

Deddington Inns

The public houses in Deddington were the focal point of much social and business activity, the only other roofed buildings with public access being the parish church and the Town Hall.

Auctions of property, if not on the premises (e.g. farm equipment, furniture), were normally conducted at one of the public houses, predominantly at the King's Arms.

All 6 of the principal inns in Deddington changed hands during the period under consideration:

- 1806 Unicorn (to be let on retirement of William D'Oyley as landlord)
- 1806 King's Arms (Edward Hatten married widowed landlady, Ann Bilson)
- 1807 Crown and Tuns (Tuns Inn to be let following death of Thomas George)
- 1811 The Plough (freehold for sale; landlady, Mrs. Goodman, retiring)
- 1815 Three Horse Shoes (freehold for sale following bankruptcy (1814) of landlord, William Malings)
- 1816 Red Lion (unexpired lease for sale following death of landlady, Mrs. Bennett (probably widow of William Bennett, landlord 1780, 1806), and bankruptcy of Thomas Bennett)

A list of the references to inns in Deddington mentioned in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* during the years 1800-1819 is set out below.¹

King's Arms, Horse Fair

[See separate article on the 'King's Arms Inn'](#)

Red Lion, Horse Fair

The Red Lion Inn was apparently a building of some antiquity in Horse Fair (or Red Lion Street in 1771), before moving to its present site in Market Place which was a farmhouse until the mid-19th century.²

- 23 October 1802 Auction of leasehold property at Clifton
- 2 May 1807 Auction of leasehold land in common fields
- 7 May 1814 Auction of property at Fritwell and Deddington
- 17 June 1815 Auction of house in Market Street

¹ According to the Parochial Report on Deddington dated July 1795 in *'The State of the Poor'* by Sir Frederick Eden, 1797, p. 589, "There are ten inns, or ale-houfes, in the parifh: the number, a few years ago, was 21."
<http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/thepoorindeddington/thestateofthepoor-1797>

² See 'Parishes: Deddington' in the Victoria County History of the County of Oxford, Volume XI (Wootton Hundred, Northern Part), ed. Alan Crossley (London, 1983), pp. 81-120.
<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/oxon/vol11/pp81-120#h3-0007>

10 February 1816 Auction of furniture and stock in cellars at Red Lion of Thomas Bennett, bankrupt

4 May 1816 Auction of unexpired lease of Red Lion following death of landlady, Mrs. Bennett (probably widow of William Bennett, landlord 1780,1806)

24 July 1819 SPCK meeting

Three Horse Shoes, Horse Fair

30 November 1805 Auction of freehold land in common fields

30 April 1814 (Sign of the Horse Shoes) Auction of furniture following bankruptcy of landlord, William Malings

4 February 1815 Auction of Three Horse Shoes (freehold)

Unicorn, Market Place

12 April 1806 To be let on retirement of William D'Oyley as landlord

21 November 1812 Auction of furniture

Crown and Tuns, New Street

Proprietor Henry Churchill, grocer (died 1811), per will 1809³

17 January 1807 (Tuns Inn) To be let by auction following death of Thomas George, maltster

27 July 1811 Auction of 2 houses in Deddington

21 August 1813 (Tuns Inn) Auction of farm house and 4 enclosures

11 January 1817 (Three Tuns) Auction of house near High street

The Plough, New Street

23 February 1811 Auction of inn (freehold); landlady, Mrs. Goodman, retiring

30 March 1811 Auction of Mrs. Goodman's furniture and effects

27 June 1818 Pink & Melon Feast

26 June 1819 Annual Pink Feast; Landlord, Mr. Spencer

7 August 1819 Carnation, Melon & Gooseberry Feast

³ Will of Henry Churchill of Deddington, grocer, dated 8 October 1809 and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 17 March 1812. The National Archives, ref. PROB 11/1531/256.

12 April 1806, page 3

TO be LETT, with immediate Poffeffion, -

The well-accustomed INN and PREMISSES, the *Unicorn*, situate in Deddington, in the County of Oxford, now in the Occupation of Mr. WM. D'OYLEY, who, on account of ill Health, is desirous of leaving the public Buinefs; comprifing good Cellaring, Kitchens, two Parlours, fuitable Bed Rooms, very good Brew House, Stables, Yard, Garden and other Conveniences, in good repair.

N.B. The Houfehold Furniture, Stock of Beer and Liquors, Brewing Utenfils, and other Effects, to be taken at a fair Appraifement.

For further Particulars, or to treat, apply to Mr. William Bennett, Maltfter, or Meffrs. Churchill and Field, Solicitors, Deddington.

17 January 1807, page 3

To be LETT by AUCTION, by CHURCHILL and TURNER, on Saturday next the 24th Day of January, 1807, at the *King's Arms Inn*, in Deddington, in the County of Oxford, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the Term of Seven Years, with immediate Poffeffion - All that capital MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, and MALT HOUSE, (lately occupied as an INN, and then called the *Three Tuns*) with the Yards, Garden, and Clofe, thereunto adjoining, situate in Deddington aforefaid, with Four Ridges of Arable Land, and a Meadow, called *Gegg's Hook*, and One Yard Land of Arable, Meadow, and Pafure Ground, with Commons thereto belonging, lying within the Parifh of Deddington aforefaid, late in the Occupation of Mr. THOS. GEORGE, deceafed.

