

THINGS TO DO... (my bucket list)

Updated 5 May 2013

Green – Completed | Pink – Planned or In Progress | Blue – Failed!

The List	Notes	Completed
Abseil Down a Building	I've been abseiling quite a bit, including down a harbour wall into a boat (amazing!) and out a tree etc. Would love to abseil down a massive building.	
Afternoon Tea at a Nice Hotel	Stoke Rochford Hall, Lincolnshire http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2013/02/26/review-afternoon-tea-at-stoke-rochford-hall/	22 Feb 2013
Afternoon Tea at Bettys	This has to be the ultimate, right? Any other suggestions?	
Air Sphereing	Wow have you seen this?! Sphereing and Indoor Skydiving in one! http://www.buyagift.co.uk/Product/Id/3859/Name/Air_Sphereing_for_Two	
Archaeological Dig		
Archery Lesson	Work Away Day 2007 at Riseholme	Jul 2007
Arrive at an Airport to my Name on a Sign	Like in the movies!	
Attend a Film Premier		
Attend a Launch	Be invited to a launch event for a new fashion collection, or new product of some sort.	
Attend an Awards Ceremony or After Party (and get a Goody Bag please!)		
Barbecue on a Beach		
Bathe in the Blue Lagoon		
BBC Proms	I've done the Proms in the Park but would love to go to one of the Proms in the Albert Hall.	
Be a Contestant on a Game Show	Total Wipeout perhaps? Scene It on the Xbox360 definitely doesn't count!	
Be an Extra in a Film	I'm assuming the Backlot Tour "Movie" at Disney's Hollywood Studios doesn't count! That was April 2009.	
Be in the Audience of a TV Show	When I was at college we went to see Trisha and Vanessa being filmed, but that just didn't cut it. So to top those I went to see The Gadget Show film one of their challenges in Birmingham. A really good day. The programme was aired on Monday 15 March 2010 and I was actually on screen! http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2010/02/13/gadget-show-filming/	12 Feb 2010
Be the Voice of a Cartoon Character		
Bento Box	http://happylittlebento.blogspot.com/	
Blog a Massive Event	I'd love to be invited to attend and blog from a massive event – something fun, like a big news event or sports event or festival	
Bobsled		

Bucking Bronco	I had the opportunity to do this at the Staff Christmas Party on 18 December 2009 but I was wearing a short dress and so decided my dignity was more important than this list! There will hopefully be other (more appropriate) opportunities!	
Build a Kit Car		
Build a Snowman Taller than Me	Should have done this with all the snow in December/January 2010	
Build some (working!) Furniture	Not flat-pack!	
Bungee Jump	I did a 160ft bungee jump thanks to a gift from a friend – and loved it, I'd definitely do another! http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/08/01/bungeeeee-wheeeeeee/	30 Jul 2011
Cable Ski	Canter Parcs, Elveden. Blog post coming soon.	April 2013
Cheese Rolling		
Cirque du Soleil		
Climb a Volcano		
Climb each of the National Three Peaks	After conquering the Yorkshire Three Peaks I still want to do this – I'm not fussed about doing the challenge, three separate weekends would be fine!	
Climb Snowdon	http://www.hightrek.co.uk/snowdonia/routes.htm	
Climb Sydney Harbour Bridge		
Coasteering		
Cookery Course	Cook with de Serio Cookery School at The Old Bakery, Lincoln – Lincolnshire Produce 1 Day Course – Italian Finger Food 1 Day Course	25 Jul 2008 24 Jul 2009
Crossfit	A fitness class to try.	
Cycle Coast to Coast (UK)		
Cycle from Lincoln to Boston	33-36 miles depending on which website you look at	
Cycle from London to Paris		
Dinner on the Orient Express		
Do a 10k Road Race in less than 1 Hour	This one is proving one of the hardest personal challenges I've set myself... fifth time lucky? I'm really training hard at the moment doing general fitness as well as running. It's tough though, I'm really struggling. I'm not sure it's possible! Lincoln 10k, March 2007, 1 hour 12 minutes Lincoln 10k, March 2008, 1 hour 7 minutes Lincoln 10k, March 2009, 1 hour 3 minutes Lincoln 10k, March 2010, 1 hour 6.5 minutes Lincoln 10k, April 2011, 1 hour 9 minutes British 10k, July 2011, 1 hour 15 minutes http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/07/12/the-british-10k-hot-slow-great-atmosphere/ I think that's it for 10k runs now – for a little while anyway. This is the first blue item in my list, but at least I tried. I will leave it here and possibly try again in a year or two.	Given up... for now.

