



Willoughby Oddfellows

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This is a photograph of members of the Willoughby Fallow Field Lodge of the Nottingham Ancient Imperial United Order of Oddfellows. It was taken on 2nd July 1896 in celebration of their jubilee. The framed original measuring approximately 24 x 18 inches is displayed in the Village Hall at Willoughby. The names of all the people in the photograph were also included. These details are transcribed below and are shown exactly as they appear on the original.

Top Line J. MARRIOTT Jnr. G. ANDREWS. C. SHERWIN. A. MARRIOTT.
 R. HICKLING. A. TINKLER. T. HALLAM (centre). T. ROBINSON.
 J. HALLAM. A. MATTHEWS. F. HALLAM. W. SKINNER. J. MARRIOTT Snr.

Second Line J. SKETCHLEY. T. SKETCHLEY. A. CROSS. T. DALBY (steward).
 W. CROSS (Secretary). J. HARDING J. TUCKWOOD behind J. HALLAM.
 J. CROSS. T. HORNBUCKLE. J. LANE. T. MARRIOTT. H. WADKIN.

Third Line S. SCREATON. Snr. (Imperial Father). F. NIXON. W. HARDING.
 R. SCREATON. S. BAILEY. W. SCREATON (Assistant Secretary).
 H. FINCH (centre). A. GOODACRE (Vice Grand). W. MARSHALL (Tyler).
 J. HALLAM Jnr. M. GREEN. W. GOODACRE. A. SLEIGH. H. SMITH.

Fourth Line (seated) G. COOPER. J. WATSON. S. SCREATON Jnr.
 J. SCREATON (Treasurer). T. SCREATON.
 F. WATSON (Steward). S. HARDING (Warden).

From identities I have checked, I can confirm that names run from left to right in each line. The office of 'Tyler' was held by the person responsible for vetting all applications for membership.

The Lodge held its meetings in one of the three eighteenth-century cottages in the main street, which was known as 'the clubhouse' and pictured below.



Photocopy of photograph showing front view of 'clubhouse'.



Rear view of the 'clubhouse' before conversion.



The white rendered house is 99 Main Street, Willoughby in 2021.

The three cottages were converted into a single dwelling (99 Main St) in 1983–84 and it was in one of them that the framed Oddfellows photograph and the negative were discovered.

I was able to borrow the negative from the late Henry Rowlinson of the Willoughby Heritage Group and produced the above print. It is a unique record of nineteenth century Willoughby menfolk and for those who have Willoughby ancestry a rare opportunity to see such clear images of them.