

The Baby maker

The four women standing, right, have one thing in common – they all suffered the agony of not being able to fall pregnant. Then they turned to Sue Calvert (seated) to transform their heartache to joy. The results are in this photo, and here are their remarkable stories

Kathryn Chapman, 41, and Fraser, nine months, from Sheffield, South Yorkshire

There I was again, back at the hospital. I had a long wait and almost wished I'd brought my husband Murray with me. But it would've been a waste of his time – I was only there to get more routine test results. We'd

had so many tests but doctors couldn't find a reason why I wasn't getting pregnant. We already had a son, Jake, aged three, so why couldn't we have another baby?

The doctor was a middle-aged woman. 'I'm afraid you won't be able to have any more children,' she said matter-of-factly.

Her words stunned me. She said my hormone levels were so high it suggested I had stopped producing oestrogen. 'You're going into early menopause,' she explained.

I was devastated – I was only 40 years old. I knew an alternative solution was my only chance as conventional medicine had run out of answers. I scanned the *Yellow Pages* and looked for a complementary therapist.

'I've treated other women with similar problems,' therapist Sue Calvert told me when I called her. I was relieved because I'd found someone who understood.

Sue gave me reflexology. It was relaxing and I went back to see her regularly. Three months later, I had my hormone levels checked again. They were back to normal. The doctors had no explanation.

Just a few weeks later, the incredible happened. 'I can't be,' I stuttered. But there it was – a thin blue line in the window of the pregnancy test.

Murray and I stared at each other, joy spreading across our faces. Jake jumped around with excitement when we told him.

Fraser will be a year old this September. He is a wonderful boy, a real angel and Jake adores him. I'm so grateful to Sue – he wouldn't be here without her.

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