Dog Sledding	Husky Sled Safari in Ruka, Finland http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2013/04/15/huskies-and-skidoos-in-ruka-finland/	19 Jan 2013
Drink in an Ice Bar		
Drive (or Ride) around the Nurburgring		
Drive a Classic Car		
Drive a Lamborghini		
Drive a Steam Train		
Drive a Tank	A fantastic Christmas present! Blog post coming soon.	20 April 2013
Eat a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	I tried peanut butter with grape jelly and I have to say... yuk! http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/12/22/peanut-butter-and-jelly/	12 Oct 2012
Eat in a Celebrity Chef's Restaurant	The Fat Duck would be my personal preference.	
Fashion Show	Attend one, not walk in one!	
Firewalk		
Fly a Plane		
Fly First Class	Premium Economy is the closest I've come so far!	
Fly in a Helicopter		
Flying Trapeze	http://www.gorillacircus.com/	
Geocaching		
Get a Photograph Published	A photo I took of the snow in Lincoln on 5 January 2010 was published in the Debenhams blog on 6 January 2010 yay! http://blog.debenhams.com/wrap-up-warm-for-britains-big-freeze/womens-fashion/ Since then I have been published several times including in Lincolnshire Life Magazine ☺	6 Jan 2010
Give Blood	Probably the scariest thing on here for me. I keep meaning to do it but can't bring myself to booking in. Gonna need lots of encouragement and maybe someone to hold my hand!	
Glamping	Luxury camping in a Yurt or Tipi.	
Gliding		
Go into Space!!!!	Ok so I'm not going to become an astronaut anytime soon so I'm relying on Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic or something similar.	
Gondola in Venice		
Grow and Eat my own Vegetables		
Hampton Court Maze	I've probably done this as a child but I don't remember.	
Handprints in Concrete	You know... like the Hollywood thing, but maybe just in the garden!	
Hang Gliding		
Have a Professional Massage	A relaxing one, not a sports massage! And no, I've never had one.	

Health Spa	Day at Eden Hall in Feb 2007	21 Feb 2007
Helicopter Ride over the Grand Canyon	Potentially June 2014 – watch this space!	
Hold a Guinness World Record	Not sure what at!	
Holiday in the Maldives		
Horse Riding	This would be a real personal challenge. I've done it as a child – twice – and fell off both times. I don't like horses. I've seen experiences where it's like being a cowboy, maybe something like that.	
Hot Air Balloon Ride		
Ice Driving		
Ice Hockey Match	Preferably in the USA as that's where they do it the best!	
Indoor Sky Diving	I got an experience as a present for my 30 th birthday... and it was another really fun thing to try! We had two x 1 minute "flights" each at Airkix in Milton Keynes. Not quite the same as the real Skydive I did, but very exhilarating. http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/05/05/airkix-indoor-skydiving/	2 May 2011
Jet Skiing	"Jetski Thrill" Virgin Experience at Nitrojet Sports in Oxford, won voucher in competition – rode both sit down and stand up jet skis and had a great time. Now I want to own a jetski!!	1 Aug 2008
Jet Wash an Elephant	I saw this on telly and for some reason it has found its way onto my list.	
Karting	I went karting with a group of friends to celebrate my 30 th birthday. Oh I wish I'd been before. It was completely brilliant. Here: http://splodzblogz.wordpress.com/2010/11/17/go-karting-at-ancaster/	13 Nov 2010
Learn Brail		
Learn to Ice Skate Backwards		
Learn to Knit (again)	I used to knit with my Grandma when I was little. I'd like to try again.	
Learn to Play Oboe/Bassoon	I should have done this when I was a kid but it never entered my head until I was already playing trombone and various other things. One day I'll have a try.	
Learn to Play Trombonology by Tommy Dorsey	Here – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1pv2M_l1B4	
Learn to Surf	I had a half day lesson with Oneill Surf Academy on Easter Sunday 2010 – and I could do it – it was so much fun! http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2010/04/05/surfing-soooooo-much-fun/ Since then I've been back a couple of times and still love it.	4 Apr 2010
London Eye	Did on weekend in London February 2006. Excellent.	27 Feb 2006
Make a Candle		
Make a Cushion Cover	I did this at Fenland Textile Studios. Blog post coming soon.	6 Apr 2013
Make a Lasagne from Scratch	Just one of those things I love but can't make! Made for the first time in November 2009, and I've made loads since as it was easy and very yummy!	Nov 2009

