

Dear Sir/Madam

We are looking for people to take part in a sponsored 12,500 feet tandem freefall parachute jump to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice. This is a perfect opportunity for individuals to achieve a lifetime's ambition and businesses to engage and encourage team building. Everything you need is enclosed in this pack including reservation and sponsorship forms.

This year alone it will cost £3.6 million for the Hospice to continue to care for and support patients, carers, families and friends affected by life-limiting illnesses. As you will see from the enclosed literature all we ask is that you raise £360 in sponsorship money in order for you to jump. The Hospice will receive a donation of £180. Additionally every extra pound that you raise over the minimum comes straight to St Michael's Hospice, so every penny really does count.

We sincerely hope that after you have read through this information pack you will decide to take part. We rely on voluntary donations for approximately 90% of our income, so your contribution is very important to the Hospice. Don't forget, all you have to do is raise the minimum amount of sponsorship.

Good luck with raising your sponsorship and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

Katie Farmer
Events & Community Fundraising Manager



12,500ft Freefall Parachute Jump!

What's it like?

Imagine sitting on the edge in an open doorway of an aircraft flying at 12,500 feet - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Imagine being able to do this whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a local charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor **at all times** throughout the descent. This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day. (Weather Permitting)
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times.
- Jump from at least 12,500 feet - just like the professionals.
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet - falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Fly the parachute down to the ground - we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone.
- Landing controlled by your instructor.
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

What must I do to qualify?

All you have to do is raise £360 (or more!) in aid of St Michael's Hospice by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, using our specially designed sponsorship forms which you will find at the back of this information pack. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily raise the minimum £360 sponsorship and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to St Michael's Hospice and giving **you** the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump!



Important Information

When can I jump?

We have organised four jump days in 2010, Friday 7th May, Friday 11th June, Friday 23rd July and Friday the 13th August. If you are unable to jump on these dates please contact us on 01432 851000 to discuss the possibility of jumping on an alternative date.

Where is the airfield?

The airfield is at Netheravon, Salisbury. Once your reservation form has been received and processed, full confirmation details will be sent to you, including a map and directions to the airfield.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be **at least 16 years old** and be **under 15 stone in weight**. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. **Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor. (Without this signed by the doctor you will not be allowed to jump!!)** *If needed, a medical form will be sent out on receipt of your reservation form.*

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform us of any physical condition. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this **will not** cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should arrange this through your own broker.

How do I book my place?

Simply complete the enclosed reservation form and send it to us as soon as possible and certainly no later than four weeks before the jump date. Please note you must also provide a £50 booking deposit (which can be taken out of your minimum sponsorship money) which should be made payable to 'St Michael's Hospice'.



PAYING YOUR SPONSORSHIP MONEY

The following sponsorship system makes it easy for you to take part and ensures that you do not have to pay all of your sponsorship money in advance. Remember, as long as you raise the minimum £360 sponsorship level you can recover both the cost of the booking deposit and the jump from your sponsorship money - which means you get to jump for FREE!

Paying for your jump

The airfield requires you to pay for your jump on the day which will be £180 (To be paid by cash or cheque on the day).

The outstanding sponsorship money owing to St Michael's Hospice (£130) will not be due until **four weeks** after the date of your jump.

We cannot start organising your jump until you send in your reservation form and booking deposit of £50 - please do this as soon as possible so that we can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as "...the experience of a lifetime".

Justgiving

You can support St Michael's Hospice online via www.justgiving.com. You can set up your own fundraising page and collect sponsorship online. There are several hospices called St Michael's, so please look out for our logo and our registered charity number 511179. Support such as yours is a vital part of our fundraising to enable us to continue supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families, friends and carers.

Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to take part - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds the Hospice. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget.



Reservation Form

(You may photocopy this form but it must be both sides on one sheet of paper)

Please complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and return it to the address below as soon as possible Please also enclose your **£50 booking deposit** cheque (payable to 'St Michael's Hospice) or credit card details (see below).

Please tick your chosen date and return the form to the address below as soon as possible.

Friday 7th May Friday 11th June Friday 23rd July Friday 13th August

How did you find out about the jump? If from our website or newsletter please specify

First Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Email Address _____ Occupation _____

Tel No. (Day) _____ Tel No. (Evening) _____

Male/Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Height _____ Weight _____

I enclose a cheque payable to 'St Michael's Hospice'
 Please Charge my Visa / Mastercard / Delta / Switch with the following amount £ _____

Card Number	Valid From	Expiry Date	3 digit code (back of card)	Issue No (switch only)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

IMPORTANT: I confirm that I have read the Booking Terms and Conditions, Medical Restrictions, Insurance and Important Notice overleaf and I understand and agree to be bound to those terms and conditions and to comply fully with the same.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return completed reservation forms, along with the deposit to:
Katie Farmer, St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, HR1 4HA

For office use only

URN: _____ Batch No: _____



Please read all sections of this page carefully before signing the declaration below

Booking Terms and Conditions

1. In order for you to recover reimbursement of the booking deposit and the cost of the training and the jump, you must raise the minimum sponsorship level as detailed in the 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money' page enclosed in this pack.
2. The cost for the training and the jump must be paid on the day of training and this payment is totally non-refundable even if you do not jump.
3. Should the weather be unsuitable for jumping on the day you will be offered an alternative date
4. All booking deposits are completely non-refundable. However, the standard booking deposit is valid for twelve months from the date of booking and, should you be unable to complete your jump due to inclement weather, alternative arrangements may be made

Medical Restrictions

For a tandem jump you must weigh under 15 stone with your weight in proportion to your height. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma but if you are in any doubt please contact us for further information. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. **Those under the age of 18 will need a medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor.**

Insurance

On payment to the parachute centre of the fee for the training and the jump, all jumpers are covered by the British Parachute Association Liability Insurance Policy up to £2 million for liability to Third Parties. **Please note that this does not cover you or your dependants for personal injury including death.** We strongly recommend you take out your own insurance cover for personal accident benefits to whatever level you consider appropriate. You will need to do this in conjunction with your own insurance broker.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parachuting is weather dependant therefore you **must** be prepared to wait around all day.

Parachuting is an adventure sport and participation in such sports necessarily involves a risk of injury or death regardless of the standard of training, supervision and equipment employed.

Declaration

I voluntarily accept all the risks inherent in the sport and I agree for myself and my personal representatives to indemnify and hold harmless St Michael's Hospice against any claim or claims whether on my own account or from third parties arising out of any accident or incident resulting in any loss or damage (including bodily injury and death).

I confirm I have read all the above sections marked Booking Terms and Conditions, Medical Restrictions, Insurance and Important Notice, and I understand and agree to be bound to those terms and conditions and to comply fully with the same.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

