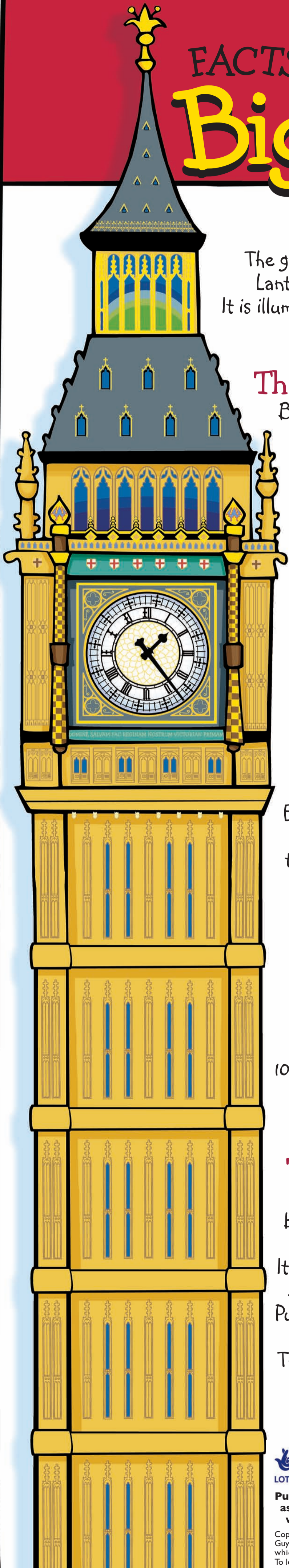


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The Lantern

The green Ayrton Light shines
Lantern of the Clock Tower.
It is illuminated any time Parliament
sits after dark.

The Belfry has five bells:
Big Ben and 4 quarter bells.

Big Ben weighs 13,700
kilogrammes; that's about the
same as an elephant!

Big Ben is struck on the hour
by a hammer weighing
203 kilogrammes.

The Great Clock

Its official name is the
'Westminster Great Clock'.

The Clock has four faces.
Each face is 7 metres wide.

Each face has an area of 38½
square metres. That's more
than 100,000 times the size
of a pound coin.

The Hour Hands are
2.7 metres long and
weigh 300 kilogrammes.

The Minute Hands are
4.2 metres long and weigh
100 kilogrammes. The tip of each
minute hand travels over
160 kilometres in a year!

The Clock Tower

is 97 metres high from the
base to the finial at the top.

It was designed by Sir Charles
Barry and Augustus Welby
Pugin and was finished in 1858.

There are 334 steps from the
ground to the belfry.



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