



1st Baydon Brownies

REPORT TO PARISH ASSEMBLY 2010

1st Baydon Brownies continues to thrive with 5 enrolments during the past year. 6 Brownies left us at Christmas, having reached the age of 10, and old enough to go on to Guides. We are currently running at near-full capacity with 15 girls, and a small waiting list. Early 2010, we lost our Brown Owl when Pat and Kevin Barnes decided to leave Baydon for pastures new. Baydon Brownies continues to thrive under the two remaining leaders, with Jayne Dominy ably stepping up to become the Pack's Brown Owl.

Since the last Parish Assembly, we have taken part in many and varied activities, including working with the girls towards badges. Last summer the girls completed their work on the Seasons badge, by making their own bird boxes and making a large maypole. We had fun trying to get the dancing right, whilst trying not to tie each other in knots.

The girls then moved on to working for their World Culture badge. This required them to create scrapbooks to show the National Anthem, National emblems, and to find out the meaning of their own names. They acted out stories from around the World, made jewellery from recycled materials, and decorated Japanese fans.

In addition to these activities, we found time to do some cooking (indoors and outside), make Easter cards, decorate chocolate eggs, go on walks around the village, and play plenty of games.

In July we hosted a rounders and BBQ evening on the Paddock for Aldbourne Brownies. They returned the hospitality in November, when we took the girls to Aldbourne to take part in a Ready, Steady Cook event. The girls redeemed themselves admirably, cooking soup, stir-fry and pancakes, which were all duly tried and judged by 3 stoic "volunteers". Well done to those 3 husbands of the Brownie leaders!

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 a couple of end-of-term outings to Pizza Express in Marlborough – where the girls made their own pizzas – and on the Rose of Hungerford Santa Cruise at Christmas, where we cruised at a leisurely pace along the canal to meet Father Christmas, to be entertained on the return by the girls practising the songs for the School Christmas production.

2010 sees Girlguiding UK celebrate its 100th anniversary, with various exciting events and activities taking place both nationally and locally. Some girls attended the kick off party at Marlborough Leisure Centre, to start this year of celebrations. Last weekend, many of our girls took part in a Golden and Gorgeous afternoon with Aldbourne and Marlborough Brownies. Last October, we organised a Soup and Sandwich Kitchen at the BYPA, which was well supported by parents. The Brownies helped to prepare the food and were responsible for serving and collecting the money. This October, we are hoping to organise another Soup and Sandwich kitchen. To mark the end of the Centenary year, we would like to serve 100 lunches – please watch out for the advertisement in the Baydon Scene and come and support the girls. All the funds raised go to help us organise more events and activities for the girls.

Jayne Dominy
Brown Owl

Wendy Appello
Tawny Owl