



## TACEHAM HUNDRED DISTRICT WINGS UNIT NEWS SPRING 2009

This is the fourth Taceham WINGS newsletter and the first one for 2009. In less than five months we'll be at WINGS 2009 ! If you've not seen any of the previous issues, check them out in the members' section of the website.

### FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

We've had three very successful fundraising events over the last six months, starting with our Taceham Races in October and finishing with the enjoyable Italian Quiz and Dinner last month. The big event though for the Unit was the bag packing at Sainsbury's which involved more than fifty members of the Taceham WINGS unit. Over just six hours we brought in nearly £1300.

The total from all our ventures is around £2000. This means we can provide for a training weekend (13/14 June), our own Taceham WINGS T-shirt and badges plus other consumable goodies when we get to WINGS at no extra cost.

A frequent question asked is whether we can discount the final WINGS fees with any of this. Unfortunately two grand split among one hundred people doesn't give much off; besides we'd probably have to sell you the T-shirt and badge.

Another question often asked is about how much of the £165 Taceham WINGS membership fee is retained within the District. The answer is nil. The fee is passed directly to the WINGS 2009 organisers. That's what every other Scout and Guide has to pay to attend.

Finally asked questions is about refunds for drop outs. Unfortunately, when we pay WINGS we pay for named places at the camp. Unless it's a medical condition with a doctor's letter, we cannot refund any payments if you decide you don't wish to come.

### WINGS 2009 TAKE-OFF PROGRAMME

The WINGS TakeOff programme is a series of join-in events and activities leading up to WINGS 2009. You don't even need to be a WINGS participant to take part in TakeOff.

We hope everyone in the Unit will join in with the TakeOff programme. Among the things you could do are:

- ◇ Take part in the training weekend
- ◇ Raise some funds for the WINGS charity
- ◇ Do something on an international theme before WINGS

There's an award for everyone who takes part. Details of the programme will be available through your own Scout Troop or Explorer unit.

Very shortly we'll be featuring the WINGS TakeOff programme on our website.

### TACEHAM WINGS CLOTHING

Every Unit member will be provided with a garment which we want everyone to wear on one of the Subcamp days at WINGS. We do need to know your sizes in advance. Please complete the T-shirt form to Lorraine Young by 31 May or alternatively complete the online form to record your size. If we do not hear from you, we'll assume a particular size will fit you. (Picture used for illustrative purposes only)



### SUPPORTING THE WINGS CHARITY

*The Theme for WINGS 2009 is Making a Difference. Every participant has been challenged to raise £5 each through their own efforts. We'd like to challenge you to double this amount if you can.*

*This could be through either a garage sale or a car-boot sale; or you could bake and sell cakes at school, church or to friends. You could even endeavour to do something challenging and get sponsored for it, for example, give up watching television for Lent (which starts on 25 Feb.), or set your self a challenge to walk further than you ever have done before.*

### Room at the Inn? Home Hospitality!

*We will fill the Windsor Great Park for a week but some Guides & Scouts want to push the experience a step further. They would love to live like you, live with you for a few days. Think Marmite, fish and chip, the greenness, football in the park, roundabouts, funny crisps flavours,*

**WINGS 2009 is recognised under the Global Explorer scheme. This means that there is an expectation amongst participants that the camp will have a strong international focus, not least that there will be an opportunity to mix with Scouts from other countries and to experience aspects of life from another country.**



cricket....all those aspects of every day life we don't notice anymore are novelty to a visitor.

How fun it will be to rediscover where and how we live through the eyes of visitors! Our International visitors will be with us either between the 27-31 July or 8-12 August 2009. Could you open your home to 2 Guides or Scouts for a few days?

If space is a premium, you could also host one leader. We also have some groups requesting Group Hospitality. Is your Guide or Scout group willing to have them stay in the hut and assist them with ideas for activities and food shopping? It is a great way to prolong the Wings experience!

We have been lucky in the past to benefit from the generosity of hosts in many countries; it is our chance to return the favour.

For more information contact Annick Tremblay, hoho@wings2009.org.uk

### **TACEHAM WINGS TRAINING WEEKEND CAMP**

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY 13-14 JUNE 2009**

**Venue: Bear's Rails Camp, Old Windsor.**

**Weekend's Theme: Make a friend, Make a promise, Make a difference**

**Meet all the leaders, Camp with Scouts who're not in your Troop, Have fun.**

**The weekend will focus on getting to know everyone in the Unit, to appoint Patrol leaders and to work to make our time together in August successful.**

### **THE UNIT, SUB-CAMPS AND PATROLS**

WINGS 2009 will bring together over five thousand Scouts and Guides on one site for eight days. Of this number, Taceham Hundred District will be represented at WINGS 2009 by a contingent of over 100 people. The majority will be participants (Scouts & Explorer Scouts) lead by a team of leaders; others will be there as staff, running subcamps, activities and entertainments.

The WINGS site will be split into subcamps of up to one thousand people; each of the subcamps are named and themed after inventors who contributed something to the world. The five subcamps are called Bell, Moreland, De Havilland, Harrington and Archimedes.

Those of Scout age (10-14) will be camping together in one of the subcamp appropriate for that age. From Taceham, there are 65 Scouts and

12 leaders. Peter Swynford and Pete Frost are leading the Scout-aged group. Jim Payen and Sandra Bailey are managing the entire catering operation for our Scout section, cooking for over 80 people.

The Scouts will be split into six patrols and the duty patrol will be required to assist them. Each of the six Patrols is supported by one of the other adult leaders. It's at the training camp that Patrols will be formed and Patrol leaders appointed.

Ben Tichband is leading the Explorer Scout grouping who will be camping and participating in the *Harrington* sub-camp designed for 14-18 year olds. Supporting Ben are Lorraine Young, Rachel Forman and Martin Brown. This group will operate as an Explorer Scout Unit and will cook and operate as one group.

### **TACEHAM WINGS REPORT BACK EVENING**

*An open invitation to parents, sponsors and supporters to find out what we all did at WINGS 2009.*

*DATE: MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2009,  
TIME: 20:15 VENUE: 2ND THATCHAM SCOUT HQ  
Refreshments available.*

### **TACEHAM WINGS BADGE**

And finally, everyone will get some of our Taceham WINGS Unit badges.



The badge features our District's name on the top, and the venue and date on the bottom. The Gold and Black is the WINGS corporate colour scheme, while the pink, orange, blue and green represent the colours in the WINGS flags.

We'll distribute these at the training weekend!

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