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Head shave for Jake



Upton mum Sophie Charlesworth is preparing to have her hair shaved in memory of her baby son.

Miss Charlesworth will have her head shaved by Leeds Rhinos players Kallum Watkins and Zak Hardaker to raise funds for Group B Strep Support.

Her son, Jake Reynolds, died from the infection 15 hours after being born on Mother's Day in 2011.

Group B Streptococcus (GBS) is a usually harmless bacteria but it can cause septicaemia, pneumonia or meningitis in newborn babies. Jake developed septicaemia.

The hair-razing event will take place at The Gantry pub, Upton, on Saturday, April 5 – two days after what would have been Jake's third birthday.

Group B Strep Support is a charity that campaigns for pregnant women to be told about the infection and for GBS-specific testing to be freely available to pregnant women.

Miss Charlesworth said: "Kallum is a friend of the family and understands what we went through when Jake died and I work with Zak's mum. We now have little Anaylece, who was born in July 2012, however we miss our little man so much – he simply didn't stand a chance as GBS took over his body.

"We do not want anyone else to have to go through what we have and that's why we do what we do and try to raise awareness and as much money as we can. Please help support the charity Group B Strep Support inform pregnant women and health professionals about

GBS - it can save a tiny life."

The fundraising event starts at noon, with a children's disco from 3pm and the 'mane' event taking place at 7pm.

Tickets cost £10 and are now on sale at The Gantry, off Waggon Lane. To donate visit www.gbss.org.uk and search for Miss Charlesworth's page in the fundraising section.



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