

King's Arms Inn

At the beginning of the 19th century the landlord of the King's Arms (today the Deddington Arms Hotel) in Horse Fair was George Bilson, who had become the licensee in 1795. On his death in 1804 his widow Ann took over the keeping of the inn until, in 1806, she married Edward Hatten, a baker.

Edward Hatten continued as landlord of the King's Arms for the subsequent fifty-two years until his death in 1858, aged 84. Hatten was to become a leading member of the local community.

He became an agent for the County Fire Office in 1818, and for the Provident Life Office in 1819. Already one of the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Wootton, in 1819 Hatten was appointed Examiner of Weights, Balances, and Measures, in the North Division of the Hundred.

The below analysis of the references to the King's Arms 1800-1819 demonstrates its dominant position amongst the public houses in Deddington. Out of 57 auctions on licensed premises in Deddington during this period, 44 were held at the King's Arms, and it was the venue for various public meetings.

Landlords

1795 George Bilson
1804 Ann Bilson (widow)
1806 Edward Hatten (married Ann Bilson)
1858 Death of Edward Hatten (84)

Public meetings

Deddington Association 1804, 1818, 1819

Enclosure proceedings 1802 (Heyford), 1807 (Fritwell), 1807/8 (Deddington),
1814 (Kirtlington)

National School 1814, 1815

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge 1819

Horse ('Cottager') to cover 1807

Post Coaches 1814, 1815

Bankruptcy hearings 1801, 1816, 1818

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

1805, 1810, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1818, 1819

Auctions of property in the Parish and elsewhere

1802(4), 1803(1), 1804(1), 1805(6), 1806(1), 1807(4), 1808(4),
1809(7), 1810(3), 1812(3), 1814(3), 1815(1), 1816(3), 1818(3)

18 April 1801, page 3

WHEREAS a Commiffion of Bankrupt is awarded and iffued forth against GAMALIEL HODGKINSON BOBART, of New Woodftock, in the County of Oxford, Mercer, Dealer, and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to furrender himfelf to the Commiffioners in the faid Commiffion named, or the Major Part of them, on the 29th and 30th Days of April Infant, and on the I6th Day of May next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon of each Day, at the Houfe of George Bilfon, known by the Name or Sign of the King's Arms, in Deddington, in the faid County of Oxford, and make full Difcovery and Difclore of his Eftate and Effects, when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts; and at the Second Sitting to chufe Affignees, and at the laft Sitting the faid Bankrupt is required to finifh his Examination, and the Creditors are to affent to, or diffent from, the allowance of his Certificate. All Perfons indebted to the faid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the fame but to whom the Commiffioners fhall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Field, Attorney, Deddington, Oxfordfhire; or Mr. Carter, Staple Inn, London.

5 May 1804, page 3

Oxford News.

Wednefday fe'nnight died Mr. George Bilfon, of the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, in this county.

12 May 1804, page 3

KING'S ARMS INN, DEDDINGTON, OXON.

ANN BILSON, Widow of the late GEO. BILSON, returns her moft grateful Thanks to her Friends and the Public for the Favors conferred on her late Hufband; and respectfully informs them fhe intends to continue the Bufinefs of the above Inn, and hopes by her Attention and Affiduity to obtain their Patronage and Support, which fhe anxiously folicits, and begs to affure them will ever be her higheft Ambition to Merit.

Deddington, May 8, 1804.

18 May 1805, page 3

LEASEHOLD ESTATE, DEDDINGTON.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Meffrs. CHURCHILL and TURNER, on Saturday the Ift Day of June, 1805, at the King's Arms, in Deddington, in the County of Oxford, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, under Conditions of Sale which will then be produced, - A very neat MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, pleafantly fituated in Deddington aforefaid, in the Occupation of THOMAS BUTLER, Butcher; containing a Parlour lately fitted up, Kitchen, and Shop in Front, back Kitchen, with comfortable Bed Rooms and Garrets over the fame, good Stable, Barn, Pigftyes, Hoveling, and other Out-Buildings, large Yard and Garden. The Premiffes are in good Repair, and well adapted for Trade, or a private Family; early Poffeffion may be had.

