

Brownies & Rainbows Report for Annual General Meeting 2018



Acklam Rainbows

Our unit continues to thrive and as it was 30 years since the Rainbow Movement started, 2017 was a special year for all Rainbow Units. To celebrate the occasion we joined together with other units from Cleveland County for a 'Fairy Festival' on a sunny afternoon in June. Girls and leaders dressed in fairy costumes had a wonderful time playing games, making wands, icing fairy cakes, and sliding down the Bouncy Castle.

Congratulations go to 2 of our leaders, Rebecca Walters started a midwifery course at Leeds in September and we thank her for all her help and support over the last few years. In November Hannah Grant (nee Walters) slightly earlier than planned, gave birth to Arthur William who is now a bouncing baby boy. Sadly he won't be able to join Rainbows, however, in a few year's time the Beavers could have a new recruit.

Hazel Fowell Acklam Rainbows

49th Middlesbrough (Stainsby) Brownies

Our Brownies meet every Wednesday evening during term time from 5.30 - 7pm in Acklam Grange School. We currently have 18 Brownies.

We have spent another busy year - the following being some of the highlights.

In July 11 Brownies spent 3 nights at Holme House, Esk Valley nr Grosmont. We were joined by guides from Baptist church, St Barnabas and Nunthorpe Methodist who camped in the adjoining field. We spent the weekend being pirates and on the Saturday we had a pirate wide game then cooked pasta bolognese on open fires. On the Sunday went to Whitby by train where we ate fish and chips and completed a treasure hunt. The weather could have been kinder but the girls still enjoyed themselves

The girls also worked towards Adventure and Interest badges with all of the girls gaining their Craft, Number Fun and World Guiding badges.

In February we joined the Brownies and Rainbows meeting in the church hall to celebrate Thinking Day and in November we held our fund raising Coffee Evening after making items to sell.

We ended the year carol singing at Acklam Court (having already made cards and lavender bags to take for the residents) and with the usual Christmas party.

Valerie Milsom Brown Owl

25th Middlesbrough Brownies

As last year, our unit has been growing and we are now at maximum capacity, which is great to see. We have three leaders in training and two young leaders who are working with our unit as they complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

The Girlguiding programme is changing from September this year and so the past year has been mainly gearing towards that change. Girls have voted in national decisions to change the design of the Brownie uniform leggings and have fed back their thoughts on activities and badges which will be included in the new programme. They have also gained their Future Girl badges where they identified issues that were important to them and which Girlguiding will be campaigning on in the future.

A highlight of the year was our trip to FlamingoFling, the North East England regional camp held in Flamingo Land. The themes of the camp were Scream, splash, speed, safari – and the girls certainly challenged themselves to make the most of these areas in the theme park and zoo. For many of the girls who attended, it was their first time sleeping in a tent at all, never mind at a Girlguiding camp so again really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. Making your Brownie promise is a special occasion for each Brownie and two of our newest girls were lucky enough to make their promise at the top of the Ferris Wheel in Flamingoland at the end of the weekend.

Looking forward to next year, in May, we will be attending the Middlesbrough division trip to Eureka Science Museum in Halifax, and once the new programme details are announced in July, we will be planning our events and camps/holidays for the next year.

Madeleine Still Brown Owl,

43rd Middlesbrough Scout Group Report for Annual General Meeting 2018



Again, we had another busy year, delivering a full programme of Scouting activities to around 70 young people. The Cubs held their now traditional Dads and Lads weekend at Carlton and the Group as a whole had a camp at Walesby Forest, in Nottinghamshire, which also included sleepover for the Beavers. The Beavers also enjoyed trips to Beamish and the Planetarium. The Explorer scouts enjoyed being part of the Group Camp, as well as having their own activities.

Some of the Explorer Scouts continue to help us on their Young Leader programme, but, as always, we would appreciate additional adult support – if anyone is interested in finding out more about what is involved, please contact me, or any other Leader.

Mike Bowen
Group Scout Leader