

MONTH 5

Friday 1st December, 2006

Officially 4 months old today!!

You were a bugger to go down last night, Daddy ended up laying on your bedroom floor with you on his tummy till you went to sleep and I then put you in your cot.

In return you decided to wake up at 4.45am!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Went in and turned you onto your tummy – you felt a bit cold so not sure if it was that or the slippery slope towards weaning time?. You still didn't sleep past 7.30am and were then very impatient you're your bottle.



Went to work today for my 'Return to work' interview with my boss this morning. Came home and then after lunch we caught the bus into town so I could collect your Christmas present (Tickle me Elmo), got a couple more Christmas presents and then caught the bus home. Got in just in time for Auntie Veronica to call to say could she have some directions again.



They arrived some minutes later and spent the afternoon with us before going and Daddy and then disappeared out to work too leaving us on our own again.

Sarah stayed to keep us company which you thought was great as you really like Sarah.

Had trouble putting you down to sleep tonight but got you off eventually.

Saturday 2nd December, 2006

Gave you a bath and bottle and you went straight to bed with no problems!.

Watched 'Take that' live and demolished a whole tub of Strawberry Cheesecake Hagen Daz to myself!!!! – Yummy.....

Sunday 3rd December, 2006

The bitch from hell!!!. You were reasonably ok in the morning, did a massive nappy but about 12am you started crying, Daddy came downstairs and tried to pacify you, I shouted and Daddy shouted at me and we ended up giving you a bottle half an hour early. You then started doing it again later but fell asleep for 2 hours eventually after I managed to stay calm and calm you down.

The minute Richard went home you were fine and lay on the mat cooing and gurgling!!.

Monday 4th December, 2006

Woke up at 7.30am as normal, went and got you and laid you on the bed with me for quarter of an hour. Got up and did bottles etc downstairs as usual and then came back up and got you dressed. Managed to keep you quite calm until bottle time.

Did some housework and you started winging a little and when I picked you up realised you had a dirty bum. Sorted you out and put you in your bouncer and rocked you. You fell asleep at 9.45am so came upstairs and sorted out the photographs on the digital camera and updated the blog.

Went over and saw Granny & Granddad Mott in the afternoon, you had a lovely time playing with Granny on the floor while she rolled you over and fell asleep (eventually) on me at 2.45pm.

Went to the Mobile home on the way home to pick up the post and you were sparko, bought you indoors and left you in the car seat on the bean-bag until you woke up at

Tuesday 5th December, 2006

18 weeks today, Took you to Baby Clinic today and then stayed on after for the 'Weaning' talk.

Went over to Nikki's after and gave you your lunch-time bottle before we went out to MacDonald's via the Post office. Left you in the car with Nikki while I went in the Post office and the queue was quite long. By the time I got back out to the car Nikki had had to calm you down as you were getting grumpy in your car seat.

You shut up the minute we got going again and were as good as gold while we ate in at MacDonald's.

Wednesday 6th December, 2006

Didn't do much today. Walked up the school at 3.30pm to collect Richard from after-school club.

Thursday 7th December, 2006

Granny Mott came over in the afternoon to take us to the Doctors for you to get your third set of injections. Mummy was brave last time but couldn't do it this time. You were such a brave little soldier and this time we got you plasters (one for each leg) as you bled quite a bit last time. Think the Nurse didn't like us asking too much but tough!!.

Friday 8th December, 2006

Saturday 9th December, 2006

Morrison's shop

Sunday 10th December, 2006

Black-bushe

Monday 11th December, 2006

Granny (pm)

Tuesday 12th December, 2006

Town Christmas shopping

Wednesday 13th December, 2006

Thursday 14th December, 2006

Went for a job interview at Morrison's in the evening. Sarah Louise drove me over and waited then we did a bit of shopping in the store after.

Came back and you had been fine – Sarah then stayed and we had a curry night.

Friday 15th December, 2006

Today was a BAD day!!!!!!!!!! – you were funny really from the moment you woke up, didn't settle for your morning nap and only nabbed two, 10 minute sleeps. Slept for 45 minutes in the afternoon before Granny & Granddad Mott came over at 3pm.

You started getting very upset about 4pm and couldn't be consoled until I gave you your 5pm bottle early at 4.15pm. This then continued again in the evening at about 6pm – managed to get you to sleep at 8pm for an hour before putting you down at 9.15pm after your last bottle.

Saturday 16th December, 2006

You woke up today a completely different child!. You spent the day in an excellent mood and had your naps no problem at the right times for the right length of time!!. This evening you were on the mat and were playing going from your front to your side and onto your back – also trying to crawl but digging your toes into the play mat and pushing forward – NOT LONG NOW.....

Sunday 17th December, 2006

Miserable as sin again today!!!!. In the evening Daddy ended up putting you inside his jacket and taking you outside while he played around with the Chimnea. You looked like one of the characters out of Total Recall...

Morrison's phoned and offered me a job but working in the Petrol station and more hours than I wanted.