Make Home Made Fish Fingers		
Make my own Ice Cream	Lemon Meringue Ice Cream http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/04/07/lemon-meringue-ice-cream/	Apr 2012
Make Some Jewellery		
Marathon – Walking(!)	Seabank Marathon 2006 (Boston to Skegness along the coastal path): walked it in 6 hours 51 mins, came in 181 st place!! Oh and then I did the Spires and Steeples Challenge on 17 October 2010 – Lincoln to Sleaford. Wow that was tough, even harder than the Seabank back in 2006. Since then I've done the Spires and Steeples 2011 and completed the London Moonwalk (full moon) in May 2012.	18 Jun 2006 17 Oct 2010 16 Oct 2011 12 May 2012 13 Oct 2013
Masters Degree	MSc International Marketing Strategy (University of Lincoln) Started September 2006, graduated January 2009 (Results day was 21 November 2008)	21 Nov 2008
Meet Someone I met on the Internet in Real Life	I met up with Johnny Laird and Gaz Rose on Saturday 8 May at the Kettering Media Day. I "met" them both on Twitter. Great to meet you both! Since then I've been very brave and have met others in real life I originally met on the internet, such as travelling to a meal out with 9 others people in January 2011 – lots of fun and very good to put voices to the chats.	8 May 2010
Microlight		
Military Fitness/Bootcamp	Quite fancy trying one of these outdoor field-based fitness classes.	
Motorcycle Tour of the West of America	Yes this has finally turned pink! Possibly the first thing that appeared on my list.	Jun 2014
Move up the Property Ladder		6 Oct 2011
Off-Road Driving	Land Rover Experience, Rockingham Castle – Drove a Land Rover Defender, was brilliant.	5 Oct 2009
Olympic Event Live	Didn't manage to see anything at London 2012, so guess I'm looking for a trip to Rio 2016! BUT I was an Olympic Torchbearer... http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/03/19/sponsored-by-coca-cola/	
Own a Designer Handbag	I now have a Cambridge Satchel Co satchel and I love it. Does this count as designer? I'm not sure I know what designer is any more!	Jan 2013
Own a Holiday Home	Maybe in Florida?! Or Cornwall!	
Own a Little, Medium or Big Brown Bag	Thanks to my friend Cathy I now have a Little Brown Bag!! She brought it back from her holiday in August 2010. Thank you!!!!	Aug 2010
Own a Motorbike	I have a BMW F650GS – factory lowered of course. And it's all mine!	12 Nov 2011
Own Designer Shoes	Jimmy Choo, Louboutin, I'm not fussy!	
PADI Open Water Diver		
Paintballing		
Paragliding		

Paraskiing	Apparently this isn't just for hard-core skiers – you can supposedly do it on blue runs.	
Photography Course(s)	I can use my DSLR fine and I feel I have an eye for composition, but would love to really know what I'm doing! I would ideally like to do a proper evening course, but there is nothing local to me – but there are some one day courses here: http://www.goingdigital.co.uk/index.htm Explore Your Digital SLR Part 1 – Friday 14 May 2010 Explore Your Digital SLR Part 2 – Friday 18 June 2010	14 May 2010 18 Jun 2010
Photography Exhibition	Hip 2B Square Instachimps Exhibition The exhibition: http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/09/16/hip-2b-square-exhibition-the-exhibition/ My shots: http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/09/15/hip-2b-square-exhibition-my-shots/	1-15 Sep 2012
Play the Bagpipes		
Play Trombone in the Albert Hall or other great Concert Hall/Venue		
Pottery Lesson		
Quad Biking	I did a quad bike trek at Center Parcs, Elveden Forest (actually at a nearby centre that CP uses) in June 2010. Was really good – the bikes were great fun and the course was really bumpy and lots of steep inclines and descents. Now where can I get me a disused quarry?!	2 Jun 2010
Raise lots of Money for Charity...	Race for Life, July 2005, for Cancer Research UK: £267.50 Seabank Marathon, June 2006, for Macmillan Cancer Relief and Boston Salvation Army: £202.10 Lincoln 10k Run, March 2007, for Cancer Research UK: £464.50 26 mile Bike Ride, August 2008, for Boston Salvation Army: £300 John O'Groats to Land's End Motorcycle Ride, 11-19 July 2009, for Macmillan Cancer Support and Boston Salvation Army: £2317.55 Tandem Sky Dive for RNIB, Sunday 18 April 2010: £400 Walk the Walk Moonwalk London 2012: £250 Graham Homes Memorial Ride 2013: <i>Plus various Children in Need and Comic Relief events at work.</i>	This one will forever be in progress...
Read the Bible from Cover to Cover		
Ride a Camel		
Ride a Harley Davidson Motorbike	John O'Groats to Land's End Motorcycle Ride for Charity 11-19 July 2009, was loaned a Harley Davidson Sportster Nightster 1200 by Lincoln Harley Davidson for the trip!	19 Jul 2009 Jun 2014
Ride a Segway	http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/04/25/segway-experience/	24 Apr 2011
Ride a Track Bike on an Indoor Velodrome		
Ride an Elephant		
Roller Disco	Oh how I'd love to get my skates on again! I fancy a party...!	
Safari		

