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## **Brave Marilyn takes skydive in aid of cancer hospital**

A WOMAN completed her third parachute jump on Wednesday last week, to raise money for the hospital where she was treated with cancer.

Marilyn Parker, 44, of Schollars Court, Crawley Down, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 1995.

Ten years on and fully recovered she wanted to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, one of the world's leading cancer centres, where she received her treatment.

The skydive was originally planned for Sunday September 12, but had to be rearranged due to the bad weather and was almost cancelled again last week due to the cloud, but Marilyn was eventually able to complete the skydive in bright sunshine during the afternoon.

"It was such great fun," she said. "You just can't describe the feeling."

Marilyn said she wanted the money raised to go to the Royal Marsden because the care she received at the hospital was fantastic and even now, the back up and support she received was excellent.

"The treatment there was just as it should be and more" she added.

The hospital is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and is hoping to raise £50,000 for an ultra scanner in its new diagnostic centre.

Although Marilyn has completed two previous charity parachute jumps, she said she was still a little nervous when up in the plane.

Marilyn did the tandem skydive on Salisbury Plain, the home of the Red Devils, from a total of 13,000ft.

Marilyn's mother Josie, father Michael and brother Stephen accompanied her to the airfield to cheer her on.

The jump was sponsored by the Lions Club of East Grinstead, and Marilyn's company, Europcar Car Rental.

Marilyn's previous jumps were made in 1996, in aid of the Royal Marsden, and in 2001, to celebrate her 40th birthday.

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