

~~~~ SARAH'S PREGNANCY DIARY EXTRACTS FOLLOWING 2ND IVF ATTEMPT ~~~~

03.01.06 (? weeks pregnant - I think it's 4)

OMG - I'm a monster! I shouldn't have got on those scales just before I went to bed, fully dressed - no more pies for me! I have just had the Christmas and New Year with no drink and I thought I would be slimmer than ever, must have been those IVF drugs - yes, let's blame them. First day back at work was okay, couldn't think of anything except getting home and surfing pregnancy websites. Went into town at lunchtime and sneezed in Clinton Cards - I thought it was all over as I had a sharp pain in my groin -

Dear God I hope it doesn't mean anything bad. Only 17 days until the scan - that will answer our questions. No more fizzy drinks, maximum of 3 cups of tea a day and no pigging out on crap - oh joy! Sat in Town Church for 10 mins at lunchtime and prayed for everything to work out. Please God let it.

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20.01.06 - Scan Day

Today began with a semi-powercut whilst making tea and hot cross buns (a bit early I know) for breakfast. Arrived at MSG at 09.40 for scan appointment as nervous as anything. We tried to read magazines and make conversation but could only watch as heavily pregnant women wandered in and out of their appointments. Eventually it was our turn. It took a while to sink in, but then we saw it! Our

little blob on the screen and in the middle of the blob was a fluttering heartbeat! We were both very emotional and came away with a couple of photos and aching faces from smiling and crying so much. It was so lovely to see Dean's face and hear him talking with such excitement about seeing the heartbeat.

Work dragged, met Ali and Sam for lunch - had texts and calls from everyone it seems - everyone so happy - not as happy as me though! We have another scan in 3 weeks just to make sure that he/she is still hanging in there - hopefully you will still be fine. Thank you God for this miracle, please help us to

keep it going.

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09.02.06 - 2nd Scan Day

Our major wait is over, we saw your little hands, feet and heart today, you really are growing inside me! I woke this morning so convinced that the scan was going to show that you had ceased to be (like our last little miracle who didn't last so long), but there you were - as right as rain! We couldn't believe that we could see your fingers. We have another picture of you, looking more like a jelly baby than a prawn this time. Keep going little one, don't stop now. Only 7 months until we meet you. September 10th is the day we've been given. We have a midwife appointment next Thursday when we find out some more information. We have a few decisions to make about whether to have some tests to find out if you have any problems that we should worry about - we both think we know that we don't want them. You are who you are and we will love you whatever, we've been through too much to pick and choose what you have or haven't got. Everyone is so happy, a friend cried at work. It's not totally public yet but I feel like climbing on top of the highest building and shouting it to everyone!

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02.05.06

Well it's been a while since I've written in my diary - got a bit complacent I think. Things are going well, now 22 weeks and everything seems fine. I feel enormous and am slightly nervous about how big I'm going to get over the next 20 weeks. I've put on a stone - eek - people tell me it's all baby - mmm. not sure that makes me feel much better.

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25.07.06

All still on track! All of a sudden I have a week and a half until I leave work - I'm looking forward to it but I'm not. It's like leaving a part of my life, I've been working since I was 17 and I am now 35. That's nearly 20 years of working - leaving to do something I have no experience in is a bit scary but exciting as it's the job I've wanted since I was at school. Mother - wow, what will I be like - I hope I'm not too rubbish

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- I hope he or she knows that I love them and that everything I do will be because I love them - what if...  
no, let's not go there - let's be positive - we've got this far... Please God, keep him or her safe x

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20.08.06

Gracious me! I am enormous, I am getting quite uncomfortable now, bump is so low down - very surreal when baby starts to move about - feels like Alien and your about to stick your fist through my stomach - yuk, that's gross! I'm worried that when I sleep I will squash you. Liz had her baby today - I can't believe she's stolen your name if you are a girl - that's the only one we had. Why did we think that your name would be so individual - shows what we know. Grr, quite annoyed actually. We are going to have to think again.

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10.09.06

Eek, things might be happening. Went to a BBQ yesterday and had a really strange feeling in my toes - D was asking whether I was having contractions - how the heck do I know - I've never had them before. It didn't hurt - as such - so I don't think so. God my back hurts. Please be healthy, please be alive.

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That was the last diary entry - Amelia Margaret Faith was born 2 days later, safe and beautiful. My friend changed her daughter's name so we kept the one we wanted!