


busy with lots of work taking place - new library shelves, internal and external re-decorating, additional outdoor play surface for reception children, internal alterations in Key Stage 1 - wow! All of this work is now the responsibility of the school - we are not supported financially by County any more. This is creating difficulties for us as you can image. The decorating is being done by our caretaker and by many parent volunteers but there is a lot to do so if anyone in the village has time to give to the school PLEASE contact me urgently (870585). We want to keep our school building in good condition and looking smart but gone are the days of County supporting us.  it's down to us. PLEASE help if you can. Thank you.

During the summer holidays I would greatly appreciate our local neighbours keeping an 'extra' eye on the school. If you see anything suspicious around the buildings, in the grounds etc, please dial 999 immediately. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Finally I hope you all enjoy a happy, peaceful and sunny few weeks. Thank you again for all your help, interest and support to the school and to me.

*Marian C Ham*

1066/QUILTERS Open Evening Mon 31 July, 7.30 pm. Free entry - quilt displays, demos, etc. King's Church, Boundaries, The Ridge, St Leonards-on-Sea (opposite Conquest Hospital)

PLAYGROUP JUMBLE SALE A reminder that there is a jumble sale next Sat 5 Aug 10-12 noon. The slide show mentioned last week has been put back until after the school holidays - watch this space for details.

MARATHON CYCLE RIDE Hope and Dorothy are gratefully receiving sponsorship money. They would appreciate it if everyone who pledged money would let them have it as soon as possible so that they can finalise the financial aspect of their ride.

### OBITUARY

Though not unexpected, it was nonetheless with much sadness that we heard of the death of Beryl Lucey on Tuesday after a final short illness. One might say that she had walked

hand in hand with failing health for years but the indomitable spirit which had been her lifetime hallmark had always kept her a few steps ahead. Having contracted TB at the age of 19, the sort of health that most of us take for granted these days was never there for Beryl but she made light of adversity with enormous strength of will.

It was the great intensity with which Beryl got involved with things that motivated others to greater efforts. She even took on journeys to Russia and Norway when well into her 80's not just to 'sit back and enjoy' holidays but as further stimulus to herself in body and mind. She was conversant on so many subjects such as literature and archaeology, displaying great talent in pottery and gardening and also offering challenges to even the most keen of intellectuals. In the village she was an institution, prominent in establishing the Village Hall Trust (and just as keen for the success of the new venture), responsible for the Young Wives' Group started in the late 40's right up to being the leading light in establishing the Friends of the Parish Church in 1990. She wrote the "History of the Parish Church" and of course the authoritative "20 Centuries in Sedlescombe".

She loved her family, never failing to mention them in conversation, forging the closest of bonds with her grandchildren and following their progress. It is to her sons Jamie and Rory and to their families that we offer sincere condolences at this time. In all the changing scenes of her life, Beryl was sustained with a strong Christian faith, those who knew her well will have the assurance that in her final days fear will not have been on Beryl's mind, rather the prospect of yet another opportunity - may she rest in peace.

(I have received a further tribute to Beryl which will appear in next week's Parish News. Many people in the village will have known Beryl in different contexts and if anyone else would like to add a tribute I will be happy to include in the News as and when space allows. Please make your offering brief - it need be no less heartfelt for brevity. Ed).