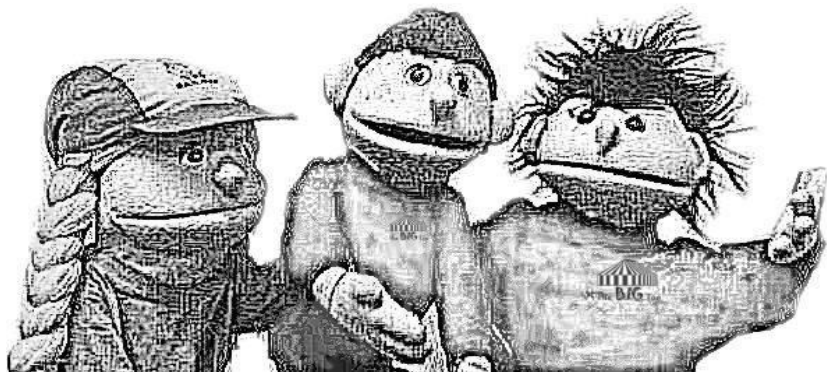




# The BIG Top on Sunday

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## We've got a lot to Celebrate!



Anna, Richard and Mark are going to give our BIG Top Celebration a boost today. They will help us remember our BIG Top week with a puppet drama.

*The BIG Top says: Hope you enjoyed the whole week and that you enjoy today's BIG Top Celebration as well. See you next year!*

### Don't Forget

#### The BIG Top Website

Our website has copies of this newsletter and Photo of the Day for every day of the week. There is also a Photo Album which, after today, should have over fifty photos. And you can look back on last year too. The website has had over 1000 visitors since it was set up for the first BIG Top.

#### After The BIG Top

The BIG Top only runs for one week each year, but the three churches have special activities for children and young people all year round. See over page for more information and contact details.

#### Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to: all those who helped run The BIG Top, including many working behind the scenes. Special thanks to the main section Leaders - Richard Colpus, Jackie Dixon and Pam Chapman.

#### The BIG Top 2003

Next year the dates planned for The BIG Top are 28 July – 1 August. Put the dates in your diary now. In past years we have had themes of circus, space and TV. Next year? Come and see!

#### What's Online for Teddington?

Wot? is an internet information service specially for Teddington: <http://come.to/Teddington>

#### **That Was The Week That Was**

It was another great week in The BIG Top for our third annual holiday club.

#### **...in the Arena TV studios...**

This year we had a TV theme. So every day Arena TV was broadcasting Neville's daily challenge as Billie and Big Al tried to groom him for stardom – without much success. The children were enthralled by the daily "soap opera" and disappointed every time an episode ended.

#### **...in the Baptistery...**

Each day Roving Mike hid in The Arena until found by the children. The most unusual hiding place was when he hid in the baptistery - under the platform. Fortunately for him it was not full of water at the time!

#### **...and in Tesco's!**

We hear that, one day this week, four BIG Top Centurions were seen rampaging around the shop. On another day there was a BIG Top boat race up and down the aisles.

#### **What they said about The BIG Top**

*"The best one ever"*

*"Absolutely fantastic"*

*"The children loved it"*

*"Hope you run it for many more years"*

*"Helps me get through ... the summer"*

*"A pity it is only for one week"*

### News in Brief

#### **The Arena (5-10s)**

There were about 70 children each day in The Arena. They had a rapid fire programme with drama, video, songs, games and craft. One day they made wooden spoon puppets of characters from the story of the miracle when Jesus healed the Centurion's servant. They also used card to make land yachts and model TVs.

#### **The Rainbow Tent (3-4s)**

Over 20 children had fun all week with singing, dancing, stories, drawing and craftwork. On Friday they made paper plate clocks, reminding them that Jesus has time for each of us.

#### **The Marquee (under 3s)**

An average of 30 children had the chance to play (and sleep). The carers had a varied programme with glass painting, face massages, flower arranging, cake decorating, and a Bring 'n' Buy sale (raising £40 for work this summer with Romanian orphans).

#### **The Rock Café (11-16s)**

The week in the Rock Café finished on Friday with a car scavenger hunt and a BBQ.

#### **The Arena Memory Verse**

God loved the world so much that he sent his son Jesus  
so that anyone who believes in him will not perish  
but have life everlasting.