

History making trio mark 25th birthday



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: Triplets Jason, Lorna and Amy Brockwell born in Milton Keynes Hospital in 1984.

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TRIPLETS born the year Milton Keynes Hospital opened celebrated a special birthday at the weekend – coinciding with its silver anniversary.

Lorna, Jason and Amy Brockwell reached the ripe old age of 25 on July 19 – the first triplets born at the hospital in 1984, months after it opened.

Their arrival not only delighted parents Belinda Brockwell and dad Martin, who had to move to a bigger house to accommodate their rapidly growing brood, but captured the public's imagination after their story was featured in the Citizen.

Following the triplets' premature birth and a stay in the hospital's neonatal unit, the Brockwell offspring have thrived, all working locally and two now having children of their own.

First-born Lorna Brockwell is the proud mum of two young daughters of her own, four-year-old Liana and nine-month-old Amelia.

Although currently on maternity leave, Lorna now works at Milton Keynes Hospital helping to carry out hearing screenings for newborn babies.

Brother Jason was the second of the triplets to be born, a minute after Lorna.

"He works at a garage, he loves cars and things," said Lorna. "But he hasn't

had any children yet."

Exactly a minute after the birth of Jason, Amy followed.

Now a swimming teacher at Woughton Leisure Centre, Amy also has a four-year-old daughter, Ellie.

And mum Belinda has since added to the clan with another brother and sister for the triplets, as well as a set of twin boys.

Lorna is a keen supporter of the Little Lives Appeal which raises funds for the hospital's neonatal unit which cared for the triplets back in 1984.

Neonatal unit manager Glenda Deacon said: "People can make donations all the time – have your own events and send a cheque to the hospital or make a donation online through www.mkhospital.nhs.uk/about/donate_to_the_little_lives_appeal.asp.

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