For further Particulars apply to Meffrs. Churchill and Field, Deddington, or the Auctioneers, Woodftock.

13 December 1806, page 3

Oxford News.

On Tuefday, the 3d Infant, was married by the Rev. John Faulkner, Mr. Edward Hatton [*sic*], Baker, of Deddington, in this county, to Mrs. Ann Bilfon, King's Arms Inn, of the fame place.

24 September 1808, page 3

Deddington and Barford Inclofure.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Commiffioners nominated and appointed for putting in execution an Act of Parliament made and paffed in the forty-feventh year of the reign of his prefent Majefty, intituled, "An Act for inclofing Lands in the Manors and Pariffes of Deddington and Great Barford, otherwife Barford St. Michael, in the county of Oxford," will hold a Special General Meeting at the houfe of Edward Hatten, the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington aforefaid, on Wednefday the Fifth day of October next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; at which Meeting the award of the faid Commiffioners will be read and executed by them in the prefence of the Proprietors who may attend.

SAMUEL C. FIELD,

Clerk to the Commiffioners.

Deddington, 22d September, 1808.

24 February 1810, page 3

TO be SOLD by AUCTION by Meffrs. CHURCHILL and TURNER, at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, Oxfordfhire, on Saturday the 10th

day of March, 1810, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, under conditions of sale to be then produced, - A very desirable DWELLING HOUSE, with extensive out-buildings, pleasantly situated in the New-street, in Deddington, in the occupation of Mr. Thos. Knibbs, girth web weaver; consisting of a large kitchen and good parlour fronting the street; two bed rooms on the first floor, and two garrets; brew-house, and two large shops with rooms over them, and a good garden.

The premises are Freehold, and are well adapted for carrying on an extensive business, and immediate possession may be had.

Further particulars may be known, and the premises seen, on application to Mr. Edward Hatten, or at the office of Messrs. Churchill and Field, Deddington.

15 May 1813, page 3

KING'S ARMS INN, DEDDINGTON.

EDWARD HATTEN having commenced the Posting business, begs leave respectfully to solicit the support of the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general.

Deddington is situated on the turnpike roads from Oxford and Woodstock to Banbury, and from Chipping Norton to Buckingham and Brackley; distance from Oxford 16 miles, Woodstock 10, Banbury 7, Chipping Norton 10, Buckingham 15, and Brackley 9.

May 10th, 1813.

16 July 1814, page 1

PROPOSED MEETING, to take into consideration the Establishment of a SCHOOL for the Education of the POOR on the Madras System, at Deddington, in the county of Oxford.

A Meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy in the vicinity of Deddington, is hereby requested to be held, for the above purpose, on Saturday the 23d of this month, at Twelve o'clock, at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington.

July, 1814.

10 September 1814, page 3

DEDDINGTON NATIONAL SCHOOL.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the next Meeting of this Society will be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Monday the 19th day of September instant, at Twelve o'clock.

At which Meeting the Society intend to proceed to the Election of a Master of the Boys' School; and as it is probable that a School for Girls will very soon be established, a married Man, whose wife is capable of instructing Girls, would be preferred. Persons desirous of the situation are requested to apply in the mean time to the Secretary, of whom they may learn the terms, salary, &c.

SAMUEL C. FIELD, Secretary.

Deddington, Sept. 7, 1814.

10 December 1814, page 3

Kirtlington Inclosure. Notice of Special General Meeting of the Inclosure Commissioners at the house of Edward Hatten, known by the name or sign of the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, whereat the Award of the Commissioners will be read and executed.

S.C. FIELD, Clerk to the Commissioners.
Deddington, Dec. 8, 1814.

