

The Tenth Ball Supports RDA and Lady Reade

I was absolutely delighted when the Shipton Charity Ball Committee chose the Abingdon Group of Riding for the Disabled for their main charity this year.

I was so impressed with how smoothly their organisation for the event went into action, with each of the committee members knowing exactly what their respective responsibilities were. As the day drew near excitement mounted and we knew, thanks to very generous friends, that we had some excellent auction prizes.

Presenting the Cheque to the RDA

The RDA colour scheme of dark green and gold was stunningly displayed in table-centre floral arrangements with



golden horse shoes on green stands, all flying similarly coloured helium filled

balloons. Each table bore the name of one of the RDA horses. The hall, resplendent under its canopy, was set for a wonderful evening. And so it was, the occasion

raising an incredible £5,250 for the Group.

Just before Christmas most of the Committee attended the RDA Group centre for the annual carol singing which was accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine. Gordon Halliday and his team were roundly thanked before presenting the Group's treasurer, Esther Lewis, with a wonderfully large cheque.
Camilla Harvey

...And More To Come!

The ball committee was delighted to present the proceeds of the raffle to James Walmsley for the Lady Reade Educational Foundation Charity. This sum of £675 will be used by the Trustees to support youngsters in the villages as they move into further education. Our grateful thanks go to all the local businesses, particularly pubs and hotels, who so generously donated raffle prizes.

The good news is that a new committee has already formed, under the leadership of Peter and Anne Hilling, and is busy

planning the next ball.

The date is set for **Saturday, December 14th**, so make sure you get the date in your calendar and look out for more information to come.

It is so good to know that this event will continue and we wish the new committee good luck and hope they have as much fun as we had over the years. It will be a delight to sit back and enjoy the Ball without having any of the hard work!
Christine Halliday