



Court No. 6369 Banners on Parade

This assembly of Foresters at Shrewton in Wiltshire is undated but, by appearances, looks to be c.1910. Two banners are in evidence, with the one on the right that of AOF Court “Alfred Edward”, No. 6369, named after Queen Victoria’s eldest son. The reason is obscure, the Court being founded in 1877. The letters SWD indicate the Court’s membership of the extensive South Western District of the AOF. At the period the photo was taken, members were meeting in the National School, so that it is possible this view shows them gathering in the school playground.

The number of men shown in the picture has not been counted but it is known that membership of the Court around 1910 stood at just over 200. The Court did not have any Honorary Members so it is a bit of a mystery as to who the prominent, and prepossessing, central figure lacking a sash or ribbon, might be. The second banner, with the motto Unity is strength may be another banner belonging to the Court, or to another organisation involved in the assembly.

Court “Alfred Edward”, No 6369 amalgamated at the beginning of the 21st century.

OPC Note:- A court within the Foresters Order was a branch. Therefore Shrewton Branch was known as Court 6369

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