



The BIG Top on Friday

The daily newsletter of The BIG Top Holiday Club for Friday 26 August 2011
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On Top of the Mountain!

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth

The Rainbow Tent is being led all this week by Elizabeth Hicks. She retired 5 years ago after teaching in local schools for the last 30 years. During term-time she also helps run the Baptist Church's Live Wires group on Thursday evenings for school years 3, 4 & 5.

Rainbow Tent Craft

Today's craft in The Rainbow Tent was to make rainbow crowns celebrating the promise of God when he put the rainbow in the sky. The older children had a Bible story about how Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead. They made stained glass windows with crosses in them.

Volcanic Joke of the Day

Q: What does a Volcano do if it likes a joke? A: It erupts with lava!

St Mary's with St Alban's Church

Some of the Leaders and Helpers at The BIG Top come from St Mary's with St Alban's Church which is near the river at the other end of the High Street. The church's activities for children and young people are over the page. Look at their website for more information about the church and other activities.

www.stmarywithstalban.org

Famous Explorers



Christopher Columbus discovered the Americas by sailing west from Europe in the Santa Maria in 1492. He was trying to find a western route to the East Indies but instead discovered the West Indies and a whole new continent. He said "You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

The Xpedition Unit have made it safe and sound to the top of the mountain. They were rescued from the cave by a mysterious man. He freed them from the ropes which Janice Meadow had used to tie them up. What a relief.

And there was a final mysterious message "See for yourself" which led them to a box with a cross in it. Finally they realised that the real treasure is knowing about Jesus. Meanwhile Janice has disappeared without trace.

Police Notice: Wanted



Anyone who knows where to find Janice Meadow (above) should contact the police at Ecksmount Base Camp.

The Xpedition Force Theme Song
The song has a verse which goes:

*Life's an adventure,
full of hopes and fears,
Twists and turns,
as we face the years.
With Jesus as our leader
We can stay the course
and be his Xpedition Force!*

*Chorus: Climb on, climb up high
Looking for a love
that will never die
Reach up, reach for the sky
Climb on, climb up high.*

The BIG Top says: *At last the Xpedition Unit have found the real treasure – not diamonds, gold or money - but knowing that Jesus loves us and died for us. He can find lost people and save them.*

Don't Forget



Tonight is our Rock Café for young people age 11-16.

It is being held at Teddington Baptist Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Entry £1-50.

Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 2.30pm with songs, a giant inflatable, games, etc and a BBQ.



Those with children in The BIG Top can eat at the BBQ as a family for free. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy tickets for the BBQ from Reception: £5 for a Family ticket (£3 for an Individual ticket).

Children and Youth Activities

Over the page you will find information about the activities for children and young people provided throughout the year by the four Teddington churches which help to run The BIG Top.

Thanks to all our Helpers

Over 140 children have attended The BIG Top this year. It is only made possible by dozens of willing volunteers. Some help with preparations (e.g. craft or scenery). Others help each day with registration, refreshments, music, puppets, drama or leading the groups. Thanks to everyone.

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all the years of The BIG Top. Have a look for yourself at:

www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

Memory Verse

*"The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."
(Luke 19:10; New Century Version)*