



**TACEHAM HUNDRED DISTRICT
WINGS UNIT NEWS SEPTEMBER 2008**

It's now less than one year until WINGS 2009 – the Windsor International Guide and Scout 2009 camp. This local jamboree is organised jointly between Berkshire Scouts and Girlguiding Royal Berkshire; the organisers have already been working on the event for the last three or more years.

Although the Taceham WINGS Unit has only been established since March this year, we've exceeded all our expectations. We now have a Unit of 90 people strong made up from Scouts from all five Troops, 1st Woolhampton, 1st Thatcham, 2nd Thatcham, 1st Hermitage, 1st Cold Ash and Explorers from the District's Axford Explorer Scout Unit.

As this newsletter goes to print, there are over 5000 participants registered from over 250 Units, representing more than 25 different countries. There are Units from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, Ghana, Mexico, Uganda, Algeria, Denmark, to name a few places!

We don't know yet which sub-camp at WINGS we will be assigned to, however, it's certain that all the nations attending will be spread across all the sub-camps. Who knows; we might have the Irish on one side and Canadians on the other!

We hope to see you all on our race night next month and look forward to seeing some cracking entries in our badge design competition.

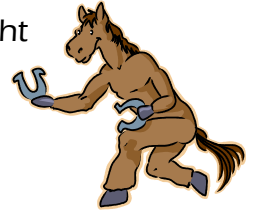
Peter Swynford, Richard Clarke

RACE NIGHT Saturday 11 October 2008

Venue: 2nd Thatcham Scout Group HO

Buy a Horse, Sponsor a Race, Be a Jockey, Play The Tote, Support the Unit.

Doors open on our race night 19:00 with the first race at 19:30. Tote players must be 16 or over.



If you haven't got your tickets, you can order them now and pay on the door (cash only on the day).

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

BAG-PACKING Sunday 21 December 2008

Venue: Sainsbury's, Newbury

This fundraising day will bring in significant money for the Unit to support our 2009 programme, provided we can fill every checkout with bag packers. Full details will be distributed in November, but for now, please put it on your calendars.

UNIT BADGE COMPETITION

The closing date for the badge competition is at the end of October. If you'd like to enter, you should send your designs to Richard Clarke.

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

DIARY DATES

11 OCT 2008	RACE NIGHT (2 ND THATCHAM HQ)
31 OCT	BADGE COMPETITION ENTRY CLOSES
21 DEC 2008	BAG-PACKING (SAINSBURY'S)
31 DEC 2008	SECOND INSTALMENT DUE (£50)
Tba JAN 2009	QUIZ NIGHT
31 JAN 2009	FINAL PAYMENT AMOUNT ANNOUNCED
31 MARCH	FINAL INSTALMENT DUE
Tba JUNE	TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND
1-8 AUGUST	WINGS 2009

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The theme for WINGS 2009 is "Making a Difference". This will be reflected in some of the activities on site and within the subcamps.



We want to challenge everyone in the Unit to raise £5.00 each, to help others less fortunate than themselves.

How you raise the money is up to you. You could bake cakes and sell them at a fête; you could dispose of some of your old toys at a car boot sale; you could take part in a sponsored cycle, swim or walking event. You could even do all of them!

The money we collect as a Unit will be used to support young people in Kenya through charities involved in providing education and within the UK through UK's child-based charities. In 2003, WINGS raised £4000 for the Children's charity "Feed The Children".

Start thinking now what you could do to make a difference.

UNIT GROWS TO ONE HUNDRED

Taceham Hundred District's Unit is literally now one hundred strong. The Unit is now closed to any further participant registration.

The large size means it's Taceham's biggest ever participation at an international camp. It also gives us a few challenges as the leader team will be organising the unit into functional sub-units for operational purposes at WINGS.

For older Explorer-aged members of the Unit we expect to take part in the 14-18 programme at WINGS. The sub-unit will be lead by Ben Tichband.

For younger Scout-aged members, we will be taking part in the 10-14 programme, with at least two sub-units, one lead by Peter Swynford, the other by Richard Clarke.

At this time, we haven't allocated Scouts to either sub-unit, so if there are particular friends you'd like to be with, or you have a brother or sister going and you'd rather be in a different sub-unit, then please do let us know.

