



# 1<sup>st</sup> Baydon Brownies

## REPORT TO PARISH ASSEMBLY 2011

1<sup>st</sup> Baydon Brownies continues to thrive – we now have 20 girls attending each week, and have had to enlist parents on a rota to help out, in order to give all girls who want to join us the opportunity. We still have a short waiting list for future Brownies, which is encouraging.

Since the last Parish Assembly, we have taken part in many and varied activities, including working with the girls towards badges. Last summer we completed working on our Friends to Animals badge, and started working on the Finding Our Way badge, which has included visiting Baydon St Nicholas Church and completing a quiz to find out more about the Church, as well as learning about maps and drawing our own.

In addition to these activities, we found time to do some cooking (indoors and outside), make Mothers' Day and Easter cards, go on walks around the village (including having chips kindly cooked for us by Sam and Clair), and play plenty of games.

In September, we took the girls from Baydon and Aldbourne Brownies to the Hawk Conservancy near Andover, where they saw bird displays, handled some of the birds, and got to see the Great Bustard, which is the Wiltshire symbol that they wear on their sashes. Good fun was had by all.

In October we hosted our now annual Soup and Sandwich Kitchen at the BYPA, which is our main fundraising event of the year. The Brownies worked hard at serving and clearing the tables and collecting the money, whilst the leaders and helpers were kept busy in the kitchen. It was so well attended that at one point there was a queue at the door. We will be holding the same event again this October, so look out for the date.

On Bonfire Night, we shared the traditional refreshment stall with the Pre-School providing hot-dogs, soup and spiced apple punch.

We also found the time to organise some trips away from the hall, taking the girls to Coate Water for a scavenger hunt followed by ice creams, on a visit to an animal sanctuary and to a local vets, as well as going to Aldbourne for a games evening followed by a BBQ.

**Jayne Dominy**  
**Brown Owl**

**Wendy Appello**  
**Tawny Owl**