

Coaching

Advertisements in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* and other provincial newspapers indicate that during the period 1820-1837 there was a steady growth in the network of mail coach services.

Below is a tabular analysis of newspaper advertisements of mail coach services calling at Deddington during this period.

The analysis should be treated with caution, however, since whilst some operators published regular notices detailing their various routes, others seem to have advertised only new routes at the time of their introduction. It is therefore difficult to glean for how long most of these services operated. Also coaching operators came and went, sometimes amalgamating or demerging in the process.

Deddington had direct access to mail coach services by virtue of its location on the principal route from Oxford to Leamington and Warwick. Some 8 coaches serving this route were advertised between 1825 and 1835, although how many services were operational at any particular time is unclear. All the coaches would have stopped at the King's Arms in Deddington, which was the only coaching inn in the town.

Coaching destinations were public houses offering accommodation for travellers and horses, with a network of connecting services (e.g. to London from Oxford, to Leicester or Birmingham from Warwick or Leamington). The coach operators' booking offices were next door. Oxford was the focal point for coaching services in Oxfordshire, and Cornmarket Street, with its various hostleries, would have been thronged with coach and fours.

All of the mail coaches appear to have had nicknames. The coaches calling at Deddington included 'The Regulator', 'The Royal Magnet', 'The Patriot', 'The Tam O'Shanter', 'Triumph' and 'The Warwickshire Tally-Ho'.

The identity of 'The Regulator' is somewhat confusing. It seems to have been the name of a new service in 1825 (also advertised 1828) from Leicester to Oxford by J. Briggs & Co. of Leicester, as well as the name of a service in 1828 (also advertised 1833) from Oxford to Warwick by J. Drinkwater & Co. of Banbury.

The sole service originating in Deddington went from the King's Arms to the King's Arms at Snow Hill in the City of London. This service was advertised in 1820 by William Phillips of Bicester and Joseph Hearn of London. Confusingly, this was also called 'The Regulator'. The service ran 3 times a week, leaving Deddington at 5am with intermediate calling points at Bicester, Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead and Watford.

It is unclear how long Phillips and Hearn operated the 1820 'Regulator' service to London, but in 1837 Joseph Hearn announced the commencement of a new coach service called 'The Railway' from the King's Arms, Deddington, to the King's Arms, Snow Hill. This service was to run daily, Sundays excepted, partly by train, in conjunction with the London and Birmingham Railway (L&BR). The coach left Deddington at 8.45am, via Bicester and Aylesbury, joining a L&BR train at Pendley Station (close to Tring) at 2pm, arriving at Euston Station at 3.30pm. Snow Hill was reached at 4pm. The new service denoted considerable initiative on the part of Mr.

Hearn, since the line to Tring had only been opened on 16 October 1837, and the new service was first advertised on 11 November 1837.

Paradoxically, the expansion of coaching services evidenced by the newspaper advertisements referred to above took place at the same time as the early development of the railways, which in a relatively short space of time would supersede the mail coach.

Newspaper advertisements of mail coach services calling at Deddington 1820-1837

First Ad	Proprietor	Name of Coach	Destination	Intermediate Stops	Frequency
1820 12 Feb	William Phillips, Bicester and Joseph Hearn, London	'The Regulator'	From King's Arms, Deddington at 5am to King's Arms, Snow Hill, London	Bicester, Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead, Watford	3 times a week
1822 31 Aug	C. Holmes, Mitre Inn, Oxford	Not specified	From Oxford at 3pm to Banbury	Woodstock, Deddington, and Adderbury	Daily, except Sundays
1825 9 April	J. Briggs & Co., George Inn, Leicester	New post coach, 'The Regulator'	From Leicester 7am to Angel Inn, Oxford 6pm	Rugby, Banbury, Deddington, Woodstock, &c.	3 times a week
1825 13 Aug	C. Holmes, Mitre Inn, Oxford	New post coach, The Royal Magnet	From Oxford 1pm to Warwick and Birmingham	Woodstock, Deddington, Banbury, Leamington, &c.	Daily
1826 15 Apr	J. Drinkwater & Co., George & Dragon Inn, Banbury	Regulator Post Coach	From Oxford to Leamington and Warwick	Woodstock, Deddington, Banbury, Southam, &c.	Daily, except Sundays
1828 17 Sep	J. Briggs & Co., George Inn, Leicester	Oxford Day Coach, 'The Regulator' See 1825	From Leicester 7am to Angel Inn, Oxford 6pm	Rugby, Banbury, Deddington, Woodstock, &c.	Daily
1830 17 July	John Coles & Co., Star Inn, Corn Market, Oxford	Light post coach	From Oxford to Banbury	Deddington	Twice daily, at 8.30am and 2pm
1832 17 Nov 15 Dec	John Gomm, Samuel Beesley and George Wyatt & Co.	New post coach, 'The Patriot'	From Leamington to Roe Buck Inn, Corn Market, Oxford (5 hours)	Banbury, Deddington	Daily, except Sundays

