uncle Chaz & Auntie Mandy.

Took her in her buggy in the evening to a meeting the residents of our Mobile Home Park had with the Council, and she had her picture taken by the Press (don't expect it will make print though..) – Eventful evening to say the least.

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

Picked up Richard (her step-brother) from school then went up to Mothercare to get her Pixi-foto's.

DaddyDave came home from College very tired, tried to do his homework and got stressed with the computer, then burnt the dinner and put Verity in a bad mood so she got very irritable and ended up having her night-time bottle an hour early (they say Babies pick up on bad vibes!!).

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

She woke quite early this morning (6am) but wasn't so bad as had to get up to sort out Richard and get him to school for 9am.

Daddy rang to say there was an article in the Gazette but nothing in the Observer, but when Granny Mott came over she had about 10 copies of the Observer and Verity had made the front page!!!

Granny came with us to the doctor's as Verity was to have her first injections today – Granny held her while I turned away as I couldn't watch, and got upset when she started to cry – mind you we weren't sure whether or not that was because of the needle or the fact we had to wake her up when we got her out of the car seat!!!

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

She woke up early again this morning (5.30am) but managed to put her down again ok only to be woken up again at 8am, by builders, demolishing the old Fire hydrant down the road, with an angle grinder. I went out and had a word with them in my dressing gown and let them know that I wasn't impressed in the least.... They finished that job but then came back at 9am with a jack-hammer to dig up the concrete!!.

Went round Nikki's this evening with her whilst Daddy was at work, (she was very clingy all day.) Got home at 9pm but she wouldn't go down in her cot straight away, had to wrap her up and rock her to sleep then put her down.

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

She woke up at 1am and 5.30am for a feed – very unusual seeing as how she has been sleeping through the night now for about 2 weeks – suspected she wasn't feeling particularly special after her injections.

Went shopping early and she then wanted cuddling again after her feed at 10am for 2 hours before I managed to detach her and put her down in her pram.

Granny & Granddad Mott came over to see her this afternoon – actually remembered to offer them a cup of tea this time when they arrived instead of them sitting there for 2 hours not being offered a single cup!!.

Daddy went out to work again tonight and Verity decided to move her next bottle forward by an hour – didn't mind though, because I thought then that at least the next one would be approx 10pm and then she would go to bed – how wrong I was. She started screaming at 9pm and couldn't be pacified. Ended up shouting at Daddy down the radio – something along the lines of 'what am I supposed to do' – The general consensus was to give her some Calpol – did so and she shut up immediately, can't still be feeling very well after her injections. Managed to delay her next bottle until 4 and a half hours as it should have been.!