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Fiona Valerian with some photographs of the baby which tragically died.

## Little Callum's life-saving memorial

# BRAVERY OF A MOTHER

Another exclusive story by DENISE GAIGER

Brave mum Fiona Valerian is battling to ease the heartache of bereaved parents after losing her own baby.

Now tributes to the memory of her 'little superman', baby Callum Varian, will save other babies from dying, say kind hearted Hall Green residents.

They are helping to buy essential medical

equipment after the tragic death of the three day old baby boy last October.

Callum, known as 'little superman' to his parents - Fiona and Peter - was born at Solihull Hospital on October 16 and weighed in at a healthy nine pounds five ounces.

"We had two lovely family nights at home with Callum," said 29 year old Fiona, of Redstone Farm Road.

"But on the third day, I had difficulty feed-

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## Anthony foils masked Post Office raiders

By HANNAH WALKER

Solihull schoolboy Anthony Strapp is being hailed as a hero after he unmasked an armed raider who terrified a local post office's customers.

Anthony, aged 13, tackled the six-foot tall raider and pulled off his balaclava helmet when he was struck on the head by the man.

The attempted raid happened when three men burst into Tidbury Green Post Office, Norton Lane, at 5.20pm Tuesday afternoon, forcing customers to lie flat on the floor.

Anthony fought off the

raider while his mum, Linda, the sub-postmistress, locked the door and pulled the alarm causing the raiders to panic and run off empty handed.

### Brave boy

Inspector Bill Wilson of Solihull Police said: "The boy is a very brave young chap," while Mrs Strapp added: "I was only frightened afterwards when I had time to think about it, the shock does not hit till about two or three hours later.

"Anthony had a day off school to recover and visit the doctor."

No one was seriously hurt and there was no damage to the post office.

Police are appealing for help in tracing the three men and the get-a-way vehicle.

The unmasked raider is described as a half-caste male, six foot tall, of medium to stocky build, with black straight hair, shaved at the sides and short on top. He was wearing dark camouflaged type clothing and a dark balaclava.

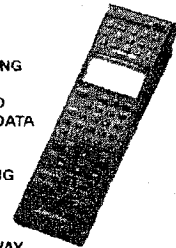
His accomplices are described as six foot to six foot three and of stocky build.

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