

Report on High Halden Brownies to the 2024 Village meeting

April 2024

Our late Queen, as well as her sister Princess Margaret together with Princess Anne and Sophie Countess of Wessex were Brownies. It is with considerable pride that High Halden has had a Brownie Unit for 68 years, without a break! Brownies and Guiding is for everyone!

We are currently a small Unit with 3 leaders and look forward to more girls joining us, particularly since we have several families moving to our lovely village. Come along and see if you will enjoy being one of our Brownies. We meet in our village hall on Mondays during term time, from 4pm to 6pm.

We have a programme of activities which incorporate the 'Guiding round the World' ethos where we celebrate Chinese New Year as well as Mr Brown Owl giving talks on the Arab and Berber world of Morocco. We also explore the universe with an astronomical telescope looking at the moon and stars and constructing the solar system in this hall on a Monday evening. We keep busy!

The Guiding Programme is designed to transition seamlessly between Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Elements include: Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for My Future.

Healthy eating and cooking are always popular as well as keeping fit and learning to work as a team. Our craft work is a big plus and, like everything else we do, it's a lot of fun.

The girls obviously enjoy earning their badges, which gives them a great feeling of achievement and encourages them to strive for more. Brownies and Guiding, together with their schooling, starts them off on the right track.

Sincere thanks to our Parish Council and Village Hall Committee who, together with Brownie parents, support us through the year.

Marianne Ball

Brown Owl