



### **National Share—A-Story Month 2009**

The Federation of Children’s Book Groups have once again teamed up with Usborne Publishers, to launch the National Share-A-Story Month in conjunction with the Usborne Young Writers Award competition.

The National Launch event was hosted by two relatively newly formed book groups, one in Mendip and the other in Yeo Valley, where two local schools were entertained by Sue Mongredien , author of *Oliver Moon*, *Prince Jake* and *The Secret Mermaid*.

#### **Karen Hellewell, Coordinator of National Share-A-Story Month says:**

“Collecting Sue from Bath in the rush hour we inched, then crawled then finally tootled our way cross-country to Glastonbury to the Mendip Children’s Book Group. Sue let slip that she is part of the Daisy Meadows writing team and that she publishes women’s books under the name of Lucy Diamond. Also at this point as the countryside sped by, it was clear she is also an expert navigator.

Viktoria Tischer, Chair of the Mendip Children’s Book Croup, was at Glastonbury First School where Sue entertained and enthralled 200 years 1-3 for over an hour.





She not only mesmerised them with imagining what if she had to rescue all of them when the teachers turned into green aliens with five eyes and gooey green skin but encouraged their ideas to create a story together. We then set off cross country to Yatton, where Melanie McGilloway, Chair of Yeo Valley Children's Book Group, warmly welcomed us, wearing the YVCBG tee shirt and with a lovely book display supplied by Yatton Books and Prints, the local bookshop.



Again Sue worked her magic. The teachers and children were enthused by the session

Each group within the Federation is involved in this event. Each group has received a CD containing five Usborne authors talking about the five story starters and writing tips which comprise the Usborne Yung Writers Award. The closing date for entries is October so each group could use the CD as an event later in the year. More details are available on the web site.

