



# Odd Fellows News

Wanborough  
1874

**Persons named :** Hiett, Povey, Tarrant, Winkworth, Hart

## ODD FELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday week last the members of the Loyal Pride of Wanborough Lodge of Oddfellows, meeting at the Harrow Inn, celebrated their anniversary. Having assembled in their club room, the members formed in procession and proceeded, bearing the regalia of the order, and headed by the Pewsey Brass Band, to the parish church, where divine service was performed by the Rev. S. J. Ety. On leaving the church the members proceeded to perambulate the village, and afterwards returned to the Harrow Inn, where an excellent dinner had been laid out by Host Brother Hiett. Mr Povey presiding over a company of about fifty. On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and a statement of the present position of the lodge was made, from which it appeared that the accounts were in a very satisfactory condition.

The sick and funeral fund commences with a balance in hand of £147 18s 1½d; contributions, since January, 1874 to present time £38 10s 2d. During the half year the sum of £12 8s had been expended for sick and funeral expenses, leaving a balance in hand of £174 0s 3½d. The management fund has a balance in hand of £8 7s 10d. The total worth of the lodge is £184 19s 1½d :- as follows : In Savings Bank £162 8s 4d; lodge property £6 10s; in treasurer's hands £16 0s 9½d. There are 62 benefit members and four honorary members.

After dinner sports commenced. There were three races run, the first being a quarter mile hurdle race, which was won by Mr Tarrant of Wroughton and, flat race, 250 yards (lodge members only), being won by Mr Winkworth, of Bishopstone. Flat race, 250 yards (open race), won by Jacob Hart, of Hodson. There were several children's races, for pocket handkerchiefs, &c.. in the evening. Dancing, kiss in the ring, cricket, quilts, knock em downs, and other games were continued until dusk.

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### **Odd Fellows brief history**

Although no formal records exist, historians have advanced the theory that an Order of Odd Fellows was established in 1452 by knights who were said to have met at the Boulogne-sur-Mere in London and formed a fraternity.

Large meetings were treated with some suspicion in those days, and wisdom possibly dictated that it be prudent only to keep records on matters of great importance.

From these early days sprang two Orders of Odd Fellows, the 'Patriotic Order' and the 'Ancient Order'. The existence of the 'Patriotic' Order has been confirmed, as a copy of the rituals revised by a meeting of the Grand Lodge held in London in 1797 has come to hand.

The first constitutional record of the Order's founding is the Bond of Union to establish 'Amicable Lodge' Sheffield. A framed copy of the Bond dated January 6th 1798 and signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary on behalf of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United Order of Odd Fellows is held at Head Office

[Source: Grand United Order of Oddfellows; <http://www.guoofs.com/history/>]