

## **HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB**

*Despite a wet day, problems with parking tickets on staff cars in Wesley car park and a bump to Yvonne's car while she was helping with the club, February's afternoon session was a success. There were 32 children present, 19 non-churched and 13 churched. Enthusiasm was shown when several children asked when the next session would take place.*

*We held our first staff meeting for the summer HBC on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (Election Day!) We had several questions about this, since there are fewer people who can help this year and even fewer folk who can offer the whole week from July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Since many of the staff are becoming older or have health problems, they can offer their services for a limited time only, so younger members are urgently required. Do you know of any suitable young people in your Church who could join us?*

*With a lack of staff, we discussed various challenges we faced. Is it possible to hold HBC this year? If we do, can we offer all five days? (perhaps we should limit the event to two or three days?) Should the sessions be shorter? (not two and a half hours) Will we have to cut down the activities to one craft only (not the usual four)?*

*In the end, we have decided to stay with a whole week of two and a half hours each day. We shall call it 'WOW WEEK!', concentrating this year on five New Testament stories, probably the miracles of Jesus. We hope to offer four crafts but there will be no drama (though we shall continue with the puppets) and no musical sessions this time. With fewer helpers, we may also have to limit the number of children who attend.*

*We prayed for inspiration and we now ask for your prayers for HBC, that God will speak to any young people who could offer their help in some way and for His guidance in the manner in which He wishes this club to continue. Thank you!*