

John Hitchman, linen draper 1777-1799

As mentioned in the introduction, mercers and drapers ranked first and third amongst the Great Twelve City Livery Companies. The only draper in Deddington identified in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* during the years 1753-1799 was a linen draper, John Hitchman. Advertisements from 1777-1799 show he had a finger in a number of pies. Apart from being the Deddington agent for the sale of several proprietary medicines, in 1777 he opened a ticket office in Deddington for the State Lottery in London, and in 1799 he was one of the agents for subscriptions to the Western Militia Society.

According to an auction notice on 30 August 1794, his premises, which were "fituat in Oxford Street, otherwife New Street", were quite extensive.

Below is a list of references to John Hitchman, including his Deddington agencies:

3.5.1777	Dr. Anderson's Pills [J. Hitchman]
18.10.1777	State Lottery ticket office
24.1.1778	Dr. Anderson's Pills
2.1.1779	Dr. Anderson's Pills
15.1.1780	Dr. Anderson's Pills
13.1.1781	Dr. Anderson's Pills [Hickman]
10.3.1787	Oriental Vegetable Cordial
5.1.1788	Oriental Vegetable Cordial
23.5.1789	Oriental Vegetable Cordial
4.6.1791	New invented silver-eye needles (Mr. Hitchman, linen draper)
8.11.1791	Gelding of Mr. John Hitchman lost or stolen
17.11.1792	John Hitchman one of 4 Deddington signatories to joint resolutions with Henley on Thames shopkeepers protesting against avoidance of stamp duties
30.8.1794	Auction of house and shop in Oxford Street, otherwise New Street, now in the occupation of Mr. John Hitchman, draper
7.12.1799	Hitchman, Deddington, agent for subscriptions to Western Militia Society

18 October 1777

State Lottery, London, opening a ticket office at Deddington under J. Hitchman.

STATE LOTTERY, 1777.

J. BLAND, at his Old State Lottery-Office, No. 45, High-Holborn, (where every Thing relative to the Lottery is tranfacted with Honour and Integrity) begs Leave to acquaint his Friends and the Public in general, That he has, for the Convenience of thofe refident in the Country, fent down a large Quantity of Tickets and Shares to Deddington, Oxfordshire, at which place they are now felling for him, on Commiffion, by J. HITCHMAN, on the moft reafonable Terms, in Halves, Quarters, Eighths, Sixteenths, Thirty-seconds, and Sixty-fourths.

[SCHEME of the LOTTERY, PRICE of TICKETS and SHARES, &c.]

J. BLAND returns his fincere Thanks to his Friends, and the Public in general, who favoured him with their Commands, and for the very great Encouragement he met with in former Lotteries; and hopes the Care and Punctuality they found in all Bufinefs relating thereto, at the above Office, may fufficiently recommend him to their future Favours.

Exact Numerical and Regifter Books kept at the Office in LONDON; Tickets regiftered there and at DEDDINGTON, at Six-pence each Number, and the earlieft Account of their Succesfs transmitted immediately to any Part of the Kingdom.

The Lottery begins drawing on Monday, Nov. 17.

Repeated 8 November 1777.

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4 June 1791

Advertisement for New Invented Silver-Eye Needles, which are well worth the Attention of all Seamftreffes, Sadlers, Glovers, Breeches Makers, Stay Makers, Taylors, &c.

List of retailers includes Mr. Hitchman, Linen Draper, Deddington.

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5 November 1791

Gelding belonging to Mr. John Hitchman lost or stolen out of Deddington Field. 5 guineas reward on conviction of offender. Apply to Mr. Samuel Churchill, Solicitor to the Association.

DEDDINGTON ASSOCIATION

For PROSECUTION OF FELONS,

LOST out of Deddington Field, about the 14th or 15th of October, 1791, supposed to be the Stolen,

A Dark-Grey GELDING of the Nag Kind,

the Property of Mr. JOHN HITCHMAN, of Deddington, being four Years old, about fourteen Hands and an Half high, some White on the Face, and Saddle Marks on the Back, nicked Tail grown rather long, if not cut. Whoever will give Information of the Offender or Offenders, shall, on Conviction, receive a Reward of FIVE GUINEAS, by applying to Mr. Samuel Churchill, Solicitor to the said Association.

N.B. If Strayed all Expenses will be paid by the said John Hitchman.

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30 August 1794

Auction, at the King's Arms, Deddington, of house in Oxford Street, otherwise New Street, with shop, 3 bed chambers with lodging rooms over &c., now in the occupation of Mr. John Hitchman, Draper.

DWELLING HOUSE, at DEDDINGTON.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. HAWTYN, at the King's Arms, in Deddington, Oxfordshire, on Saturday the 13th of September, 1794, at Three in the Afternoon, — All that roomy FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSE and Premises, situate in Oxford Street, otherwise New Street, in Deddington aforesaid, now in the Occupation of the Proprietor, and his Under Tenant; comprising two front Parlours, Hall, Shop, Kitchen, Pantry, Scullery, in which is a Pump that produces excellent Water; three Bed Chambers with Lodging Rooms over, large Yard, two Gardens,

Stable, and other Conveniences. The Premiffes are well adapted for a Baker, Butcher, or any Perfon who requires much Room in his Bufinefs.

For Particulars apply to Mr. John Hitchman, Draper, Deddington, or the Auctioneer, in Banbury.

Repeated 6 September 1794.

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