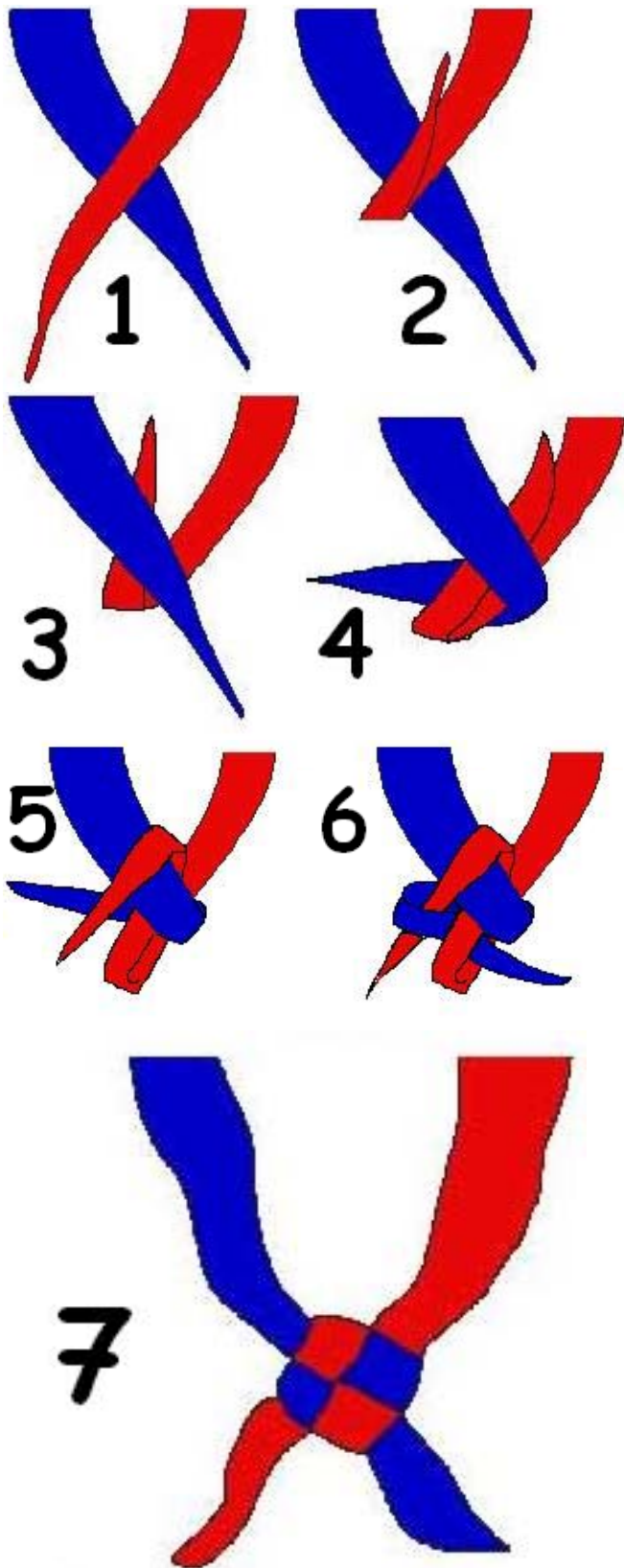
HOW TO TIE A FRIENDSHIP KNOT

With this newsletter is an instruction sheet on how to tie a Friendship Knot in your necker. You may like to stick the sheet up on your fridge door or pin it to a notice board.



“ Did you know that being a member of the Taceham WINGS Unit will earn you at least 8 extra nights away! ”

HOW TO TIE A FRIENDSHIP KNOT



This knot is often used by Scouts to secure their neckerchiefs, instead of a woggle - either because they've lost it - or because they're worried they might. It can also be tied in the points of a necker (very small) if a woggle is being worn.

The linking of the two sides of the necker represent the bond of friendship - both sides of the knot collapse to nothing if they are disentangled.

(1) Roll the long edge of your necker first, to give neat ends to tie (it looks particularly effective with bordered neckers) .

(2) Cross one end (e.g. red) over the other (blue) then fold it back up on itself.

(3) Bring the second (blue) end over the folded (red) end.

(4) Take it round behind.

(5) Bring end A (red) down over end B (blue).

(6) Take end B round and over end A and tuck it through the loop formed by end A.

(7) Adjust the knot until the ends are even and the knot flat and square, tighten gently until it is the size you want

TOP TIP

“ Once you've done it a few times, you'll see how easy it is. Impress your own friends at your next meeting night by teaching them the Friendship Knot. ”

Traditionally, this knot should be tied in your necker by a friend, and you should never untie that knot in case undoing it "undoes" the friendship.