



The BIG Top on Safari

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Join All the Animals – On Safari!

News Headlines

A Year for the Animals

This year The BIG Top on Safari has an animal focus. Many of the songs and stories will be about animals. The picture below gives a clue to a favourite story in the Bible about animals.



If you were in the Rainbow Tent last year, you will probably remember what the story was about and the meaning of the rainbow. If not, listen carefully this morning and you will hear all about it.

Fancy Dress Competition

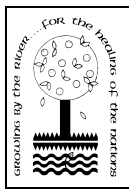
Like everything else today, the fancy dress competition will have an animal theme. The best costume in the three different groups – The Marquee (under 3s), The Rainbow Tent (3-4s), and The Arena (5-10s) – will win a prize. So which age group do you think Bert and Lucy will be in? And what Fancy Dress costume will Lucy be wearing?

Building the Future

Have you noticed all the church building going on in Teddington this year? Just as the renovations were finished at Teddington Methodist Church in February, they were starting work on Teddington Baptist Church.



Methodist



Baptist

Both these renovation projects were started because the churches want to have modern and comfortable buildings which can serve the community better. Why not come along and see the new buildings. If you haven't been to church for a while, you may be surprised at what you find!

Welcome to The BIG Top on Safari. The BIG Top may be for just one day this year – but it should be one great day just the same! Come and enjoy yourself with all the animals – and all the people too.

Competitions & Quizzes

The BIG Top's answers are written sideways in the giraffe box below.

How Many People?

Noah built the ark and took two of every kind of animal with him. But how many people were there in the ark to look after all the animals?

Spot the Missing Animal

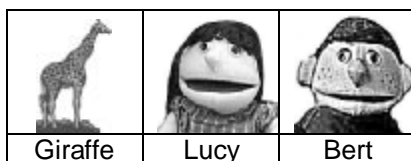
Which one of the following songs (all being used in today's Celebration) does **not** mention any animals:

1. "God told Noah"
2. "I reach up high"
3. "Fly like an...."

How Many Giraffes?

How many giraffes can you find in this newsletter for The BIG Top on Safari – words and pictures all count.

Spot the Odd One Out



So who do **you** think is the odd one out? Bert, Lucy, or the Giraffe.

Answers

How Many People: 8 – Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, plus each of their wives.

Spot the Missing Animal: Song number 2. has no animal in it.

The Odd One Out: The Giraffe is the Odd One Out because he isn't appearing live and in person at The BIG Top on Safari. Also his name and neck are the longest – and he wouldn't face the camera to have his photograph taken!

How many Giraffes: There are 14 giraffes in The BIG Top on Safari - including two in this answer and one in the Odd One Out answer.

Don't Forget

What You Can Do Today

While on Safari with The BIG Top, don't miss out on all the things you could do and try – face-painting, races, and giant inflatables. Plus all the craft as well:

3-5 years old – making pasta jewellery and zoo animals;

6-10 years old – making wall hangings, box animals, and "Make-a-lizard".

What's Online for Teddington?

Wot? is an internet information service for Teddington provided by Teddington Baptist Church.

Wot?: <http://come.to/Teddington>

Behind The BIG Top

The BIG Top is being run this year by three Teddington churches – Baptist, Methodist, and Salvation Army. See over-page for details of other youth and children's activities run by these churches.

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has newsletters and photographs from the past four years of The BIG Top. It will soon have this year's newsletter and photos as well.

<http://come.to/TheBigTop>

Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to all those who have helped run The BIG Top today, including many working behind the scenes. Special thanks to David Fletcher who has been in overall charge of The BIG Top on Safari.

The BIG Top 2005

This year The BIG Top has been reduced to one day because of building works at Teddington Baptist Church. But next year we expect The BIG Top to last a full week again. Over the years we have had themes of circus, space, TV, a sea cruise, and On Safari. Next year? Come and see!