



**TACEHAM HUNDRED DISTRICT
WINGS UNIT – NEWSLETTER JULY 2008**

Thank you for signing up for WINGS 2009 and joining Taceham Hundred District's WINGS UNIT. We hope you will have a fantastic time at this international jamboree next summer. There are already 250 Units signed up for WINGS with over a quarter of these Units coming from over 25 countries outside England.

The Unit has a team of 10 adult leaders and consists of 70 Scouts from every Troop in the District plus Explorer Scouts from the District's Explorer Scout Unit.

For most of you, this will be your first big international camp; for some of you it will be your first event with the Scouts. If this is you, we hope that we can guide and support you on your exciting journey in to Scouts. If you have any concerns of questions, please feel free to ask any of the Unit leader team.

We hope to produce a newsletter every two to three months. If you have any articles, please let us have them. In this issue, we have details of some fundraising events, a badge design competition and news on our training weekend. The next newsletter will be out in September. Until then, have an enjoyable summer, and if you're going on your Troop camp to Dorset, may be we'll see you there!

Yours in Scouting

Two handwritten signatures in green and black ink.

Peter Swynford Richard Clarke

WINGS CAMP FEES

The total camp fee is £165 per person, of which you have already paid £25. We hope to be able to reduce this and also support a training weekend next year through some fundraising events, of which, we have three fundraising events planned so far. Parents and guardians, if you are able to run or help with any additional fundraising activities to support the District Unit, please talk to your child's section leaders.

The second payment of £50 is due by 31 December 2008 with the balance (£90 less any reductions) due by 31 March 2009. We'll let you know exactly how much the final amount is in January 2009. You can make the second payment at anytime before the end of the year. Cheques should be made payable to "TACEHAM HUNDRED DISTRICT SCOUTS".

A receipt for your deposit is enclosed with this newsletter together with a paying-in slip for the next payment.

DO YOU REMEMBER 2003?



The last WINGS event was five years ago. We went as a District Unit, but as you can see from the photograph, we were much smaller. Do you recognise anyone from the picture? At least four of the people in this photograph have signed up for WINGS 2009.

RACE NIGHT – Saturday 11 October 2008

We hope our race night will be an enjoyable evening. Scouts and younger siblings will be invited to 'jockey the horses' while parents, grandparents, family and friends 'play the tote'. There'll be an opportunity to 'own a horse' and to 'sponsor a race'.

The race night will take place at 2nd Thatcham Scout Group HQ, doors open at 19:00 with the first race at 19:30. Tote players must be 16 or over.

Invitations to the races will go out on general release to all sections during the summer, however, if you'd like to get in early, please visit our website to book a place or look out for the Race Night Form and return it via your section leader.

If you know someone who'd like to sponsor a race, please let them know. There are many benefits of race sponsorship including company name, logo and website address appearing in the race night programme and on our Unit website.

If you'd like to own a horse on the evening, we recommend you get in early, as these are likely to be sold out very quickly.

Full race night details are online at www.tacehamwings.org.uk/racenight.shtml



BAG PACKING – Sunday 21 December 2008

The weekend before Christmas is a busy shopping period and we have been extremely fortunate to have secured a six-hour slot at Sainsbury's Newbury for bag-packing on the Sunday before Christmas.

We hope that everyone on the Unit will be able to help during the day as this will, no doubt, be our biggest fundraiser!

Full details will be distributed in November.

QUIZ NIGHT– January 2009

Our third fundraising event will take place after Christmas when we're hoping to run a quiz night in the New Year. More details nearer the time.

UNIT BADGE COMPETITION

Design a badge for the WINGS Unit.

The winning design will be made into a badge which can be worn on the Uniform (subject to approval) and also swapped with other participants at WINGS. Everyone in the Unit will receive their first two badges free; additional badges will be available to buy via the website during 2009.

Entry forms are available online at www.tacehamwings.org.uk/badge.shtml

Closing date for entries is 31 October 2008.

TRAINING WEEKEND

Although it's very early days, we hope to run a one night camp with practical tips for successful international camping. This is scheduled for the spring of 2009, the exact date to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on the Unit website for the latest camp news.