

King's Arms and Edward Hatten

The principal public house in Deddington during the period 1820-1837, which also had the advantage of being a coaching inn, continued to be the King's Arms (now the Deddington Arms Hotel) in Horse Fair, although perhaps less dominant than previously later on in the period on account of competition from the Unicorn.

The King's Arms also enjoyed the status derived from being the venue for the Wootton North Division Petty Sessions (or Magistrates' Court). The 'Bench' used to meet in a small room on the first Saturday of each month.¹

The proprietor since 1806 was Edward Hatten, when he married Mrs. Ann Bilson, the widow of the previous licensee, George Bilson, who had died in 1804. Edward Hatten continued as proprietor of the King's Arms for the subsequent fifty-two years until his death in 1858, aged 84.

Hatten was to become a significant man of business and a leading member of the local community. Amongst other things, he was also a substantial farmer. In 1827 he relinquished part of his farm (unidentified), selling some of his live and dead farming stock (including 23 cows, 370 sheep, 2 horses, 4 fat pigs). In 1834, on his leaving Leaden Porch Farm (over 150 acres), there was an extensive sale of livestock.

Edward Hatten also acted as land agent and surveyor for the leading local solicitor, Samuel Churchill, until his bankruptcy in 1827 (see [Churchill's bankruptcy](#)), buying, selling and letting farms and dwelling houses on behalf of his principal. Churchill had inherited 369 acres in the Parish from his father on his death in 1808, and he also held extensive leasehold property.

Through the King's Arms, Hatten was also involved with Samuel Churchill in the hiring of horses, chaises and special messengers. When Churchill was declared bankrupt, Hatten was the second largest local trade creditor, being owed £1,406 17s. In his proof of debt, he described himself as 'gentleman'.

As regards public positions, Hatten was an agent for the County Fire Office and Provident Life Office from 1818 to 1831. Already one of the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Wootton, in 1819 he was appointed Examiner of Weights, Balances, and Measures, in the North Division of the Hundred.

Although the King's Arms appears to have been facing strong competition from the Unicorn (landlord John Sturch) from the late 1820s, this seems to have been checked by the installation of John Herring as tenant landlord in 1836. His catering for the cricket club, yeomanry, North Oxfordshire Conservatives and manorial court (two of the dinners off-site) drew favourable comments. Previous tenant landlords have not been identified.

¹ Described as a "diminutive" room, "a space of most inadequate dimensions". 'History of Deddington - A Supplement to Marshall's Deddington' by William Wing, reprinted from the *Oxford Chronicle* 1879. https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/18533/1879.SupplementtoMarshallsDeddingtonbyWilliamWingSectotheNOxArchSoc.pdf

Apart from being a hostelry, the King's Arms was also a [coaching](#) inn. Hatten commenced the 'posting business' in 1813. An advertisement in 1820 announced that 'The Regulator' mail coach to London would start at the King's Arms. The 'Tally-Ho' was advertised as calling at the King's Arms in 1835. A new light coach, 'The Railway', started a daily road and rail service (Sundays excepted) from the King's Arms to Snow Hill in the City of London in 1837.

In Robson's Commercial Directory in 1839, the King's Arms was described as a commercial inn and posting house.

A list of the references to the King's Arms in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* during the years 1820-1837 is set out below.

Wootton North Division Petty Sessions (or Magistrates' Court)
First Saturday of each month 1820-1837

Public meetings

Deddington Association, and dinner (i.e. lunch) 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1831, 1834, 1837

Mendicity Society 1835 (2)

Self-Supporting Dispensary 1836

Mail Coaches 1820, 1835, 1837

Meetings of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

1820, 1822, 1823(3), 1824, 1825(2), 1826, 1827(3), 1828(2), 1829, 1830(3), 1831(4), 1832(2), 1833 (superseded by Cartwright Arms, Aynho)

Auctions of property in the Parish

1820, 1821(2), 1822, 1823(3), 1824(3), 1830, 1831, 1832, 1834(2), 1835(2), 1836, 1837

Bankruptcy hearings 1822, 1823. 1830, 1836

Meetings of Revising Barristers (voting lists)

1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837

Other catering

Dinner after SPCK meetings 1820 (2)

Dinner for Yeomanry 1837

Cricket match supper in Town Hall 1837

Meeting of 100 Oxfordshire Conservatives in Infant School Room 1837

Court Leet 1837

Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837

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1820 'The Regulator' mail coach to start from King's Arms

Auction of 2½ acres

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Dinner after SPCK meeting

Dinner after Bartlett's Buildings Society (SPCK) meeting

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton,
Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

1821 Auction of house and malt-house (tenant, John Rose)

Auction of farm at Barford St. Michael

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

1822 Creditors' meeting re Adderbury bankrupt

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton,
Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Auction of house and 13 acres occupied by Thomas Pretty

