



# The BIG Top on Saturday

The daily newsletter of The BIG Top Holiday Club for Saturday 30 August 2008  
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## What Talented Crews!

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Candice Maudlin

The Ring is being led this week by Candice Maudlin who works for Acts 88 which is based at Teddington Baptist Church.

Acts 88 provides Richmond schools with a free resource and support for teaching Christianity. Acts 88 aims to do everything in a lively, interactive and relevant way.

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#### The Marquee, Ring & Arena (4-10s)

The older children have made a different craft each day – treasure chests, Fabergé-style eggs, lighthouse cookies and treasure maps. They have watched a drama about pirates trying to give up their bad lives and become good “Landlubbers”. They have also learnt about Paul and his experience of living with Jesus. In The Marquee, The Ring and The Arena this has been done differently - either by someone acting out the story, telling the story or by watching a video.

#### The Rainbow Tent (3s)

On different days this week, the younger children have decorated Noah’s ark biscuits, made pairs of animals, made umbrellas and decorated birds. Today in The Rainbow Tent they had a fancy dress parade. They also heard about how God made the rainbow as a promise that the world would never have such a great flood again. The children helped make a large rainbow for the frieze on the wall and they all had their own rainbow crown to wear home.

#### Pirated Joke of the Day

Today’s pirated joke of the day is:  
Q: “What do the other pirates say to the last pirate to arrive?”  
A: “Ahoy-Latey!”

**The BIG Top crews were all on deck today showing off their talents! They included singing sea shanties, telling pirated jokes, dancing a merry hornpipe, and showing off another talent more suited to a Landlubber than a pirate! Well done, everyone! And well done The Rainbow Tent children for their fancy dress parade.**

**The BIG Top says:** What talented crews! God loves us all whatever our talent as long as we are prepared to use it for Him – perhaps by helping others or by entertaining them.

#### The BIG Top Drama

Captain Kate and the Landlubber crew will be back tomorrow during our Celebration Day with the final episode of The BIG Top drama. What will happen? Will the Landlubbers be able to join the King’s navy (or could it just be a trap)?

#### The BIG Top set

The amazing pirate galleon in the Worship Area (used by the Marquee, Ring and Arena) was specially built for The BIG Top. The puppets can appear from openings all over the galleon. The flags can be hoisted. The cannons fire when a pirated joke reaches its punch-line. The foremast may look a bit tipsy at the end of the week – but it started upright until the drama required it to fall over with an almighty crash. Everyone (young and old) wants to be photographed standing on the upper deck. You may have your chance if you come to tomorrow’s Celebration Day.

#### Landlubbers’ Language

This year we have had to use new words for everything in The BIG Top to fit in with the theme of Landlubbers. Songs are sea-shanties, refreshments are rations, groups are crews, dances are hornpipes, and meeting places are rendezvous points. It has been hard getting it right all the time!

### Don’t Forget

#### Tomorrow is our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am to about 3pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. If you would like to join us for the BBQ, the suggested donation for those who have not already got a family ticket is: Family ticket - £5; Individual - £3 (pay on the day).

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 9 years of The BIG Top. We add these daily newsletters each day and will add photos of this year’s The BIG Top early next week.

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#### Memory Verse

Paul said ***“Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as rubbish. All I want is Christ.”*** (Philippians 3:8)

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

We are really grateful to The Fun Factory, Johnson’s Shoes, Homebase, Sainsbury’s, Tesco’s and Avenue Coatings (Slough). They each gave us materials, vouchers or discounts on the things we needed to create this year’s The BIG Top.

#### Landlubbers



The theme of this year’s The BIG Top has been Landlubbers. It is about pirates searching for hidden treasure. The material was developed by Scripture Union and was adapted for The BIG Top.