See a Formula 1 Race Live		
See a Musical in the West End	Chicago, Cambridge Theatre, London (Veronica's Hen Do) Avenue Q, Noel Coward Theatre, London Wicked, Apollo Victoria, London Phantom of the Opera, Her Majesty's Theatre, London Wicked, Apollo Victoria, London Matilda, Cambridge Theatre, London	Aug 2007 Mar 2008 Apr 2008 Oct 2008 Oct 2009 July 2013
See a Musical on Broadway		
See the Niagara Falls		
See the Northern Lights		
See the Pyramids		
Sell a Photograph	I was asked to submit a photograph of some swans I took for a possible front cover of Lincolnshire Life (the editor got in touch). Unfortunately the size wasn't enough (it was only a snap on my point and shoot after all), but it was still used in the magazine. I was given a Waterstones voucher for it and my friends tell me I have therefore completed this one!	5 Feb 2010
Shower in a Waterfall	You know... like the old Timotei advert!	
Ski-Doo	http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2013/04/15/huskies-and-skidoos-in-ruka-finland/	16 Jan 2013
Skiing	I had a beginner "fast track" lesson at SnoZone in Castleford on 8 August 2010. Since then we had lots of lessons and then went to Arinsal in Andorra for our first ski holiday – and had an amazing time. Went back in 2012 too. http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/02/23/my-first-ski-holiday/	8 Aug 2010
Sky Coaster	A 300ft high swing – totally fantastic! Kissimmee, FL. http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/10/07/sky-coaster/	5 Oct 2010
Sky Jump Las Vegas	http://skyjumpllasvegas.com/	Jun 2014
Sledging/tobogganing on 'proper' Snow!	We were kids for an evening and did sledging down the nursery slope at sunset in Arinsal, Andorra.	1 Mar 2012
Sleep in a Lighthouse		
Sleep in an Igloo	A glass one would do... http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2013/02/09/seeing-the-northern-lights/	
Snowboarding	Skiing is enough at the moment as I've only just learnt, but I would also like to learn to Snowboard. Maybe next year.	
Speak at Speaker's Corner, Hyde Park	On anything	
Sphereing/Zorbing	http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2012/05/26/sphereing/	25 May 2012
Spires and Steeples Challenge	Completed the 26.2 miles from Lincoln to Sleaford in October 2010 (marathon distance). Was way harder than I imagined – I only signed up to it four weeks before it happened so no time for proper training. I was in so much pain by the end! http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2010/10/18/spires-and-steeples-done/ Also completed it in 2011. http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2011/10/17/spires-and-steeples-2011-done/	17 Oct 2010 16 Oct 2011 Oct 2013