Daddy changed you for your night-time bottle and in the time it took him to chuck the dirty nappy bag down the stairs and come back to you (seconds) you had farted and had a little bit of greyish poo around your bum and the smell was horrendous.... Think that because you haven't been today you may be suffering from a bit of constipation which upsets you greatly. Didn't have too much trouble putting you down but did have to do the trick of putting you on your front and then turning you over once you had gone to sleep.

Monday 18th December, 2006

Woke up by shouting this morning as I had fallen back asleep after Daddy went to work. Gave you your morning bottle and you had a dirty nappy – yippee..

Played for a little bit and then had a nap at 9.30am and actually managed to put you down in the Pram!.

Got a load of washing on and had some time then to update the blog.

You were a good girl all day up until 8.30 when you starting getting tired and shouting for you bottle and bed.

Tuesday 19th December, 2006

Got up at 8am, fed you and then had a bath while you played on the bed as good as gold.

Had a dirty nappy again after morning feed (and also this afternoon after that bottle – yippee).

Went out to Granny & Granddad Mott's to drop off a present and a card at Lorraine's then to the Council offices to put in a claim. You winged a bit there but fell asleep eventually in the car seat while we were waiting.

Went to baby clinic (20 weeks – 17lbs 8oz) and spoke to the Health Visitor about your winging episodes and general unhappiness and both agreed that like before was down to your last Immunisation jabs and things should improve in the next couple of days.

Got home and we had lunch then Nikki came over with a lovely cream cake. Stayed for an hour or so and when she left we went for a walk with the pram down to Morrison's to get a Christmas Card for Daddy and a present from you.

You fell asleep on the way back and stayed there when we got in until 4.30pm and when you did wake up were in a good mood!!!.

Wednesday 20th December, 2006

Got up as usual at 8am and fed you, Postman came with a parcel for Daddy and Daddy also called early as he knew we were going out. Went shopping at Sainsbury's to get some Veg and had a look at the High-chair's in Mothercare's while we were there.

Uncle Charles and your Cousin's Alex, Courtney & Josie came over just after I had got through 2 weeks worth of ironing to see you and watched for a little while while you were fed (and had a little dirty nappy again – yippee!). Girls were good and played upstairs on the landing while Uncle Charles fell asleep on our sofa. Alex was a good boy really and you watched me while I got the washing up done. They left and got the house hovered before it was time to sit down and snuggle you for your afternoon nap.

Stayed in all afternoon waiting for my friend Brytta to come but she finally arrived about 6pm!! (Typical Brytt's).

Took you next door (finally) to meet our neighbours and everyone had a cuddle and then Daddy went out to see his friend while we stayed in. You were a good girl again and had you fed and in bed asleep by the time Daddy got back at 9.15pm.

Thursday 21st December, 2006

Got up, fed you and got you dressed and then left you to play on our bed while I had a bath. Finally got round to painting my toe-nails by which time you were ready for snuggles and then managed to put you down again in the pram for your nap.

Over to Karen's in the afternoon.

Friday 22nd December, 2006

Saturday 23rd December, 2006

Went shopping at Morrison's first thing and then went straight to Granny Mott's to give her her birthday card. Gave her a cake as well with a candle on and sang happy birthday to her.

Unfortunately the present I had bought (a book) as I suspected she already had so will have to take a trip into town next week to change it – DOH!

Sunday 24th December, 2006

Richard came at 5pm and went with Daddy and Sarah to work (working an extra evening as not working next weekend.)

You were a good girl for me

Monday 25th December, 2006

Christmas Day – Got up as normal at 8am and went downstairs. Daddy turned on the lounge lights and one of the bulbs blew and tripped the downstairs electrics – Daddy soon got it sorted though.

Fed you and Richard then got you dressed and did the bottles. Daddy looked after you while I had a quick bath then back downstairs again to open presents. Extremely pleased with mine – you got me a lovely Necklace with Peridot in and Daddy bought me my Eternity ring with Peridot in that I had asked for. Sorted my hair, packed the car and then went to Granny & Granddad Mott's.

Richard behaved quite well but did as badly with his Christmas dinner as I was expecting.

Gave you a taste of Granny's home-made cream (corn flour, icing sugar & water for Dairy intolerant people) which you seemed to like.

Opened presents after dinner and then all went for a walk and took you in your pram.

You didn't really sleep much today and didn't have your evening nap either which resulted in your having a bit of an ab-dab at 7'ish at which point we decided to go home.

Had your bottle and went down but were a bit unsettled so was up and down the stairs for about 20 minutes but you went off eventually.

Tuesday 26th December, 2006

Got up at 8am after a restless night and went straight downstairs to sort out bottles and the steriliser. You decided that today you were going to have a lie in and didn't wake up until 8.45am!.

Daddy took Richard home at 10am and battles to get him to eat his breakfast (as usual) and then came back and picked us up.

Packed the car and went over to Granny Oxlade's & Granddad Ray's.

You were a very good girl today and had good naps and two wicked nappies!!!!. Also Granny gave you your first taste of home-made Custard.

