



## MEDIA INFORMATION

### One of the UK's most severely injured soldiers to sky-dive for armed forces amputees.

14th April 2012. Lance Bombardier Ben Parkinson of the 7 Para RHA, who sustained horrific injuries during a tour of Afghanistan in 2006, is to make a tandem jump for his favourite charity Pilgrim Bandits of which he is a patron.

Despite sustaining a catalogue of 40 injuries including the loss of both of his legs, restricted use of his left arm and sustaining a brain injury, Ben has organised 'Parkie's Jump' at the Army Parachute School, Netheravon, Wiltshire to take place on April 14th weather permitting. Anyone who may be interested in joining the jump may register at [www.pilgrimbandits.org](http://www.pilgrimbandits.org).



A spokesman for the Pilgrim Bandits said "This is typical of the Ben. He's a remarkable soldier who consistently achieves the unachievable and is an inspiration to all forces amputees. Thanks to his untiring support we are able to raise awareness of Pilgrim Bandits and its work for all forces amputees."

In 2010 the Pilgrim Bandits secured charitable status and are now planning and implementing a schedule of 'no sympathy' challenges for forces amputees including; desert treks, parachute jumps, mountain climbing and Skiing.

Anyone interested in becoming a Pilgrimbandits challenger or supporter can visit [www.pilgrimbandits.org](http://www.pilgrimbandits.org).

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# L/Bdr Ben Parkinson Jumping in Dubai with the Pilgrim Bandits Charity

