

# HAPPY CAMPERS

## THE BADEN-POWELL WAY

The three villages have, like many communities, a strong link with the Scouting and Guiding movement.

Currently 1<sup>st</sup> Youlgrave Brownies is a full pack with 18 girls aged 7 - 11 years and is run by Edwina Edwards, Brown Owl, and Sarah Vaughan, Snowy Owl.



### 1<sup>st</sup> YOULGRAVE BROWNIES (above)

The brownies are prepared to lend a hand in the Scout and Community Hut, which they helped to paint in November 1999. Pictured here are Charlotte Harrison, Louise Percival, Marianne Wragg, and Katie Louise Mather.

Susan Lomas led the Guide company from 1971 to 1989. She will be long-remembered by her guides for fabulous holidays and camping trips in the UK and abroad, which included the International Camps at Chatsworth and holidays in France and Switzerland.

Susan is keen to point out that such trips would not have been possible without the co-operation of the girls and their parents.

### 1<sup>st</sup> YOULGRAVE GUIDES (right)

The Guides continue to enjoy their camping trips. Pictured here are: Sophie Redfern, Penny Edmunds (Guider), Natalie Mather, Emma Bright



and Phillippa Hancock at the Pax Hoh camp in 1999. Some of the Guides are going to the International Camp, 'Peak 2000'.

The girls also enjoy activities such as canoeing, climbing, cooking and crafts.



### RAINBOWS (left)

Rainbows will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday this May. The Guider, Louise Hancock, and helpers run a Unit for 12 girls aged 5 - 7 years.

Pictured: Alice Micklewright, Amy Prince, Catherine Thaw, Ellie Andrews, Emma Andrews, Hannah Wilson, Isabelle Higgins, Jessica Wilkinson, Katherine Farmer, Laurie Lee, Mary-Ann Gow, Rheanne Emily Smith, Sarah Andrews and Rachel Corran.

## 1<sup>st</sup> YOULGRAVE SCOUTS

Youlgrave Scouts was formed in 1910. The Reverend Greenshields was the first Scoutmaster. Among his first Scouts were Jack Rowland, Norman Brassington and Vernon Wilson. Later Scoutmasters include Chris Toft and Brian Asquith.

Rob Poyser is the current Scoutmaster and the Youlgrave Scouts have been concentrating their activities on outdoor pursuits. Several members of the Pack have achieved their Gold or Silver 'Outdoors 1999 Awards', which is a scheme that was designed to get the boys outside more and which will continue in 2000.

The Scouts are also going to 'Peak 2000', the International Scout and Guide camp in Chatsworth Park. I hope they all enjoy themselves as much as we did at 'Peak 80'.



The Cubs and Scouts of Youlgrave after parading (above) in 1935.



### 1<sup>st</sup> YOULGRAVE CUBS

Youlgrave also has a Cub pack, which meets weekly in the Scout and Community Hut. The Scout and Community Hut was built in 1992 on the site of the old Scout hut, which burnt down in the early 1970's. The Scouts and Cubs are pictured (left) in front of the old Scout Hut in the 1950's.

The Cubs have recently been holding a series of themed evenings, which included an Italian evening. A wonderful excuse to have pizza! The Cubs are currently working to attain their 'Millennium Badges'.

The current Cub Leader is Trevor Robinson. He also helps out with Youlgrave Scouts, who meet on the same evening. Bill Shimwell was the leader for 35 years until his retirement in the early 1980's.

## And Caring Clubs ...

### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Friendly Societies are often referred to as the 'Poor Man's Masons'. In its heyday, Youlgrave had four societies, namely the 'Foresters', the 'Druids', the 'Oddfellows' and the 'Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes' (RAOB). These were formed in the early Eighteenth Century.

Committed to supporting the local community, the RAOB or 'Buffs' arranged trips for the pensioners of the village, such as the trip to Trentham Gardens in the early 1950's (see picture right).



Pictured (left) is a gathering, probably the Foresters Friendly Society, taken in the yard at the Bull's Head. A fine looking group they made, many resplendent in bowler hats and watch chains.

Back row - Ralph Webster, Ben Oldfield, Dan Prime, Frank Wragg, Enos Wragg, Billy (Becca) Oldfield, Joe Thornhill, \_\_\_\_\_, Joe Johnson.

Front row - Tom Coats, Will Hollis, Billy Smith (?), John Gould, Will (Totley) Birds, Fred Oldfield



### YOULGRAVE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Youlgrave Women's Institute celebrated its 80th birthday in 1999. A party was held and a Commemorative Well Dressing designed by Margaret Fell representing the Derbyshire Federation badge was produced (pictured right).

Youlgrave WI is a thriving group and over the years has had many interesting talks, visits and activities covering a wide range of interests and skills. These include choral music, country dancing, cookery, handbell ringing, leathercraft, rug making and glove-making. Classes have also been

given in painting, tatting and even driving.

Amongst its extensive charity and community activities are litter picking expeditions, knitting for Romania and fund-raising for local hospitals. The ladies have raised many thousands of pounds for the upkeep of the Village Hall with Well Dressing Teas.

On a lighter note, the WI ladies also enjoy numerous trips and events. They have won second prize in the Miss Personality of Derbyshire Federation of WI's. They are also involved in various quizzes, slide shows, trips to gardens, shows and mystery outings.

The ladies participate in various activities at a local and national level.



As a regional branch, they also vote on the important National Resolutions. The WI is at present campaigning to ensure the survival of the local village Post Office, a vital service for many.



### The WI trip to the Wedgwood factory in 1963

Back Row - Mrs Keyworth, Mrs Harry Shimwell, Mrs C Boardman, Mrs Ann Robinson, Mrs Jim Birds, Mrs Dale, Mrs Bateman.

2nd Row - Mrs Weston, Mrs Scrivens, Mrs Harry Hall, Miss Olive Purseglove.

3rd Row - Mrs Connie Holland, Mrs Lucy Wardle, Mrs Annie Wild, Mrs Gadys Clarke, Mrs Gladys Sheldon,

Mrs Annie Mills, Mrs Costello.

4th Row - Mrs Twyford, Mrs Alice Brassington, Mrs Margaret Purseglove, Mrs Mary Needham, Mrs Marjorie Shimwell.

Front Row - Mrs Joan Dale, Mrs Crawley, Mrs Doris Lees, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Margaret Fell, Mrs Florrie Lomas, Miss Martha Purseglove.