

Inns and ale houses

The public houses in Deddington were the focal point of much social 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. farms), were normally conducted at one of the public houses, especially at the King's Arms.

The advertisements or notices in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* identify up to 4 previously undocumented public houses in Deddington, the Blue Boar near Market Place, Fleur de Lys, Pole Axe and, if he was an innkeeper, Mr. O'Mullan's.

A list of the public houses and publicans in Deddington mentioned in the newspaper during the years 1753-1799 is set out below.⁽¹⁾

Blue Boar (Mr. Brain), near Market Place

To be let 3 October 1795

Crown and Tuns, New Street

Turnpike commissioners meeting, 28 June 1755 (John Davis)

Auction 15 December 1770

Turnpike trustees meeting, 14 August 1773

Pre-will 1809, owner Henry Churchill, grocer, landlord John Poulton

Fleur de Lys, (Mr. Martin)

Auction, 13 April 1793

King's Arms, Horse Fair

See separate article on the 'King's Arms Inn'

(?) Mr. O'Mullan's

Auction, 1 April 1769

Plough, New Street

To let, 24 May 1794, eligible situation on the Oxford Road (Mr. W. Philpot)

Auction, 8 September 1798

Auction, 28 September 1799

Pole Axe

See separate article on the 'Sign of the Pole Axe 1760s'

Red Lion, (William Bennett)

Auction, 11 March 1780

Rose and Crown, (Mr. John Tims), New Street

Auction of pub, 28 September 1799

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>

Three Tuns

Turnpike trustees meeting, 30 June 1770

Auction, 8 October 1774 (Mr. Sammons)

To let, 1 March 1783. Enquire of Mr. Griffin, surgeon.

Auction, 14 February 1795

Post chaises for hire, 1798 (Robert Rogers)

Unicorn, (Day French), Market Place

Raffle for horse, 25 April 1767

24 May 1794

**Advertisement to let the Plough public house (Mr. W. Philpot),
Oxford Road, Deddington, 2 Cow Commons &c.**

The PLOUGH, in Deddington, Oxfordshire,

A Roomy and well-accuftomed PUBLICK HOUSE, in an eligible Situation on the Oxford Road, to be Lett and Entered on immediately; together with a Clofe of Pafture Land, and an excellent Garden adjoining, with Commons in the Fields for two Cows and one Horfe. Any Perfon inclined to treat for the fame may come in with the great Advantages of taking to a good Stock of well brewed Beer in the Cellars for immediate Bufinefs. Alfo the Veffels, Coppers ready hung, and all Brewing Utenfils, together with the Houfehold Goods at a fair Appraifement.

For further Particulars apply to Mr. W. Philpot, at the faid Houfe.

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000073/17940524/006/0001>

3 October 1795

**Blue Boar public house (Mr. Brain), near the Market Place,
Deddington, to be let.**

TO be LETT, and entered upon immediately, — A PUBLICK HOUSE, near the Market Place, in Deddington, in the County of Oxford, called or known by the Name of the BLUE BOAR, with a Cow Common thereto belonging. The Stock of Beer and Brewing

Utenfils to be taken at a Valuation. For Particulars apply to Mr. Brain, the prefent Tenant.

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000073/17951003/008/0001>

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