

Dream Ticket

On Christmas Day last year, my husband gave me a plain white envelope. I immediately had thoughts of a health spa pampering or a trip away, but no. It was a voucher for a parachute jump! I confess



to saying a word that one should definitely not utter on Christmas morning!

Be Careful What You Wish For

In Stuart's defence I have been known in the past to say that it looks tremendous fun, but I say a lot of stupid things and hope that I won't be remembered for saying them. Having a large amount of foolish pride and not wishing to lose face can be a burden, but with my daughters' confident "Of course you can do it Mum", I realized that there was no escape. As a 'belt and braces' measure I decided I would get sponsors, so that I really would have to go ahead and do it. I chose **The David Hills Trust** (see page 57) as my charity, as they do wonderful work for Toynbee Hall, which helps children and young people in the poorest areas of London.

The day dawned, one of those rare, sunny, hot days with visibility as clear as a bell. I registered at 11.30am but did not go up until 6pm. The wait was agonizing, as

at this point I just wanted to get on with it. It was worth waiting for.

It is easily one of the most terrifying, thrilling and exhilarating things I have ever done and I would not have missed the experience for the world.

What's Next Stuart?

All too soon the airfield came into sight and, as my feet touched terra firma, I just wanted to go back up and do it all over again.

I am delighted to say I raised a total of £731 for The David Hills Trust, and I would like to thank everyone who generously sponsored me.

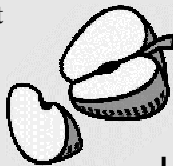
So if you have ever thought, like me, that "it looks like fun", I urge you to just do it!

What's in store for this Christmas, white-water rafting perhaps?

Jo Schofield

All About Apples

"Yummy" Apple Products - Craft Sale - Activities - and a "pre-booked lunch" will be held at **Wychwood Baptist Church**, Milton-under-Wychwood on the 17th October from 12



noon onwards.

As sure as God made little green apples you will want to be there!

For information call Lorna on: 01993 832121.

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