



# The BIG Top on Sunday

The daily newsletter of The BIG Top Holiday Club for Sunday 28 August 2011  
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## The Mountain Top Treasure

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Richard Littledale is the Minister of Teddington Baptist Church. He is leading our Celebration Service this morning.

During the week he led The Ring with help from one of the puppets!

#### Craftwork

Samples of craftwork done during The BIG Top will be on display today. Each day of the week we had stories and craft linked each day to one of our five senses (hearing, smell, taste, touch and sight). Don't forget to see the children's handiwork. In different sections they decorated umbrellas, made pot pourri, iced cakes and created their own stained glass window.

#### Volcanic Joke of the Day

Q: What did the Liverpoolian say to the Volcano? A: Lava me do!

#### Famous Explorers

The Apostle Paul explored the known world of his day and had lots of adventures.. He described his hardships in 2 Corinthians 11 as follows: "Three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers." Asked why he kept going to new places, he might well have said "to tell people the good news of Jesus – how he came to find lost people and to save them."

#### It's a Whiteout

All week we have had a snowball fight every time the drama cast mention snow. Will it happen today? Wait and see!

**Our Xpedition Unit finally got to the top of Ecksmount and discovered the treasure – they found it was to know about Jesus. Now looking back on their adventure they can see that the mysterious messages were all helping them to discover Jesus.**

*The BIG Top says: What a great week that was. The mountain was climbed, the treasure was found, and our heroes are safe!*



#### The BIG Top Drama

The children always look forward to (and enjoy) The BIG Top drama. This year the drama followed the adventures of an expedition climbing Ecksmount to find a treasure hidden high on the mountain.. Among those who helped to create the drama this year were:

Sarah Dale	Carylann Lord
Emmanuel Hill	Donald Bell
Janice Meadow	Joy Bell
Colin Slope	Kieran Peckett

The production team included:  
Producer Joy Bell  
Projection James Mearman  
Script Scripture Union  
Sound Peter Jones  
Stage set Alan Peckett

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

The children's and youth activities of the sponsoring churches (Teddington Baptist Church, Teddington Methodist Church, St Mary with St Alban's Anglican Church, and St Peter & St Paul's Anglican Church) are listed over page.

### Don't Forget

#### Celebration Day

Today we have our Celebration Day from 10.30am until about 2.30pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception for £5. Individual tickets are £3.

#### Thank You!



Colin

Colin Hicks, the organiser for The BIG Top 2011, thanks everyone who has helped with this year's event.

There were over 90 helpers involved in one way or another in The BIG Top (3-11s) and The Rock Café (the Friday evening session for those 11 and over). More than 150 children & young people attended one event or the other.



#### The BIG Top 2012

2012 will be Olympic year so we are sure to have an Olympics theme for The BIG Top 2012. We are still trying to decide when to hold next year's event. We may hold a shorter event between the end of the Olympics on 12 August and the start of the Paralympics on 29 August.

#### Memory Verse

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

#### The BIG Top Website

The website has photos and newsletters from all the years of The BIG Top.

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