

## Everyone can be God's New Creation!

### News Headlines

#### The Talent Show

Yesterday in The Ring and the Arena, the children had a Talent Show with lots of fabulous acts including singing, dancing, and poetry readings.

#### The BIG Top Drama



We began today's celebration with the final episode of The BIG Top drama. In the drama Harry, Larry and Barry all helped Parkie make the park into a place to enjoy.

**The BIG Top says:** *That was something to celebrate. Everyone in the drama did something to help make the park better. We can all help make a difference by looking after the world around us.*

#### The Bath/Pond Identity Crisis



Did you spot the old bath playing the key role of a pond in The BIG Top drama? It came from a skip. All of the materials used to create The BIG Top park were re-used or recycled materials. Even the lovely backdrop came from another church which used the same Scripture Union Wastewatchers theme for a holiday club earlier this year.

#### Recycled Joke of the Day

In The Ring and The Arena we are recycling old jokes! Today's final recycled joke:

*Patient to Doctor "Doctor, I think I've turned into a dustbin. But I don't know what medicine to take."  
Doctor to Patient: "Rubbish!"*

Throughout the week we have learnt how God cares for the world he made. He wants to make everything new – and we can be part of his new creation. Today's Bible story about Nicodemus reminded us how people can be changed by Jesus to be even more useful for God. No-one is rubbish to God! He loves us all.

#### Wastewatchers Theme



The theme for The BIG Top was Wastewatchers. We had group names which reminded us to care for God's world like World Watchers, Glass Gatherers, Forest Friends and Climate Carers. We had stories and drama about caring for God's world and about how God cares for us.

#### Memory Verse



Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

We are really grateful to Homebase, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and the Recycling Team of Richmond Council all of whom donated materials which helped us to make the craft work. This included animal mobiles, bird boxes, light catchers, Mexican crosses, stained glass crosses and musical shakers. Samples were on display at The BIG Top Celebration today.

### Don't Forget

#### Today is our Celebration Day

If you would like to join us for the barbecue after the Celebration, the suggested donation for those who have not already got a family ticket is: Family ticket £5; Individual £3.

#### Wastewatcher's Tip of the Day

Help keep your home, school and the streets tidy by picking up litter and putting it in the right bin.

#### Thank You!



Colin Hicks

Colin Hicks, this year's organiser for The BIG Top, sends a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped

create The BIG Top 2007. There were about 75 helpers involved in one way or another in preparations and throughout the week. They all helped make this year's The BIG Top into a successful and fun time for children and helpers.

#### How Many Attended?

The BIG Top 2007 was attended at one time or another by over 120 children. We hope to see lots of the children again throughout the coming year at the children's activities of the sponsoring churches (see over page).

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all the past years of The BIG Top including this one. More material will be added during this coming week including photos from this year.

[www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk](http://www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk)

#### Next Year?

This was our seventh year of running The BIG Top. But we don't plan to stop there. Pencil The BIG Top 2008 into your diaries for the same week next year (26-31 August). And watch out for an announcement during next year confirming the dates and theme.