23 February 1811, page 3

FREEHOLD ESTATE.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by CHURCHILL and TURNER, on Saturday the 23d day of March, 1811, at Five o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises, in two lots, -

Lot 1. - All that long-established and spacious FREEHOLD PUBLIC HOUSE, called the PLOUGH, desirably situate adjoining the turnpike road in Deddington, in the county of Oxford, in the occupation of Mrs. Goodman, extending in the front 150 feet, and comprising two good kitchens, two parlours, with comfortable chambers and garrets over the same, a large brew-house, excellent arched cellars, a cottage, two stables, pigsties, and other out-buildings, yard, garden, and orchard, containing about one acre, with the timber growing thereon.

The premises are substantially built, well supplied with water, and adapted for any concern requiring room. The purchaser may take to the brewing utensils, casks, coppers, grates, and other fixtures, at a fair valuation.

Lot 2. - An INCLOSURE of Rich PASTURE LAND, Freehold and Tithe free, situate near to Deddington turnpike, bounded on the east side by the turnpike road, and on the south by the Meadows called the Fishers, containing, by admeasurement, 1A. 3R. 34P.

Possession of both lots may be had at Lady Day next.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Apletree, solicitor, Deddington, or the auctioneers, in Woodstock.

30 April 1814, page 3

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By CHURCHILL and TURNER,

THIS DAY, Saturday, April the 30th, for the benefit of Creditors, - The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, LINEN, CHINA, GLASS, BREWING UTENSILS, &c. on the premises of Mr. William Malings, the sign of the Horse Shoes, at Deddington, in the county of Oxford; consisting of bedsteads with furniture, feather beds and bedding, mahogany tables, chairs, drawers, 16 pair of sheets, table cloths, china, glass, a large brewing copper, iron-bound casks, tubs, two store pigs, &c. &c.

The sale to begin at precisely Eleven o'clock. - Catalogues may be had at the inns in the neighbourhood; place of sale; and of the auctioneers, Woodstock.

4 February 1815, page 3

FREEHOLD PUBLIC HOUSE, and LAND,

At *DEDDINGTON, Oxon,*

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By CHURCHILL and TURNER,

On the premises, at the Three Horse Shoes, at Deddington, in the county of Oxford, on Saturday the 18th day of February, 1815, at Four o'clock in the afternoon, under conditions of sale which will then be produced, in the following Lots:-

Lot 1. - All that desirable FREEHOLD PUBLIC HOUSE and PREMISES, called or known by the sign of *The Three Horse Shoes*; containing a Kitchen, parlour, bar, with bed-rooms over the same, good cellaring, brew-house, bake-house, stabling,

pigsties, yard, and garden. - The premises are well supplied with water.

Lot 2. - A FREEHOLD CLOSE of rich PASTURE LAND, adjoining Lot 1, containing about 2 Acres.

Possession of both Lots may be had at Lady Day next. - Half the purchase money may remain on the premises.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Apletree, solicitor, Deddington, or to the auctioneers, Woodstock.

27 January 1816, page 3

WHEREAS a Commission in Bankruptcy is awarded and issued forth against THOMAS BENNETT, late of Deddington, in the County of Oxford, Victualler, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major part of them, on the 19th of February next, at Four o'clock in the afternoon. On the 20th day of the same month of February, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and on the 9th day of March next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; at the King's Arms Inn in Deddington aforesaid, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts, and the second sitting to choose Assignees, at the last sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the allowance of his Certificate.

All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give notice to Messrs. Churchill and Field, Solicitors, Deddington, or to Mr. B.C. Carter, Solicitor, Staple Inn, London.

4 May 1816, page 3

Old-established Leasehold PUBLIC HOUSE,

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION,

AND

FREEHOLD HOUSE and MALT-HOUSE,

IN DEDDINGTON.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

By CHURCHILL and TURNER,

On Friday the 17th day of May inst. at Four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Red Lion, in Deddington, under such conditions of sale as shall then be produced, -

Lot 1. - An old-established and well-accustomed PUBLIC HOUSE, called *The Red Lion*, situate in the Market-street, in Deddington, and late in the possession of Mrs. Bennett, deceased; comprising a kitchen, two good parlours, and several bed rooms, extensive cellaring, convenient brew-house, and out-buildings, and good stable and garden adjoining.

The above premises are held by lease for 21 years, renewable every seven, and 19 years and an half of the present lease were unexpired at Lady Day last.

Lot 2. - A newly-built Slated FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSE, situate in Deddington, with out-offices and large garden, and an excellent MALT-HOUSE adjoining, late in the occupation of Mrs. Bennett, and now of Mr. Thomas Bennett.

The premises may be seen, and further particulars had, on application at the office of Messrs. Churchill and Field, solicitors, Deddington, or to the auctioneers, Woodstock.

N.B. Immediate Possession may be had of Lot 1, the purchaser taking the Fixtures, Casks, Brewing Utensils, and Beer, at a fair valuation.

7 August 1819, page 3

DEDDINGTON CARNATION, MELON and GOOSEBERRY FEAST will be held at the Plough Inn, on Tuesday next the 10th of August instant.

Dinner on the table at One o'clock. - Tickets 2s. 6d. each.

N.B. An open Show.

