

Walk raises £10,000

CHARITY: 10-year-old's trek in memory of aunt for disabled children

By Emily Dennis

A 10-year-old girl who has walked 50 miles with her father for charity arrived to cheers and applause as the pair finished their journey yesterday.

May de la Rue and her father Colin arrived in Lowestoft after completing their walk which began in Felixstowe and took them along the Suffolk Heath and Coastal Path.

May decided to embark on the walk in memory of her aunt Emma, who died this summer.

Mr de la Rue yesterday said he believed that May had achieved her target of raising £10,000 to help disabled youngsters through the Suffolk Foundation, an umbrella charity funding good causes. The money will be match-funded through the government's Grassroots Challenge scheme, giving a total of £20,000.

The pair, from Melton, near Woodbridge, started

the walk in August and split the journey into stages which they completed at weekends and in the holidays. Details and pictures of their journey were recorded on May's website www.fiftymileswithmydad.com

Mr de la Rue said he was immensely proud of his daughter. "It is more than just the achievement of walking 50 miles," he said. "She has turned a sad event in her life, a bereavement, into something positive."

May gave a speech at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club where a reception was held.

She said: "As you know I am doing this in aid of the Suffolk Foundation to support young people with disabilities in Suffolk, especially to help them get out and about. That is because I have realised that many people like me who do have the chance to do things like this haven't done it very often and have spent too much time being lazy in front of the TV."

May said that on



WALK COMPLETE: May de la Rue and her father Colin

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Saturday she had visited a girl of the same age who has an illness in her bones and is helped by a local charity to go swimming. "I have seen that it is the people who find it more difficult to take part in activities who

would most dearly love to do so, that is why I think it is important to support them," she said.

Suffolk Foundation chairman David Sheepshanks said: "We are absolutely thrilled they have chosen to

do this for the Suffolk Foundation. I am particularly delighted to see May, aged 10, feeling so passionate about doing something for charity."

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BRIEFING

£2,400 gift for cancer charity

A DESK drawer of loose change belonging to an inspirational doctor has today led to a charity donation of £2,400.

Dr John LeVay, an oncology consultant who died last year, was the inspiration behind Ipswich Hospital's Cancer Information Centre, which celebrated its fifth birthday this week and offers practical and emotional support for all cancer patients.

He wanted to make high-quality information and support accessible for all and, along with the charity, Cancer Campaign in Suffolk, supported the building and development of the information centre.

The pounds and pennies collected by Dr LeVay were discovered by his colleagues in his desk drawer labelled for charity.

Since then the fund has reached £2,400, which will be given to Cancer Campaign in Suffolk and used to fund outreach activities in the community.

Pedestrian injured

A 26-year-old pedestrian was taken to hospital with ankle injuries after he was in collision with a car in a Suffolk village.

The collision happened with a blue Ford Mondeo near the Mildenhall Stadium in Haylands Drove, West Row, at around 11.15pm on Saturday. The pedestrian was taken to the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds. A spokesman for Suffolk police said it was believed his injuries were not serious.

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