Had a small hic-cup as I put you on the floor too near the wooden coffee table and you tried to turn over and ended up bumping your head. Daddy had to console you while Granny rubbed some aloe Vera into your war wounds.

Came home at 7pm as exhausted and need to give you a bath. Got home and after a short cuddle you had your evening nap no problem on the sofa.

Gave you your bath and bottle and put you down while I came and updated the blog. Had to put you on your front for a little bit but you went to sleep very quickly after that.

Wednesday 27th December, 2006

Had a lie in again this morning as you didn't wake up until 8.45am but really didn't feel well at all. We did our normal morning routine then went off out in the car to the Mobile Home to collect post then nipped into Morrison's so Daddy could get sausage meat to go in the chicken tomorrow.

Went on to Mothercare's and bought you a high-chair but didn't bother buying any clothes as even the reduced ones were expensive (will go into town next Thursday and use vouchers in somewhere like Woolworths of QS).

Went to Babies 'r' us on the way back and Daddy got you a light's and sound play centre to go in your cot which you can record voices onto. I spent most of the rest of the day curled up on the sofa which a bad head, shivers and feeling sick.

Nikki popped round in the afternoon as Graham had worked over Christmas.

Went to bed shortly after you as still didn't feel very well but had to get up a couple of times as you wouldn't settle either. Had only taken half of your feeds all day so suspect you weren't feeling great either. Had just dropped off at 11.55pm and you woke up again so when Daddy came up he turned you over and stayed up for another 15 mins until you went to sleep before turning you back and coming to bed.

Thursday 28th December, 2006

Spent most of last night trying to sleep on the sofa as woke up at 12.30pm with severe tummy ache. Got up for a wee and felt sick but went back to bed. Up again at 3.30am and tried to be sick at which point I decided to go down-stairs and sleep sitting up on the sofa. Tried to be sick twice more but no luck. Tried eating a biscuit to see if that helped as I hadn't eaten much the day before and it might be that and it worked for a little while.

You woke as normal at 8am and I came upstairs and got you.

Didn't do much in the morning as felt so rough but tried to eat to see if that helped my tummy. You did a mega pooey nappy so bad that Daddy had to help me undress and clean you up! – Decided that you would have an extra bath tonight as it was extremely smelly poo and even managed to get some in your hair!!!.

Sarah finally got back from Cambridge and turned up at 4pm. Opened pressies and Daddy cooked a wicked roast dinner and 3 different puddings for after. Sarah was great and did the washing up as I still wasn't feeling particularly well.

Sarah came and watched while you had your bath and helped me move the Chester drawers in your room (great having a house because it means I can move stuff around – it's going to drive Daddy mad!!!).

Started feeling a bit better late evening and we went to bed and Sarah went home at 11pm.

Friday 29th December, 2006

You had a lie in again this morning – 8.30am. Turfed Daddy out of bed this morning to see to you while I went down and got your bottle ready.

You did a bit better this morning and took five and a half ounces and got you to have a nap from 10.30 to 11.30am. Daddy went and had a bath, came down and looked after you while I had a bath too. When you woke up you were in a good mood. Turned you over to play for a little while and then decided I could smell Poo so bought you upstairs. You had leaked through the sides (again!) and as I pulled your legs up to pull back the vest the poo RAN out of the nappy and up your back – DAVE!!!!!! Was shouted and we decided that after trying to clean you up you had to have another bath.

Daddy and I agreed that we were right when we had said we didn't think you had been feeling well either. Got you dried and dressed and gave you your lunch bottle but you only took four ounces.

Went over to Granny & Granddad Mott's at 2pm for the Christmas all family get together – all I can hope is you don't have another nappy like this morning's!!.



As soon as we got to Granny & Granddad's, Uncle Charles pinched you out of the car before we even had to time to get you inside!

You were quite good but had a bit of an ab-dab like Christmas day when you couldn't settle as we were opening presents and there was so much going on so I took you into the other room to get you to sleep then put you down on the spare bed amongst the coats for a sleep. You stayed there no problems until 4.45pm and then had your bottle.

Saturday 30th December, 2006

Gave you your morning bottle and you decided to have another runny poo and hence another bath, decided to ring Hants Doc for some advice and got a prescription for you for some dioralyte to put in water – problem being is you hate water and Daddy ended up trying to get some in you using a syringe instead.

You had another runny nappy in the evening but you still seem fine in yourself.

Daddy ended up lying on your bedroom floor to get you to sleep as you wouldn't settle.

Sunday 31st December, 2006

Spent the day taking down decorations and cleaning.

You had a monty pooey nappy the minute Sarah turned up in the evening and Daddy had to give you yet another bath. Rang Hants Doc again and they advised not to worry unless it hadn't cleared up before Tuesday. Unfortunately you can't starve Babies and so you have to wait for the bug to work itself out of the system.

I ended up having to settle you tonight by lying on our bed. Once you had gone you even slept through the fireworks at Midnight and trust me they were close and loud.

Didn't go to bed until we had welcomed the new year in.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**