

Laura Queening - "Aura Que"

Laura Queening is a prize-winning fashion design graduate with a passion for working with small producer groups and charities in southeast Asia to bring her designs to life, and at the same to help empower these small producers. Laura spent time as a voluntary English teacher in rural Nepal, and after finishing her fashion degree decided to focus on working with groups in Nepal. NLT was very fortunate to be among the producers she chose to work with as part of the Fair Trade Group Nepal, and she has spent many months over the last ten years working in our workshops, and others, to bring her products into being. Her creations are marketed under the Aura Que brand name and you can see many of them on her website.

All this hard work on Laura's part has brought her fashion business into a more secure place and she is now helping us to market our existing stock and is going to design a small contemporary collection of products for NLT to market for itself. Laura has donated some of her stock to us to sell as we approach Christmas, and a few of her products are pictured here. Some of these scarves are so soft you won't want to take them off! *They make great presents!*



LQF012 £15
Scarf made with bamboo yarn



LQC020 £16
Scarve made with fine wool.



LQC023 £22
Scarf in the round made with Yak & silk



LQC001 £22
Bag made from cotton with faux leather handles



LQC019 £16
Scarf made from fine wool



LQC18 £8
Cotton scarf



LQC017 £9
scarf from Banana Yarn



LQC004 £38
Cotton with leather trim

Carols at Bookham



On Saturday 25th November, our friends at Eastwick Road Church in Bookham hosted the first NLT Carol Concert. It was a delightful afternoon with contributions from various members of the church, including a children's choir from their "Messy Church", as well as NLT's own quartet singing "The Three Kings" by Peter Cornelius, accompanied by Mildred on the keyboard. There was even a wonderful "Recorder Group" with recorders ranging from six inches to six feet long! The team at Bookham supplied tasty refreshments



for the interval and we sold NLT handicrafts and Christmas cards. We also discovered that a decorated basket worked very well as a Moses basket, modelled by Tobi in the picture. We hope to make this a regular annual event and an opportunity for NLT supporters to come together and celebrate all that has been done through the year. *Thank you so much to the folk at ERC who made this possible, and to all who came.*

Update on Keshav Pariyar

Some of you will remember the family of Keshav Pariyar, an 11 year old boy who realised while doing self care training at Lalgadh in 2015, that his parents and his sister probably had leprosy as well, and went and got them checked, to take treatment, and to do the self care training. They were an extremely poor family with no proper house and were very vulnerable, and we looked at ways of helping them. We organised some land and built a new house for them and gave them some buffalo to rear. Sadly in 2017, Keshav's mother became ill and died, and his father has not been well leaving Keshav, now 13, the main man in the house - a responsibility that has been too much for him. We kept track of the family with regular visits, treatment for Keshav's dad, and support for Keshav and his sister to go to school. However, Keshav recently took things into his own hands and went off to Kathmandu to learn a motor mechanic's trade. We have found him there and he seems to be in a stable situation and enjoying his work, so the team at Lalgadh feel it is probably the best thing for him. His sister Alisha and his father are being looked after a bit by a nearby aunt and we will provide some financial assistance and the schooling costs for Alisha. This has been a sad story but is not at all unusual for people living in poverty who have a very limited safety net. *Please pray for this little family.*



NLT sponsored walk



Burnham Beeches turned out to be the perfect venue for our 2017 sponsored walk, with great parking, a good cafe and toilets, and beautiful surroundings – even the weather was good. We just needed the walkers, and this year we had 31 people, plus Smudge the dog, which broke all records! The 9 mile walk went in three loops, each one coming back to the cafe area, and so some people were able to join us for the morning and some for the afternoon, and support as they were able. Small people could leave at lunch time too, so it worked for everyone.

The first two sections took in different parts of the woods, and we were able to enjoy the huge beech trees which make this wood famous. The third, longer section headed out to Littleworth Common and took us across fields and common land until we reached an old inn, tucked away down a tiny lane. After more refreshments, we made our way back into Burnham Beeches and enjoyed a last wander through the woods arriving at the picnic area for the cream tea that we had been promised!



Everyone agreed that this was a lovely walk and it looks as if Burnham Beeches will be our venue for next year. This year the walk raised over £1000 for the work of NLT.

Many thanks to all who walked and contributed.

Martin's Run



Thanks to all the people who supported NLT Trustee Martin Davies in his Half Marathon in the Vitality run. The £1700 he has raised will assist in the building of a house for a disabled boy called Rahul Purbachhane, who lives with his mother in very poor conditions. A better house will transform their lives. We will update you with progress next time.



