

Churches working together to provide a fun-filled week for all!

# Lighthouse DAILY NEWS

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The mainstage team teaching the week's dance at Sundays Commissioning Service. (Try to keep up boys!)

## Mainstage fun!

Mainstage team Andy Clamp, Jim Faulkner and Anne Ridgeway are leading Big Top – fun-packed and full-on sessions in the main tent, 3 times a day.

Big Top sessions include drama, music, worship, dancing, stories, wit, banter – as well as the gunge tank, with its brooding on-stage presence!

'Candidates' are chosen

from the various adults that the children wish to nominate – but the kids themselves are off-limits. How unfair is that!

The dancing... Well, have you ever seen (white) men

dancing well?

No, neither have we, and Lighthouse Thame 2008 is no exception! ■



## 370 and we've got space for more!

At the time of going to print we've got over 370 children registered but still have space for a few more – so tell all your friends about it tonight and bring them along tomorrow.

To save time on arrival, please download and complete an application form from our website at [www.lighthousehame.org.uk](http://www.lighthousehame.org.uk)

### Visit us online!

Daily photo updates at [www.lighthousehame.org.uk](http://www.lighthousehame.org.uk)



### Parent's Cafe

Our Parent's Cafe is open daily at drop off and pick up times in the main entrance tent.

Fresh coffee & cakes will be available (yum!) and we will also be selling Lighthouse merchandise.

Do hang around, chill for a moment (it is the summer holiday, after all) and meet other parents.



### Lunchbox challenge

Wednesday's lunchbox challenge is to come in with a great joke!

### Please remember for tomorrow!

**SUN!** We love the sun, but our skin doesn't! Please remember to apply plenty of sunscreen and send your child with a sun hat and a (full) water bottle.

**Lunch Boxes:** We have some children who are severely allergic to nuts. Could you please tell your children to not share their food with others in order to avoid risk to other children.

**Lost property:** Yes, it's started already – and all your child's mislaid clobber can be found in the main entrance/admin tent.

**Shoes:** Please get your children to wear suitable shoes for outdoor games. We don't want any twisted ankles!



**KidzKlub Thame starts in October!** Working closely with Lighthouse, KidzKlub will offer the same flavour of fun, activity and learning. Once a month, for an hour, on a Saturday morning.

We expect that the limited spaces will go quickly – so book your place now!

More information and application forms from the Admin tent or [www.kidzklubthame.org](http://www.kidzklubthame.org)



More Big Top highlights: (top) Big Top session 3 (bottom, from left) Emily, Andy, Ann and Jim

## Lighthouse Thame 2008

July 28 - August 1

Lighthouse is a Christian holiday week for local children and young people run by volunteers from local churches. Contact us during the week only on 07722 088895 or visit [www.lighthousehame.org.uk](http://www.lighthousehame.org.uk)

- Barley Hill Church, Thame
- Christchurch, Thame
- community church thame
- Cornerstone Church, Thame
- Church of Good Shepherd, Hadd.
- Haddenham Baptist Church
- Haddenham Methodist
- Long Crenon Baptist Church
- Oasis Church, Thame
- Our Lady of Light, Long Crenon
- St Catherine's, Towersey
- St Joseph's, Thame
- St Mary's, Haddenham
- St Mary's, Long Crenon
- St Mary's, Thame
- St Nicholas, Chearsley
- St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

We operate as part of a registered charity (1071892).

We operate strict child protection policies.

We are closely related to **thamechurchesunited**, a partnership of churches in and around Thame, working together for the community [www.thamechurchesunited.org](http://www.thamechurchesunited.org)

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serving people in and around Thame



## Musicians Phil & Lynne

Each day in Lighthouse News we plan to meet some of the volunteer team. Today, we meet Phil and Lynne Heard who are in the band.



*Guys, what do you do when you're not here?*

Phil: I work in insurance...

Lynne: And I am a full time mum...

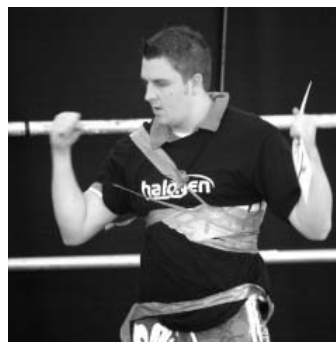
*So, how did you come to be involved in Lighthouse?*

We've been part of Long Crenon Baptist Church for a number of years and are now part of Cornerstone in Thame. Ulrike Kibble is also part of our church and is the administrator for Lighthouse. Paddy Harris (our Youth Pastor, below – what is he doing?) is also involved, and I guess between them they roped us in.

*What makes you want to take time off work to do this?*

Music is a very powerful way of communicating at a deeper level. We really enjoy being part of creating worship music, which can help people connect with God in a special way and understand truth.

It's great to see children worshipping. Their childlikeness and straightforwardness is a provocation to us adults, who make everything so complicated! ■



### Welcome all the family at 4pm Friday!

Our end-of-Lighthouse Celebration event is 4-5pm Friday. Bring everyone: mum and dad, the kids, the granny, the dog (no, not the dog!). An opportunity for your kids to show you what they've been doing all week.

## Parents' Ponderings

This daily column will help you understand what your child(ren) have been learning about today!

What is said to take 7 years from a person's life every time they complete it? What is equivalent to travelling a third of the way around the moon?

The answer is the *Tour de France*, the cycle race which has just come to completion in Paris. It is a gruelling test of stamina and endurance and for that reason alone, it is no wonder some competitors are prone to cheat, especially by taking performance enhancing drugs. But of course, it's not only cycling that suffers in this way. How many sporting events can you name that have had drug scandals attached to them, sports such as tennis, baseball, and Olympic events such as weightlifting and swimming too.

But why cheat? Are the risks worth it? Some would say they are but the consequences can be devastating – people stripped of their medals and disgraced, individuals and teams banned from their sport, sometimes for good.

It's possible to cheat, to take short cuts, with almost anything we do. Even computer games have cheat codes to take short-cuts through them and get undeserved bonuses! In business, in relationships, in just about any aspect of life, it is possible to get derailed by the choices we make in this way.

It's this theme that the children have been exploring today, because one of the things the Bible says is that to be a real champion in life, the best way to live is with honesty and integrity, to run a straight race and keep going to the very end, when there will be a reward waiting for us from God. It's not easy to do this in our own strength, but God promises to be with us and to help us when we trust Jesus with our lives. ■