

Newport babies



Rosie Jean Sims

Back in February our second child Rosie was born. We had planned a home birth and were all prepared with my mum due to fly in from Australia a few days before the due date. However, the weather reports were forecasting heavy snow.

That evening the snow began to fall, and then my waters broke at 11.30pm. I was pretty calm, however my husband Mark was not so calm, the reality setting in of the prospect of a home birth. The midwife was called, however we were informed she was stuck somewhere between Thaxted and Saffron Walden, and the second midwife, who was due to come from Epping had no chance of getting to us. Driving to the hospital was out of the question!

It was time to call an ambulance, however about 10 minutes later I was screaming that I was ready to push! Mum was ordered to the 'business end' by my wise husband while he spoke to the dispatcher and took command. Mercifully it was a quick birth and luckily there were no complications, and our beautiful little daughter was delivered safe into the hands of my mum. With the cord still attached we waited for the ambulance to arrive, which took about another 20 minutes. It was decided to transfer me and the baby to Addenbrooke's to get us checked out, but it meant having to trudge through the snow in my dressing gown and boots to the ambulance. It had stopped snowing by then, but still took us an hour to get to Addenbrooke's, passing trapped cars and lorries on the way!

We were able to come home the next day, with both mother and baby doing very well. **By Jessica Sims**

Ava May Alexander
22 March 2012

Jacob William Aldwinckle
13 August 2012

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5 February 2012

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