1833 5 Jan	John Gomm, Samuel Beesley and George Wyatt & Co.	New post coach, 'The Tam O'Shanter'	From Roe Buck Inn, Oxford to Leamington and Warwick Also Oxford to London	Deddington, Banbury, Southam Also Oxford to London	Daily, except Sundays
1833 1 June	John Drinkwater, Flying Horse Inn, Banbury	New post coach 'Triumph'	From Flying Horse, Banbury 10.15am to Angel Inn, Oxford. Return dep. Oxford 3pm, arr. Banbury 5.45pm Continues from Banbury to Warwick	Deddington, Kidlington Kidlington, Deddington Continues from Banbury to Warwick	Daily, except Sundays
1833 1 June	John Drinkwater, Flying Horse Inn, Banbury	'The Regulator' See 1826	To Oxford and Warwick every day as usual	Deddington, &c.	Daily
1835 30 May	Thomas Perrin & Co., Golden Cross Inn, Corn Market, Oxford	New safety coach, the 'Warwickshire Tally-Ho'	From Oxford 8am to Warwick and Leicester	Woodstock, Deddington, Banbury, Leamington, Warwick	Daily, except Sundays
1835 6 June	Messrs. Lake, Churchill, Skinner & Perrin	'The Warwickshire Tally-Ho'	From Oxford to Warwick	As above. Detailed timetable	Daily, except Sundays
1835 7 Nov	Messrs. Copps & Sons, Leamington	New and fast coach, 'The Tally Ho'	From Birmingham, through Leamington 10.30 to Oxford 3.30pm	Banbury, Deddington, Woodstock	Daily, except Sundays
1837 11 Nov	Joseph Hearn and Co., in conjunction with the London and Birmingham Railway	New coach service, 'The Railway', partly by train	From King's Arms, Deddington to King's Arms, Snow Hill, London	Dep. Deddington 8.45 - Bicester - Aylesbury - Pendley Station (Thame) - 2pm train - Euston Station 3.30 - Snow Hill 4pm. Return dep. Snow Hill 1.30pm, arr. Deddington 8.45pm	Daily, except Sundays

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.

7 December 1822, page 3

EXPEDITIOUS CONVEYANCE BY
VAN & WAGGON,

From his Office, Corn Market, Oxford.

RICHARD PARKER

RESEPCTFULLY informs the Public, that his VANS and WAGGONS load at the above place every Evening at Five.

Vans arrive in 12 hours, and Waggons in 26,

AT HIS WAREHOUSE,

17, Old 'Change, Cheapside,
LONDON,

Where they also load every Evening at Five, and return to OXFORD in the same time.

A VAN leaves OXFORD every Morning at Seven,
through WOODSTOCK, DEDDINGTON,
Banbury, Southam, & Leamington,

and arrives at his Office, Market Place, WARWICK, the same Afternoon.

15 April 1826, page 3

Regulator Post Coach,

FROM OXFORD,

TO LEAMINGTON and WARWICK,

George and Dragon Inn, Banbury

J. DRINKWATER returns thanks for favours already received, and respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that in future his COACH will leave the ANGEL INN, OXFORD, every morning (Sunday excepted) at half-past Eight; through Woodstock, Deddington, Banbury, Southam, and Leamington, to the CASTLE, at WARWICK, where it arrives at Three in the Afternoon: leaves Warwick, on its return, at Eleven o'clock in the Morning; Banbury at Three; and arrives at the Angel Inn at Six o'clock in the evening.

► As the above Coach will not in future carry the Mail, the inconvenience of stoppage on the road (which has been much complained of,) will now be obviated, and the coach will throughout be worked in a superior manner, due attention being paid to the comfort of the passengers and the careful delivery of parcels.

Performed by

J. DRINKWATER and Co.

7 January 1832, page 1

Deddington and Bicester Fly Waggons.

WILLIAM CLARK

BEGS to acquaint his friends and the public generally, that he has removed his Warehouse to the KING'S HEAD INN, BICESTER, from which place his FLY WAGGONS will leave every *Tuesday* and *Friday* mornings, at Eight o'clock precisely, through Aylesbury, Uxbridge, &c. to the Rose Inn, Faringdon-street, every *Wednesday* and *Saturday* mornings, and leave the said Inn the same day, at Twelve o'clock, for Bicester and Deddington.

W.C. ever grateful for the very liberal support he has received since his commencement as a Carrier, hopes that his continued strict attention, with moderate charges, will still insure *[sic]* him a share of the public favours.

