

PARACHUTE WEDDING:

Eighteen-year-old Bianca Cappone, of Turin, is a parachute enthusiast - and so is her fiancée, Alberto de Cristoforo, from Naples. And so (come to that) is Father Lino Basso, who's here to marry them. Yes, this young couple are so parachute-minded that they wouldn't dream of turning up, even to their own wedding, any way but downwards. Which means, of course, going up first, if you know what I mean.

Father Basso is the first away. He's an old hand at the game, with hundreds of jumps to his credit in peace and war. After him, the bride - naturally a bit excited.

And the groom - hoping he hasn't dropped the ring.

All safe, and ready for the church. It seems a little unromantic, coming down to earth before you get married!