

## Round-up

# Updating news from the Wychwoods area

## RDA Sponsored ride

**T**he RDA Jubilee Sponsored Ride last August was a splendid success thanks to so many of you who supported it, not only with your extreme generosity but also in the way you gave me an enormous amount of help and encouragement. Several people walked with me during the planning of the route, while others walked in energy-sapping heat during various legs of the ride to ensure that we arrived at our rendezvous safely.

My objectives for the ride were all surpassed; specifically, that all the disabled riders exceeded their goals and thoroughly enjoyed their rides through breathtakingly beautiful countryside. Secondly, that the



whole ride went according to plan and of course, thirdly that we raised the incredible total of £8,500 (and still rising). So a huge 'thank you' personally, and on behalf of the Abingdon RDA Group, for the marvellous part you played in making this unique ride such an overwhelming triumph.

**Camilla Harvey**

## Top fund-raiser Lucy makes £2,000 for charity

**Y**ou might recall in our June/July issue Lucy Graham of Swinbrook was asking for help to fund a trek across Iceland herding Icelandic Ponies. The trip was gruelling as it involved riding 6 hours a day and camping at night but Lucy not only met the challenges but raised £2000 for the BHS Rescue Centre in Warwickshire.

### Royal Family

This is the second year of fundraising for Lucy. She raised money by babysitting, waitressing and selling prints of the Royal Family riding horses, taken by her father.

Lucy also bought her father's book, which celebrated The Golden Jubilee, at cost and sold signed copies at fetes and fundraising events.

## Burford and District Horticultural Association

**F**ollowing the success of a trial scheme last year, the Association has purchased over 7000 Narcissi bulbs for planting by its members. Some of the Shipton members of the Association have planted nearly 1500 bulbs this year in public places around the village. Results of their labours will appear in the Spring.

The benefits of membership of the Association include participation in monthly meetings and lectures; organised outings each year; Spring and Summer Shows: A Garden Social Evening in the summer; Discount schemes at many local Nurseries and Garden centres.

**The Association welcomes new members. Membership fee is only £4.00 per annum. Call Pauline Knightson on 01993 830977**