17 November 1832, page 2

[Pen and ink drawing of new Post Coach and 4 horses]

REDUCED FARES

To London, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Leamington, &c.

Roe Buck Inn, Corn Market, Oxford.

THE PATRIOT.

THE Public are most respectfully informed that the above new and elegant POST COACH will leave the Roe Buck Office, every day (Sunday excepted) at Eleven o'clock, for LEAMINGTON, through Deddington, Banbury, and Southam.

The TAM O'SHANTER, every day, (except Sunday) to London, at Two, and Cheltenham at Three.

Coaches to Birmingham every day at Three, except Sunday.

Performed by BEESLEY and Co.

1 June 1833, page 3

[Pen and ink drawing of Post Coach and 4 horses]

TRIUMPH NEW POST COACH.

THE public are respectfully informed that a new and elegant POST COACH leaves the FLYING HORSE, BANBURY, every morning (Sunday excepted) at a quarter past Ten, through Deddington and Kidlington, to the ANGEL INN, OXFORD, returns every afternoon at Three o'clock, and arrives at the Flying Horse Inn, Banbury, at a quarter before Six; from thence it proceeds immediately through Southam and Leamington to the CASTLE HOTEL, WARWICK, and returns every morning at half past Seven.

Performed by the public's obedient servant,

JOHN DRINKWATER.

The above Coach arrives in Oxford in time for Coaches to London, Wycomb, Henley, Maidenhead, Slough, Reading, Cheltenham, and Gloucester.

N.B. The REGULATOR to Oxford and Warwick every day as usual.

5 January 1833, page 2

[Pen and ink drawing of Post Coach and 4 horses]

REDUCED FARES

TO LONDON, BIRMINGHAM, CHELTENHAM,

LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, &c.

Roebuck Inn, Corn Market, Oxford.

THE TAM O'SHANTER

THE public are most respectfully informed that the above new and elegant Post Coach will leave the Roebuck Office every day (Sunday excepted) at half-past Two o'clock, for LEAMINGTON and WARWICK, through Deddington, Banbury, Southam, &c.

The TAM O'SHANTER every day (except Sunday) to LONDON at Two, and CHELTENHAM at $\frac{1}{2}$ past Two.

Coaches to BIRMINGHAM every day (except Sunday) at Half-past Two.

1 June 1833, page 3

[Pen and ink drawing of Post Coach and 4 horses]

TRIUMPH NEW POST COACH.

THE public are respectfully informed that a new and elegant POST COACH leaves the FLYING HORSE, BANBURY, every morning (Sunday excepted) at a quarter past Ten, through Deddington and Kidlington, to the ANGEL INN, OXFORD, returns every afternoon at Three o'clock, and arrives at the Flying Horse Inn, Banbury, at a quarter before Six; from thence it proceeds immediately through Southam and Leamington to the CASTLE HOTEL, WARWICK, and returns every morning at half past Seven.

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N.B. The REGULATOR to Oxford and Warwick every day as usual.

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.

The Warwick Arms Hotel, WARWICK, at Half-past Ten.

King's Arms Inn, DEDDINGTON, Half-past Two.

ARRIVES AT

Perrin's Coach Office, Corn Market,

OXFORD,

Half-past Four.

LEAVING

MORNINGS

Perrin's Coach Office, Corn Market,

OXFORD,

Eight.

King's Arms Inn, DEDDINGTON, Ten.

ARRIVES AT

Warwick Arms, WARWICK, Two.

PERFORMED BY

Messrs. LAKE, CHURCHILL, SKINNER, & PERRINS.

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

Bucks Herald, 11 November 1837, page 3

New and Expeditious Travelling.

JOSEPH HEARN, AND CO.,

BEG respectfully to announce to their Friends and the Public that a New and Elegant light Coach, "The Railway", from Deddington to the King's Arms Inn, Snow Hill, London, in conjunction with the London and Birmingham Railway, will leave the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, every morning (Sunday excepted)

Quarter before Nine o'clock,

Arrive at the King's Arms Inn, Bicester, Quarter past Ten;

George Inn, Aylesbury, Quarter past Twelve;

Pendley Station for the Two o'Clock Train
to London and arrive at the Station at Half past Three, and
King's Arms Inn, Snow Hill, at Four o'Clock, from whence
it will return daily (Sunday excepted) at Half past One;

the Station at Two o'Clock, and

Arrive at Pendley Station Quarter before Four;

George Inn, Aylesbury, Five;

King's Arms Inn, Bicester, Seven;

King's Arms Inn, Deddington, Quarter

before Nine.

King's Arms Inn, Snow Hill,

Nov. 11th, 1837.