

# [Big Pink Link #87](#)

Bonjourno beautiful Big Pink Linkers!

Another weekend has passed us by and in just 5 Monday's time (yep, you read that right, 5!!!!) it'll be \*gulp\* Christmas Day! I am so disorganised, I really must pull my finger out and do some shopping...

Anyhow, this week I am co-hosting with the bloomin' marvellous, and Disney mad, Hannah from Just Hannah Jane.

**So, now onto the WOW's for last week...**

Lucy from [This Mums Life](#) chose this post by [Miller in the City](#) as her WOW this week. She said;

"My WOW for this week is from Miller In The City. It's a very emotional and heartwarming read about the struggles faced by those with premature babies".

My WOW this week is by [And then there were two](#).

"My WOW this week is by And then there were two. This post had me fighting back a few tears, I won't lie. I could completely relate to it because, as much as it's a privilege being able to watch your children grow up, saying goodbye to the last of those firsts is always difficult..."

**Help yourselves to a featured post badge you super folks and take a bow!**



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And now onto this week's link up!



Life Is Knutts

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[Oh My Blog \(March 2017\) – Featuring Two Hearts One Roof](#)

**Oh My Blog is a monthly interview series, where fellow bloggers come together to answer a series of questions on a specific theme. This is a chance to get acquainted with a whole range of bloggers, some of whom you may not have heard of before, and learn a little more about them!**

Each month has a theme and this month, the theme is Mums (because it's Mother's Day soon!) and I'm hosting the lovely Chantele from Two Hearts One Roof.

Hello and Welcome!



Chantele

Reader, Crafter, Tea  
Drinker, Bunny Lover,  
Passionate about Bold  
Design Statements,  
50's Dress Fanatic,  
Musical Theatre Fan  
and all round TV addict

Jonathan

Technology Geek,  
Hi-Fi Nut, Music  
Lover, Monster  
Drinker, Youtube  
Watcher and  
Cornish Pasty  
Appreciator

Us 

Photographers, Film Fanatics, In Love and  
Looking Forward to Designing Our First  
Home Together

**1. Introduce us to your mum. What's her name? What does she do? Reveal her age if you dare!**

My Mums name is Julie, she is in her late 50's, she has done many things in the past hairdresser, beauty therapist, children's ward receptionist and now a cleaner in a special needs school.

**2. What's the one thing your mum always used to say to you? Count your blessings and tidy your room!**

**3. Someone's playing your mum in a film. Who is it and why? Lol! Angelica Husten, I've always thought she looks a bit like my mum (although mum will probably kill me for saying that!) It's the hair!**

**4. She's won the lottery. What's the first thing your mum buys for herself?**

A BMW Z4! She has one on lease and loves it, so she would be straight to the garage to get herself a new one. She loves driving!

**5. What embarrassing story about you does she always tell when you meet new people?**

She doesn't really tell any embarrassing stories to be honest.

**6. What are your plans for Mother's Day this year?**

Actually I will be away in California for Mother's Day this year, it's my first as a mum as my little dude was born in June. I think Mum will be having a meal out with my sister but not sure what I'll be doing, Will have to see if hubby plans anything for me

**7. What's her favourite TV show at the moment?**

Spring Watch or Great Train Journeys!

**8. What's the biggest or most important thing that your mum inspired you to do?**

She supported me and Jon when we started our business  
([www.crossjonesphotography.com](http://www.crossjonesphotography.com)) .

She didn't inspire us to take the leap to launch the company but she was definitely a huge factor in us being brave enough and financially able to do it.

**9. Your round at the bar! What's your mum drinking?**

Dark Rum and Coke

**10. What's the biggest different between you and your mum?**

She's an obsessive cleaner and I'm not! Lol Jon does most the cleaning in our house.

**11. Most important question of the lot. What is your mum's stance on 50 Shades of Grey?**

**Does she love it? Hate it? Not even know what it is?**

I believe she read the first 2 chapters and thought it was crap so didn't bother with any more of it.

**12. What's your favourite memory of your mum?**

Probably the day she met her grandson, he's the first grandchild and I've never seen her so proud or besotted.

**13. What do you think your mum was like as a kid?**

She was probably a good girl I think, but probably a bit bossy.

**14. Cast your mind back a bit; what was the thing you did as a child or teenager that made your mum the angriest she has ever been with you?**

Oh tough question either moving my boyfriend in at 17 (I'm married to him now! So we were pretty serious!) or me not getting the grades I needed to get into Cardiff University the first time round (which she blamed on having said boyfriend).

**15. Finally, what's the BEST piece of advice your mum ever gave to you?**

Don't waste time on people who aren't worth it.

If you enjoyed this post, you should check out more of Chantele at her blog and social media channels.



Blog: [Two Hearts One Roof](#)

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## [Toddler Photography...](#)

I was flicking through the photos on my phone the other day and I stumbled over a picture that made me fall about laughing...after I had checked I hadn't taken it myself and just forgotten about it of course.

