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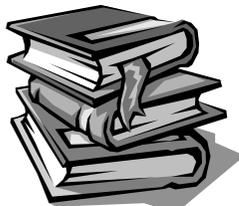
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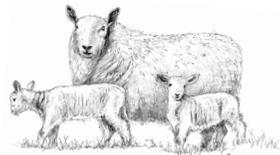
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The day starts with a briefing from your instructor, then a 'dirt dive', followed by the walk to the aeroplane, the take-off and climb to 12,000 feet whilst being strapped to your instructor, and then the magical minutes floating down with the sight of the world below. The landing signals that it is all over far too soon. And with your contribution you will have helped to make the South Moreton School Outdoor Learning Centre become a reality.

The cost of a tandem skydive is £200. We would hope you would aim to raise sponsorship of a further £200 (a possible minimum total £400) PLEASE in aid of the South Moreton School Outdoor Learning Centre.

Please contact Polly Vacher at [pvacher@aol.com](mailto:pvacher@aol.com) or 817554 for an entry form.

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