1823 Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton,
Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Auction of 5 cottages in Hempton, proprietor Samuel Owen

Creditors' meeting re Adderbury bankrupt

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton,
Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Auction of The Plough, Hempton

Auction of (1) tailor's premises (John Robinson) in Market Street and (2) two dwellings in Church Lane

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

1824 Auction of cordwainer's premises

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Auction of house and shop in New Street and weaver's shop in Hudson's Lane

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Auction of new built residence in New Street of late Mr. John Leigh, surgeon + 2-day furniture sale on the premises

1825 General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Ditto

1826 Ditto

1827 Catalogues for auction of furniture of bankrupt solicitor, Samuel Churchill

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Ditto

Ditto

1828 Catalogues for auction of assets of insolvent William Merry

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Ditto

1829 Ditto

1830 Ditto

Auction of timber at Lower Worton

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Ditto

Creditors' meeting re bankrupt William Gibson, victualler and ironmonger

1831 Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Auction of timber at Deddington, Clifton and Ilbury

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

Ditto

General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads

1832 Ditto

Ditto

Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn

Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)

Auction of timber at Lower Worton

1833 Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn

Meeting of Trustees of Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads
[Subsequent Trustees' meetings at the Cartwright Arms, Aynho]

Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn

Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)

1834 General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association

Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn

Ditto

- Auction of property of bankrupt solicitor, Samuel Churchill
- Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)
- Auction of property of bankrupt solicitor, Samuel Churchill
- 1835 Auction of copyhold land of bankrupt William Emberlin at Deddington paper mill
- Auction of farmstead in Market Place and 27 acres
- 'Tally-Ho' mail coach schedule
- Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn
- Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)
- Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn
- Ditto
- Meeting of Mendicity Society
- 1836 Auction of timber at Lower Worton
- John Herring new tenant landlord of King's Head
- Meeting re Self-Supporting Dispensary
- Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Catering for cricket match supper at Town Hall
- Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn
- Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)
- Creditors' meeting re bankrupt William Gibson, victualler and ironmonger
- 1837 General Annual Meeting of Deddington Association
- Dinner for Yeomanry
- Auction of house and 10 acres fruit trees at Hempton in 6 lots
- Visiting surgeon-dentist, Mr. E. King
- Catering for meeting of 100 Oxfordshire Conservatives in Infant School Room
- Meeting of Revising Barristers (voting lists)
- Court Leet + dinner

Light coach, "The Railway", daily (Sundays excepted) from Deddington to Snow Hill, London by road and rail

Visiting dentist, Mr. Lukyn

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12 February 1820, page 3

The Regulator,
DEDDINGTON and BICESTER
POST COACH,

WILL in future start from the King's Arms, Deddington, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at Five o'clock, to the Crown Inn, Bicester, Oxon; and from there, at Half past Seven, through Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead, and Watford, to the King's Arms Inn, Snow-hill, London; from whence it returns every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, at Half past Seven.

Places and Parcels booked at the Green Man and Still, and at Brown's Warehouse, Oxford-street.

Performed by WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Bicester,
And JOSEPH HEARN, London.

22 April 1820, page 3

DEDDINGTON ASSOCIATION,
For the Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Meeting of the Members of this Association will be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Saturday the 6th of May next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of auditing and settling the Treasurers' accounts, and renewing the subscriptions; at which Meeting the attendance of Members is requested.

Persons wishing to become Members of the Association are requested to signify the same to the Treasurers before the Meeting.

CHURCHILL and FIELD,
Treasurers and Solicitors.

4 October 1823, page 3

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

By R. JARVIS,

On Saturday the 18th of October, 1823, at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, Oxon, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, - A desirable FREEHOLD ESTATE, situate in Deddington aforesaid; comprising a Dwelling House, with shop, yard, garden, and out-buildings, fronting the Market-street, in Deddington, late in the occupation of J. Robinson, tailor and draper. - Also 2 FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES, with yard, garden, stable, and other out-buildings, situate in Church-lane, in Deddington, in the occupation of James Gilkes and C. Welch, and adjoining the first mentioned dwelling house.

The premises may be viewed by application to the respective tenants, and further particulars had of Mr. B. Aplin, solicitor, Banbury; Messrs. Churchill and Field, solicitors, Deddington; and of Mr. Weston, solicitor, Brackley.

17 July 1824, page 2

FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

In Deddington, Oxfordshire,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By Mr. CHURCHILL,

At the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Saturday the 31st day of July, 1824, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, in the following lots:-

Lot 1. - A stone-built and sashed HOUSE, situate in the New-street, in Deddington; comprising a front sitting room and shop, kitchen, cellar, 3 bed rooms, and a garret, with a yard, garden, and barn adjoining, now in the occupation of Richard Russel, tenant from year to year.