#sievehead

The other day, at lunchtime, the toddler had my phone to watch that cartoon with the know it all talking pork pie and he must've tried out a bit of photography whilst he was at it.

This is his first ever photograph, to the best of my knowledge. What a snap to hold that accolade eh?!



I can assure you all it's half a banana...and that poor character on his plate has it right in her face.

He's really got in close to capture it in all its erect glory  
hasn't he?!

#watchoutdavidbailey

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## [Rookie Mistakes – Life is Knutts is featured on Life, Love and Dirty Dishes...](#)

### **Never underestimate the power of the Pushchair!**

I have written a post which is currently being featured on the fabulous blog, Life, Love and Dirty Dishes, which is written by the wonderful Claire.

Claire is a married mummy to 2 gorgeous little lads and she is a bit of a blogging Oracle in my eyes. She is one of the first bloggers I began reading regularly and I just love how she writes. Funny, sincere, real and heartwarming; her posts always manage to hit the right spot.

She loves chocolate, wine and Gerard Butler – all 3 of these things uniting together would pretty much place Claire in her idea of heaven...and who can blame her?!

Claire runs a series called, [Rookie Mistakes](#), and my post, all about The Terrible 2's and the power of the Pushchair, is currently being featured in this series. It's a place where

bloggers can share their experiences of parenthood, and inform you all of stupid things they have done which were, inevitably, a bit of a learning curve them. I have made many of these Rookie Mistakes myself...hence my love for Gin.

## [You can read my guest post for the Rookie Mistakes series, here!](#)

If you would like to show Claire some love, you can find her over at these places. She really is rather super and loves making new friends! Go and say hello!

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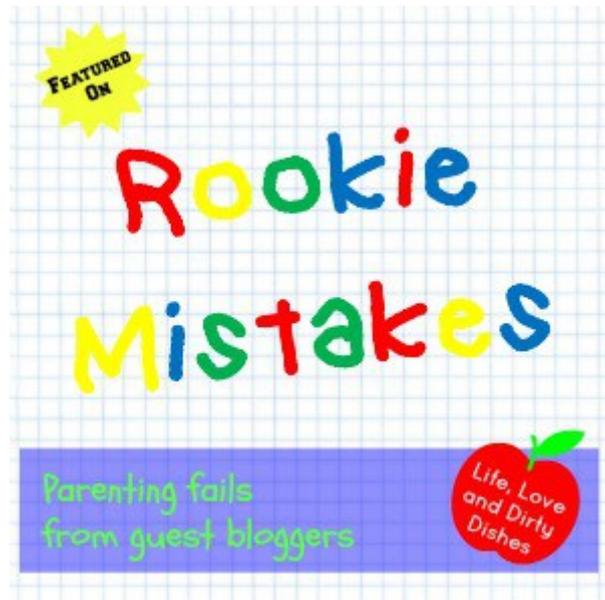
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Thanks for having me Claire, you're very brave, and I really appreciate it!

Gem.x



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## Back up! Back up!

The cleaning blogger stikes again...

Crikey, this woman could keep me going with writing material for bloody ages.

I got another email plop into my inbox this week. Another 'handy hint' to make my life full of happiness, cleanliness and joy. If this woman can actually achieve these things just through handy cleaning tips, she is more insightful than Mother Teresa.

This weeks handy hint is...

**“Always back out of a room”.**

No, not because there is a ninja hiding somewhere in there (though if you live with a toddler, that may well be the case as my blogging friend Yvonne has found in her blog post, [The Bedtime Ninja](#)) or because there is a being of higher command

in the room that you mustn't disrespect and turn your back on (again, this doesn't apply if you live with a toddler, never turn your back on a toddler...), this cleaning oracle states that you must always back out of a room so you can declutter it as you go.

She says; *"Before you leave a room, clean up. Don't leave a room unless you can back out of it. This means that you are seeing what needs to be done before you leave the room"*.

Are you all following this?! Do keep up...

She continues, *"Today, I want you to do this. Right now, go to your bedroom and start there. Start in one corner of the room and clean it. Put everything away that is in that area that doesn't belong. Get it organized and decluttered. Next do the whole wall – if there is a chair or bench on that wall, declutter it. A desk? Organize it. Do not leave that wall (don't get distracted when you put away shoes and start on the closet... go back to that wall) until it is completely clean"*.

I hope you're all listening to her?! DO NOT LEAVE THAT WALL UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY CLEAN!!! DO YOU HEAR?!

(In the name of all that is Holy, this woman needs to drink some chuffing Gin, remove her finger from her posterior and chill out a bit!)