1 April 1815, page 2

BICESTER, OXON.

The United Friends Post Coach.

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FROM

DEDDINGTON to LONDON.

THE Public are respectfully informed, that the UNITED FRIENDS NEW POST COACH will in future start from the KING'S ARMS, DEDDINGTON, Oxon, every *Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings*, at Six o'clock, to the CROWN INN, in BICESTER, and from thence at Eight o'clock, through Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead, and Watford, to the GEORGE INN, SNOW-HILL, LONDON; from which Inn it will return every *Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings*, at Eight o'clock.

Places and Parcels booked at the George Inn, Snow-Hill, and Green Man and Still, Oxford-street.

PERFORMED BY

Mess. PHILLIPS, HITCHMAN, BUSBY, and Co. Bicester,

And Messrs. SLANEY and Co. London.

N.B. The Proprietors will not be accountable for any parcel, &c. above 5^l value, unless entered as such, and paid for accordingly.

N.B. The Coach from the Crown Inn, Bicester, to the Old Bell, London is discontinued.

15 July 1815, page 3

DEDDINGTON NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The general Annual Meeting of the Society will be held at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, on Wednesday the 26th day of July inst. at 10 o'clock, when the accounts for the current year will be examined and settled; and a public examination of the children take place at the schools.

S.C. FIELD, Secretary.

Deddington, July 12th, 1815.

19 August 1815, page 2

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

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 16 September at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at Swerford Heath Gate (1814 net income £22), Deddington Gate (£80) and Clifton Bridge Gate (£142).

Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.

3 January 1818, page 3

*Deddington and the Neighbourhood Association for
the Protection of Property and Prosecution of
Offenders.*

A Meeting of persons desirous of reviving and re-establishing this Association is appointed to be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Saturday the Tenth of January, 1818, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when all persons wishing to become Members are requested to attend.

21 February 1818, page 3

Deddington Windmill.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By CHURCHILL and TURNER,

At the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, Oxon, on Saturday the 14th day of March, 1818, at four o'clock in the afternoon,

(unless previously disposed of by private contract,) - A CAPITAL WINDMILL, substantially built with stone, and containing two pair of good French stones, two flour machines, and other conveniences, in good repair; with a newly-built DWELLING HOUSE and BAKE-HOUSE, fit for carrying on a considerable business; together with a convenient Barn, Out-offices, Yard, and Garden adjoining, advantageously situated near to the Town of Deddington, in the midst of an excellent corn country and good roads, and in the neighbourhood of good markets.

Further particulars may be had, and the premises viewed and treated for, on application at the office of Messrs. Churchill and Field, solicitors, Deddington.

► The premises are Freehold, and immediate possession may be had.

2 January 1819, page 3

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge,
BARTLETT'S BUILDINGS.

It is proposed to form a Diocesan Committee in aid of and in union with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Bartlett's Buildings, for the Deaneries of Deddington and Chipping-Norton, the Borough of Banbury, and any neighbouring parishes that may wish to avail themselves of the benefits of the Institution, under the patronage of the Honourable and Right Reverend the Bishop of Oxford.

A Meeting will be held for the above purpose on Wednesday the 20th of January instant, at the Boys' National School Room, Deddington, when the attendance of all persons wishing to promote such an object is requested.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock precisely.

List of 52 promoters living in the neighbourhood, including the following with Deddington connections:

[Earl of] Jersey
W.R. Cartwright, Aynho
C.O. Bowles, North Aston
S. Churchill, Deddington
S.C. Field, Deddington
W. Wilson, Worton House

W. Wilson, jun. Upper Worton

A Dinner will be provided at the King's Arms Inn,
Deddington, for such Gentlemen as chose to partake of it.

20 March 1819, page 2

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 3d of April 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 the Members is requested.

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

CHURCHILL and FIELD,

Treasurers and Solicitors.

Deddington, March 18, 1819.