Lot 2. - A stone-built HOUSE, situate in Hudson's-lane, in Deddington; comprising a kitchen, weaver's shop, and pantry, two bed rooms, with a yard, garden, and hovel adjoining, in the occupation of Richard Olds, tenant from year to year.

For a view of the premises apply to the respective tenants; and for further particulars to Messrs. Churchill and Field, solicitors, Deddington, Oxon; or to the auctioneer, Woodstock.

8 January 1831, page 1

Aynho Division of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington, and Aynho Turnpike Road.

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 15 January at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at the following gates:

Deddington Gate	£61 (1830)
Clifton Bridge Gate	£130 (1830)
Aynho Wharf Gate	£20 (1830)

Samuel C. Field, Clerk to the Trustees, Deddington.

20 April 1833, page 2

MR. LUKYN,

(Matriculated by the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford,)

DENTIST TO THE UNIVERSITY,

HIGH STREET, OXFORD.

Absent from Oxford on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th of April.

MR. L. takes the responsibility of his Artificial work on himself, from his universal success, and the construction and adaption of his principle being so far superior to all others.

APPOINTMENTS.

Thursday, April 25 - King's Arms, Deddington, at Nine o'clock; Red Lion, Banbury, at Eleven; and Cobham Arms, Buckingham, at Three.

Leamington Spa Courier, 6 June 1835, page 2

[Pen and ink drawing of post coach]

THE WARWICKSHIRE

TALLY-HO

NEW POST COACH,

To BANBURY & OXFORD.

The Inhabitants and Visitors of WARWICK and LEAMINGTON, and the Neighbourhood, are most respectfully informed, that the

above NEW and ELEGANT POST COACH continues to Run every Day
(Sunday excepted).

LEAVING	MORNINGS.
<i>The Warwick Arms Hotel, WARWICK,</i>	at Half-past Ten.
<i>King's Arms Inn, DEDDINGTON,</i>	Half-past Two.

ARRIVES AT	
<i>Perrin's Coach Office, Corn Market,</i>	
OXFORD,	Half-past Four.

LEAVING	MORNINGS
<i>Perrin's Coach Office, Corn Market,</i>	
OXFORD,	Eight.
<i>King's Arms Inn, DEDDINGTON,</i>	Ten.

ARRIVES AT	
<i>Warwick Arms, WARWICK,</i>	Two.

PERFORMED BY

Messrs. LAKE, CHURCHILL, SKINNER, & PERRINS.

*[Intermediate stops between Deddington and Warwick, at
Banbury, Gaydon and Leamington, omitted.]*

28 November 1835, page 2

MENDICITY SOCIETY.

THERE will be a Meeting at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, on
Saturday next the Fifth of December, at Twelve o'clock at
noon, for the purpose of forming a Mendicity Society for
Deddington and the surrounding villages.

Deddington, November 26, 1835.

20 February 1836, page 3

King's Arms Inn, Deddington, Oxfordshire.

JOHN HERRING,

HAVING taken and entered on the above Inn, respectfully
solicits the favour of his friends, Commercial Gentlemen, and
the Public in general, assuring them that every attention
shall be paid to their comfort and convenience; and, by

keeping a good stock of excellent Wines, Spirits, and Beer, he hopes to gain that patronage he will endeavour to merit. J.H. flatters himself that his accommodations will meet with the approbation of his friends, and they may be assured that no exertion shall be wanting to merit that support which it shall be his study to deserve.

N.B. Good stalled Stables, neat Post Chaise, very able Horses, and careful Drivers.

3 September 1836, page 3

Oxford News.

CRICKET. - The return match between the Deddington and Brackley Clubs was played at Deddington on Tuesday last, when the game was decided by the Deddington men gaining at one innings 106 runs, and their opponents scoring but 84 runs in two innings. The party afterwards dined together in the Town Hall, where an excellent dinner was served up by Mr. Herring, the landlord of the King's Arms Inn, and mirth and good humour prevailed throughout the evening.

3 June 1837, page 3

Oxford News.

On Friday se'nnight Capt. Whitmore Jones's troop [Chastleton], of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Yeomanry Cavalry, assembled at Deddington for exercise, after which the officers gave the men a most excellent dinner, wine, &c. provided by Mr. Herring, at the King's Arms Inn. Hilarity was kept up until a late hour, when the company separated, much delighted with their entertainment.

9 September 1837, page 3

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

WE, the under-signed Barristers-at-Law, having been duly appointed to REVISE the LISTS of VOTERS in the ELECTION of the KNIGHTS of the SHIRE for the COUNTY of OXFORD, hereby give Notice, that we shall make a Circuit of the said County, and hold Courts for that purpose at the several Places and Times under-written (that is to say) -

At the King's Arms Inn, DEDDINGTON, on *Monday the Twenty-fifth day of September* instant, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for revising the Lists of Voters' from the several Parishes and Places in the North Division of Wootton Hundred.