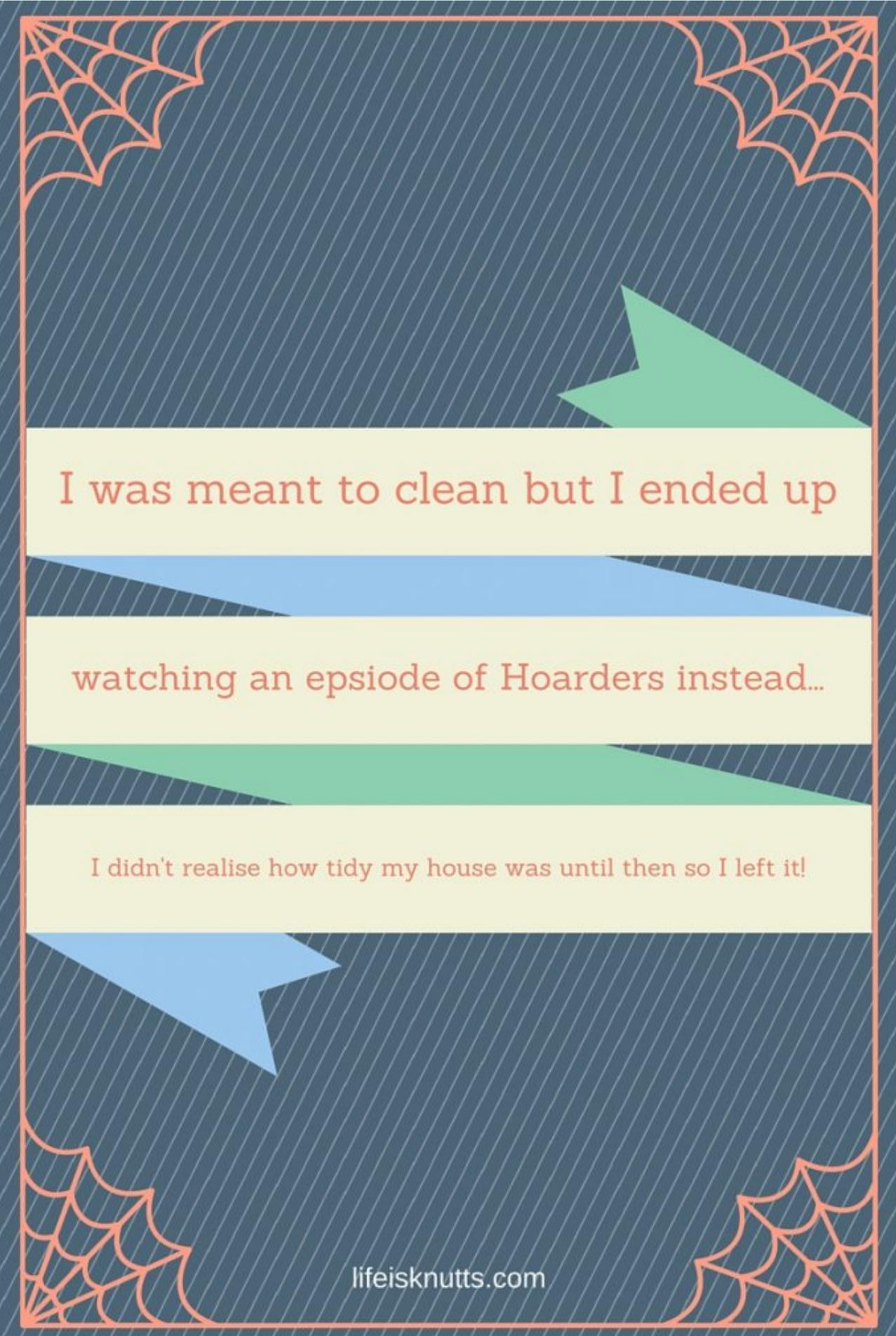
She then says; *"Do this all around your room. When you have finished, do a quick dusting and vacuuming"*.

Are you having a bubble bath?! (for those not familiar with Cockney Rhyming slang, this means, 'having a laugh' or 'are you fecking serious?!') When you're finished do a quick dusting and vacuuming?! I'm lucky if I can manage just the quick dusting part with some bloody baby wipes!

She finishes by saying, *"It may take a little while to get this room clean during this first time (yeah, no shit Sherlock! The kids best pick themselves up from school and*

make themselves their dinner because I'm still backing out of the first room I was told not to leave the wall of until it was done!), *but for the rest of the week, you will only have to keep up with it* (oh, well that's lucky. That sounds easy enough. I mean, there's only 3 young boys to look after and their Dad who, once he's home from work, reverts to toddler mode himself...minus the pooping in his pants bit). *You will only have to back out of the room, cleaning up what you see quickly. This will stop it from getting out of control".* So there we have it my fellow Knutters. The way to happiness is to walk backwards everywhere. You heard it here first! If you give it a go, do let me know how you get on. If you don't, high five to you and pour yourself a wine or G&T.

Gems.x



I was meant to clean but I ended up

watching an episode of Hoarders instead..

I didn't realise how tidy my house was until then so I left it!