Rebuilding has begun



The rebuilding of the houses damaged by the floods in Inarwaha has begun and should not take too long as the houses are all fairly close together. Funds came from several of our supporters, plus the NLT sponsored walk and we are enormously grateful for the generous responses to the heavy rains and floods this year. Mike will be visiting Inarwaha again soon and will be able to bring an update on the progress that has been made.

The NLT UK office team wish all our friends and supporters a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fun things to hang on your Christmas tree



XF010 £1.75
+p&p



XF008 £1.75
+p&p



XF002 £1.75
+p&p



TC001 £4.00
+p&p



XF003 £1.75
+p&p



TC007 £2.50
+p&p



TC006 £3.50
+p&p



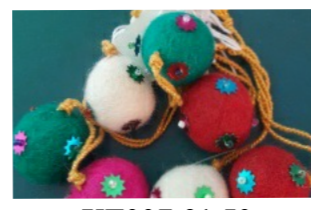
TC014 £7.50
+p&p



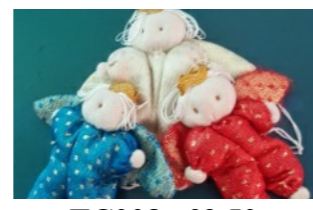
XF006 £1.50
+p&p



XF007 £1.50
+p&p



XF007 £1.50
+p&p



TC008 £3.50
+p&p

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The new EU data protection rules come into force during 2018. These will require us to have explicit permission from you for us to hold your personal data (usually name and address and email address) on our records. We don't normally hold any other data, unless you are a child sponsor in which case we may have gift aid and bank account information. We would be grateful if those of you who receive this newsletter and/or other communications, could return the enclosed permission slip for us to keep as proof that we have permission to hold your personal data. Without this, we will not be able to keep even your email address on file for newsletters, etc. *Many Thanks*



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Mike and his family are visiting NLT in Nepal over Christmas. There will be nine of them so please pray for the folk in Nepal and for the travelling, as there will be several little ones in the party. *Thank you*

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A Vaccine for Leprosy



Leprosy Vaccine Launches into Clinical Trials

For decades, scientists have been trying to develop a vaccine that can be used to prevent leprosy, but it has proved very difficult. Despite leprosy being such an ancient disease, it is officially recognised as a neglected tropical disease. This is because the rich western world is no longer affected by it and so funds to research a vaccine have been hard to come by.

A champion in this regard has been American Leprosy Missions, who are working with the Infectious Disease Research Institute in Seattle, USA to find an answer. Five years and 5.1 million US dollars later, clinical safety trials have begun on a new vaccine called LepVax. This is the best hope yet of bringing this disease to an end, and would be a formidable weapon against leprosy. At Lalgadh, NLT has nearly 35,000 individual's leprosy records, and supports many thousands of people who will have to live the rest of their lives with the complications of leprosy - many of them children. The annual number of new cases at Lalgadh has been steady at about 1200 per year, although an increasing proportion of these are from India. There are officially at least a quarter of a million new cases each year worldwide, but the likely real number is considerably higher. A vaccine would be able to stop transmission of the disease and bring a halt to all the physical and psychological trauma caused by the disabilities and stigma attached to leprosy. *Please pray for successful trials of the new vaccine.*

"A Touch of Providence"

...is the title of a new book about Nepal Leprosy Trust and Eileen Lodge's work, which will be published very soon. It is a collection of memories and pictures from people in Nepal and other countries who have been involved with NLT over many years, woven into a historical account of the foundations and establishing of NLT by Eileen Lodge and a dedicated group of trustees. It is also a tribute to Eileen herself and includes several of her early newsletters tracing her adventures with resettling families from the Kokhana Leprosarium to the Terai, and the setting up of various NLT enterprises. There is a section that explains leprosy and its effects and treatment, and describes the current state of the work at Lalgadh and hopes for the future. There is an over-arching acknowledgement of God's faithful providence through all this, from where the title is derived. NLT owes a debt of gratitude to Anne Gale, who took time off to assemble the material into a 160 page book, Alan Manchester who has been the editor, and Anne's nephew Chris Bradley who helped set the layout. You can pre-order copies by emailing us on info@nlt.org.uk or completing and returning the enclosed form to us. The cost will be less than £10 each, with discounts for multiple copies. *We think you will enjoy a fascinating read and over 100 photos!* (NB: the cover shown at right is for example only)

