

Group B Strep Awareness Week ran from 3 to 9 December 2007.

We sent out a pack of information and awareness materials to every maternity unit in the UK. If you visit a local maternity unit, we'd hope you'll see GBS posters displayed – if not maybe you could ask why? We also sent out materials to many supporters who displayed them in places where there would be lots of mums, pregnant women and people who would want to know about GBS. To try and improve what we do for the next Group B Strep Awareness Week (probably in 2009), we recently sent out Feedback forms. If you have not received one and would like to give us your views on Group B Strep Awareness Week let us know.

We'll be reporting more about Group B Strep Awareness Week in a future newsletter

2008 is promising to be a very busy year

On 23 January 2008, Nicholas Soames MP will be escorting us to deliver a **Petition to the Prime Minister** at No 10 Downing Street. A number of MPs will be joining us. If you haven't already signed the Petition, time is running out – it closes on Saturday, 19th January 2008. Click on the link [here](http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/groupbstrep/) (or paste <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/groupbstrep/> into your browser) and please add your name.

On February 9 2008, **Rosie's Valentine Ball** will be held at The Botleigh Grange Hotel, Hedge End, Southampton. All profits will be donated to GBSS. It was a fantastic event last time and, if you'd like to be there this year, please contact us and we'll forward your e-mail on to the organiser, Lindsay Birkett.

In February 2008, our supporters are organising a **Reception at Stormont** to raise greater awareness of preventing GBS infection in Northern Ireland. If you live in Northern Ireland and would like to attend, please let us know and we'll pass your e-mail on to the organiser, Susan Kyle.

And later in the year, our **GBS & Pregnancy leaflet will be produced in English and Welsh**, which will help raise awareness about GBS in Wales. The production of this leaflet has been made possible due to the help and support of Lydia Lloyd and her MP Nia Griffith. Thank you!

That's all for now. We'll be in touch again in another couple of months. If you'd prefer not to receive e-mails such as this from us, just let us know.

Best wishes,

The GBSS Team

NOT MUCH TIME LEFT - PLEASE PETITION THE PRIME MINISTER NOW

Please sign the online petition at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/groupbstrep/> to help prevent life-threatening group b Strep infection in newborn babies in the UK – and please forward the link to others who may be interested in signing it.