Start a Blog	I started Splodz Blogz on 7 January 2010 to give me somewhere to write all sorts of stuff, including reviews. http://www.splodzblogz.co.uk	7 Jan 2010
Stay in a 5* Hotel	One night at The Berkeley Hotel in London in early 2008 thanks to a prize from Skinny Cow. It was the "Girls Night In" package which included a hat box full of goodies, a manicure in the room, cocktails and ice-cream, and a fab breakfast. I took my sister – we had a really great time. And now I want to do it again!	18 Apr 2008
Stay in a Camper Van	I'm thinking VW, split screen...	
Storm Chasing	I recently learnt that you can go on "storm chasing holidays" in the US. Sounds like fun! (Well except the thunder and lightening bit – might have to get over another fear for this to work!)	
Study Psychology Again	I did A-Level Psychology and it was a large part of my first degree. I found it totally fascinating and would love to learn more.	
Sugar Craft	I did an introductory cupcake decorating class on a work team building day (3 April 2012) and loved it, so now it's on my list. I'm looking for a one day course.	
Swim Across a Lake	Preferably somewhere warm. But maybe Rutland or even the Great North Swim (Windermere).	
Swim with Dolphins	Discovery Cove, Orlando, FL – A totally amazing experience.	11 Oct 2012
Swim with Sharks	In a cage!!!	
Tai Chi	Sample lesson during a work "healthy week". Would love to take this up regularly as I found it very relaxing.	3 Mar 2010
Take a Photo Every Day for a Year	I did this every day in 2010, and enjoyed it so much I started again in 2011!	31 Dec 2010
Take Part in a Flash Mob	How do I find out about one of these then?!	
Tandem Sky Dive	Done in May 2010 to raise money for RNIB. http://splodzblogz.co.uk/2010/05/16/skydiving-is-awesome/	16 May 2010
Tough Guy Run	You know – a 10km trail run with obstacles and mud and stuff.	
Travel from Land's End to John O'Groats	Did this (actually John O'Groats to Land's End) for Charity in July 2009	19 Jul 2009
Trek	Iceland, Everest, Inka Trail? Not sure. But this is something I'd really love to get involved in. Would take 18 months or so to raise the kind of money they cost (if I did it for charity or paid my own way it's still loads of money), but it would also be an amazing experience. Who's coming with me?	
Triathlon	Maybe just a mini one, but a proper organised one... would need to be MUCH fitter than I am now! Oh and I'd need a road bike.	
Try (or at least smell!) a Durian fruit	A bit of a 'dare' from Dawn, a friend! http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durian	
Visit 25 Nations	So far = 13: USA, Germany, France, Malta, Italy, Egypt, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Belgium, Andorra, Ireland, Finland	
Visit Australia		
Visit Canada		

Visit Kenya (Safari)		
Visit New York		
Visit New Zealand		
Visit Paris	I went when I was much younger and loved it, would like to go again now and do all the romantic stuff!	
Visit South Africa		
Wacky Races!	This is an experience day my friend gave me the link to, suggesting it was my sort of thing... yes it is! http://www.virginexperiencedays.co.uk/experiences/Worlds_Wackiest_Racers_466/	
Wake Boarding		
Walk or Cycle the Wight	Walking Festival http://www.isleofwightwalkingfestival.co.uk/ Cycling Festival http://www.sunseaandcycling.com/	
Watch Tennis at Wimbledon		
Water Jetpack	I saw this on The Gadget Show a while back but have just discovered you can get an experience voucher to have a go. Yes please!	
Water Skiing	Having done Cable Ski I'm not sure I'd actually manage this!	
Whale Watching		
White Water Rafting		
Win a Holiday	A long weekend or more, preferably somewhere I wouldn't get to go otherwise (and somewhere on my list would be good!).	
Win a Prize	I won my first prize (after creating this list) in April 2007 and now love "comping". The best prize I've won is the "Girls Night In" package at The Berkeley Hotel in London from Skinny Cow – won in early 2008. Other prizes include: £300 binoculars, loads of smellies, dvds, crayon mugs, £100 necklace, batteries, make-up, Guitar Hero, loads of books, £100 TopShop voucher. And I've met loads of great people through this hobby too – bonus!	Apr 2007
Wing Walking	£550 with AeroSuperBatics Ltd (cannot be done for charity unfortunately)	
Write a Novel	Starting: "She needed a new start. So she took the lid off the pen, closed her eyes, and moved her hand over the map on the wall..." – this won me a twitter competition set by a book publisher. They said "We thought this was an intriguing way to start a novel & gives you lots of possibilities to develop the story". Will I ever actually write it?!	
Write a Script for a TV Show		
Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge	Conquered! 11 hours 30 minutes (including two half hour breaks and lots of little stops!).	19 May 2012
Zumba	I want to try the latest fitness craze	