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Julia Bradbury shares her breast-cancer story for an emotional new documentary

Family support... Julia

(right) with sister Gina

fter Julia Bradbury was first diagnosed with breast cancer last year, she began to post updates to her social media to help spread awareness of the disease.

And she allowed cameras into her home to follow her story for her new ITV documentary...

Personal journey

'I wasn't expecting to make a programme about myself,' says Julia, who lives with her husband Gerard, son Zeph, 10, and twin girls Zena and Xanthe, seven. 'It's an emotional, intimate look at my experience. It's not meant to be the definitive breast-cancer documentary, but it's my story.'

The film follows the Countryfile presenter from the early days of diagnosis to her mastectomy and the ups and downs of her recovery. She also meets others facing

JULIA BRADBURY: BREAST CANCER AND ME

Thursday, 9pm, ITV Factual

similar struggles, while focusing on her own family.

'I have an incredibly close, loving family, and three young children, who are my motivation,' says Julia. 'My older sister Gina has always looked out for me but this has tested her to the max.'

Meanwhile, Julia says she has learnt to show vulnerability.

'Before my diagnosis, I found it hard to give in to vulnerability. But when you first hear the words, "You have cancer," you can't help but think about death,' she says.

'I've felt fear, but with that has come a new awareness of my emotions and a realisation that putting on a brave face isn't the best thing in situations like this.'



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Reece was eight
years old and living
in a children's home in the
UK, he was sent to Australia
as part of Britain's child
migrant scheme. The aim of
the programme was to give
children in care a better life,
but it had a darker side.

Dorian's story is one of those told in this Long Lost Family special, which reveals that children were cut off from relatives and often placed in care homes rife with abuse.

The special follows Dorian's search for information about the father he never knew.

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