

Brownies Annual Review 2006



Girlguiding

110th Huddersfield Brownies
(Salendine Nook Baptist)

Again, 2006 has been a very busy year for Brownies. In 2006 11 girls have joined, 7 have left for Guides



and 1 has moved out of the area. As ever, we still have a long list of children waiting to join us with 4 girls from Rainbows starting in January 2007.

We started the year with the whole unit working towards the Road Safety badge. We were helped by a local member of the Police Force, who also happens to be the father of one of the Brownies. Later in the year, we held a badge evening, where the girls worked towards assorted badges including Hobbies, Toymaker, Communicator and Artist.

In Spring, we enjoyed our visit to the pantomime at the Lawrence Batley Theatre. We also spent an evening planting nasturtium seeds.



In 2006, Girlguiding UK was nationally reviewing the Brownie programme. A number of units in each County participated in a programme of activities, compiled by headquarters to establish what the girls do and don't like about Brownies. Salendine Nook Brownies was one of the units in our County to be involved in this evaluation.

At the start of our busy Summer term we went on Pack Holiday to Wysholme in Emley. The children selected 'polar animals' to be the theme for the weekend, and we worked on preparative activities at meetings prior to the event. Whilst on the holiday the children carried out tasks running the home, made lots of craft items, went on a walk, and worked towards the Craft, Friend to Animals and Pack Holiday badges. As ever, this was a most rewarding but exhausting adventure for all involved!



Our next residential event was an over night stay at the children's museum 'Eureka' in Halifax. Just the ten year old Brownies attended this

special event, where we took part in activities organised by the Eureka staff along with the other attendees. The theme for the evening was music and science. Sleeping on the floor at Eureka was a great experience for the girls – a totally different type of Brownie holiday.

The whole unit was involved in West Yorkshire South County's attempt to make the biggest ever circle of Brownies. This took place at Bradley Wood Campsite and the girls found themselves in a ring of over 500 other Brownies from Huddersfield, Wakefield and Pontefract. As well as the ring, the girls were entertained with nature trails, juggling and exotic animals.

In July, Huddersfield Ramsden Division held a weekend Guide camp at Hesley Wood Campsite in Sheffield. Brownies and Rainbows visited for the Saturday afternoon and were involved in outdoor activities concluding with a big campfire.

We started the September term with a rounders match against the Cubs. We played them last year, and beat them easily. This year,

however, the Cubs had been practicing, and sadly for us, they won. Maybe we'd better practice too if we are to play them again next year!

The rounders defeat was quickly forgotten, when two days later Salendine Nook Brownies had another day trip, this time to Hull aquarium 'The Deep'. On a very hot day, we had a wonderful time watching the fish, sharks and rays.

As the end of the year approached, we had a talk from a local astronomer who taught us some of the stories behind the constellations. After the astronomer's visit, the Brownies went on to work towards the Star Gazer badge.

We have had two visits from members of the church. Mr Eales kindly ran an informative evening giving the Brownies a guided tour around the church, whilst Mrs Wimpenny came to talk about the Toy Service and the importance of giving.

The year has ended with a number of Christmas craft evenings, and the all important Christmas party.

Again, we've had a hectic year, and we're now looking forward to the break to be refreshed for next year.

We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the people of the church and for the support that we are given.

Liz Bennett

