

**Ruth Bastian
Chair**

I had twins Isabelle and Louis at 24 weeks in July 2006 which meant they stayed on Buscot for 5 months. They both suffered from Chronic Lung disease and were ventilated from birth for a number of weeks. Louis had surgery for NEC when he was a week old and then laser eye surgery. He recovered well from both his operations with no further complications apart from having to wear glasses. They are now 4 years old and are doing really well. I decided to get involved with BIBS when they celebrated their first birthday and have been Chair for three years.



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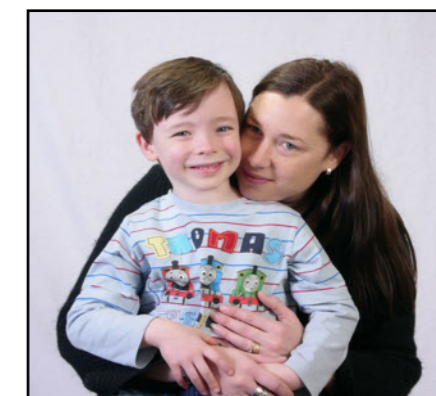
**Louise Storey
Secretary**

My little boy Jack was born at 24 weeks gestation in April 2007. He was in Buscot for three months and went home one day before his due date and was on oxygen at home for approximately six weeks. Jack was born at 1.06oz (630g) and suffered from brain haemorrhages, bleeding of the lungs, septicaemia plus other complications but he is now a very happy and healthy 3 year old considering his start in life and absolutely loves pre-school!



**Tania Armstrong
Deputy Chair**

My son, Edward, was born in August 2002 at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. After 2 weeks he was transferred to Buscot and spent a further 2.5 months there before going home. Edward was born at 27 weeks due to Pre-Eclampsia and HELLP Syndrome. He weighed a little over 2lb but is now a happy (and heavy!) 8 year old who is now in year 4 at school.



**Ellen and Ian Clinch
Supporters**

Emily and Lucy were born in April 2009 at 31 weeks. They stayed in Buscot for a month. At the time, it seemed to take forever, but they gradually got stronger and bigger. Since then they have continued to thrive and we have just celebrated their first birthday.



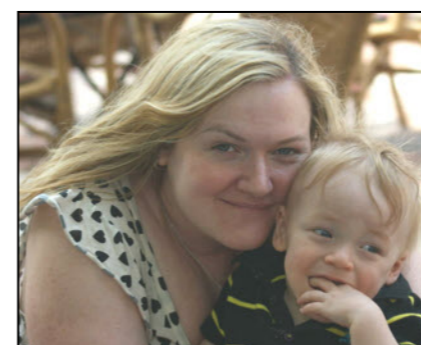
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**Anna Fry
Treasurer**

I joined the BIBS committee after my son, Henry, was born in November 2008 and spent 15 weeks on the unit. Henry was born at 27 weeks gestation weighing 740g (1lb 10oz) when I suffered from severe pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome during pregnancy. Henry had a rocky start with numerous infections and complications, including a trip to the John Radcliffe for a hernia operation, but in February 2009 he was discharged in oxygen. Since discharge he has made fantastic progress and is now a happy (if somewhat cheeky!) little boy.



**Susan Cant
Supporter**

My son Sam was born in May 1996 at 34 weeks weighing 4lb 7oz and ventilated for 10 days. Matthew was born in April 2000 at 30 weeks he weighed 3lb 3oz. He was in a lot better shape than his brother Sam and was breathing on his own quicker but stayed in hospital for 10 weeks. Matthew was born in Slough and transferred to Buscot four days later when they had the room. Lastly Amelia she was born in November 2008 at 29 weeks weighing 2lb 13oz she had 3 blood transfusions, contracted NEC at four weeks old and suffers from reflux. Although it has been hard with each child I have gained some very special friends through Buscot.



**Claudia Piller
Committee member**

Tom was born in July 2005 at 27 weeks and 630 grams because I had severe pre-eclampsia. He was very poorly and needed his PDA clipped in Oxford to save him. After 4,5 months in Buscot and a hernia operation he finally came home on oxygen. He needed more than a year to come off oxygen completely and still has an eye condition called nystagmus. But he doesn't mind and is now a really cute 5 year old who just started school, enjoys life and is the pride and joy of his mummy and daddy.

