

Mum's campaign after her pregnancy "nightmare"

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A Langney mum of two is hoping to raise awareness of a little-known condition which can make pregnancy a living nightmare for some women.

Intrahepatic cholestatis of pregnancy (ICP – also known as obstetric cholestasis) is the most common liver condition of pregnancy and causes agonising itching to the hands and feet or sometimes across the rest of the body. The only way it can be dealt with effectively is for the birth to be induced early. At Easter Yvonne Corbishley hosted a tea party at St Luke's Church in Stone Cross to raise funds for this incredible charity. Yvonne suffered the condition in both of her pregnancies. Her supportive husband, Graeme did all the baking for the party and the couple raised £110 with more money to come.

Special Constable Graeme, 33 is no stranger to the ICP Support charity. In September last year he took part in a fundraising bike ride from London to

Windsor. He completed the 55 mile challenge in five hours, 40 minutes and raised £3000 for the cause. Christina Forss from ICP Support said, "ICP affects around 5,000 women per year in the UK.

The main presenting symptom is an 'itch' for the woman, which sounds mild but it can be so debilitating that the woman scratches herself until she bleeds or even puts her bare feet in the snow for some relief from the itch. The condition is connected with an increased risk of spontaneous premature birth, foetal distress and stillbirth."

Christina explained it is not well-known and sometimes women can suffer and be completely unaware that it is a recognised condition.

To find out more visit www.icpsupport.org



Yvonne and her son Jonah