

Turnpikes

The parish of Deddington was intersected by two turnpike roads:

- by the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike on the north-south route between Oxford and Banbury, Warwick &c.;
- by the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho turnpike on the east-west route between Buckingham and Cheltenham.

Jackson's Oxford Journal enjoyed a consistent income stream from regular notices of trustee meetings (usually quarterly), and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at various turnpike gates.

The tolls arising at the Deddington Gate on the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike (the toll gate was near the bridge over South Brook on the Oxford road), and at the Deddington Gate and Clifton Bridge Gate on the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho turnpike, were regularly let by auction.

The net income from the Deddington Gate on the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike was £206 in 1820 and £313 in 1836.

In the case of the turnpike road from Aynho to Deddington, net income from tolls was:

1821 Deddington Gate £66

1835 Deddington Gate £69

1821 Clifton Bridge Gate £113

1835 Clifton Bridge Gate and Aynho Wharf Gate £156

At the beginning of the period 1820-1837, Samuel Churchill, the senior partner of Messrs. Churchill and Field of Deddington, was the Clerk to the trustees of the five below-mentioned turnpike trusts:

Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Road

Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Roads (divided into Aynho and Stow Divisions)

Enstone, Heyford Bridge, Bicester, Weston-on-the-Green, and Kirtlington Turnpike Roads

Charlbury, Witney, Woodstock, Enstone, and Great Tew Turnpike Roads (jointly)

Banbury, Brailes and Shipston Turnpike Road (jointly)

Surprisingly, Samuel Churchill's bankruptcy in March 1827 had little effect in the short-term on his portfolio of clerkships, reflecting the pre-eminence which he must have achieved in this type of work. His appointments as clerk appear to have been personal, although up to the dissolution of the partnership on 31 December 1825 the clerkships involved firm resources.

The only immediate change in 1827 was in the case of the Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Road, where Samuel Churchill was replaced by his former partner, Samuel Churchill Field and his younger brother, John Churchill.

It seems that being a practising solicitor was not a strict requirement for acting as the clerk of a turnpike trust, and Samuel Churchill retained all his other appointments, subject to the important exception of the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho turnpike, and its Aynho and Stow Divisions.

At a special meeting of the trustees of the above turnpike at the White Hart Inn, Chipping Norton held on 28 November 1829, chaired by Lord Churchill and attended by 63 trustees, including 14 JPs, it was resolved (*inter alia*):¹

- to divide the turnpike trust into the Aynho, Burford, Banbury and Stow Divisions;
- to appoint Samuel Churchill Field as clerk of the Aynho Division;
- to appoint as joint clerks of the Stow Division Mr. Aplin of Chipping Norton and Mr. Wilkins of Bourton-on-the-Water, both solicitors.

The holders of the clerkships of the above-mentioned turnpike trusts during the period 1820-1837 are summarised below:

Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike

- 1820 Samuel Churchill
- 1828 Samuel Churchill Field and John Churchill
- 1833 John Churchill and Samuel Field (son)
- 1837 John Churchill and Samuel Field

Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike (divided into Aynho and Stow Divisions until 1829)

- 1820 Samuel Churchill
- 1828 Do
- 1829 Divided into the Aynho, Burford, Banbury and Stow Divisions (see above)

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

- 1820 Samuel Churchill
- 1828 Do
- 1829 Samuel Churchill Field
- 1833 Samuel Field (son)

¹ The initial resolutions were proposed by William Ralph Cartwright MP of Aynho Park, Lord of Deddington 'Duchy' Manor.

1837 Do

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

1820 Samuel Churchill

1828 Do

1829 Mr. Aplin of Chipping Norton and Mr. Wilkins of Bourton-on-the-Water

Enstone, Heyford Bridge, Bicester, Weston-on-the-Green and Kirtlington Turnpike

1820 Samuel Churchill

1828 Do

1837 Do

Charlbury, Witney, Woodstock, Enstone and Great Tew Turnpike

1820 Samuel Churchill and Charles Leake

1828 Do

1837 Do

Banbury, Brailes and Shipston Turnpike

1820 Samuel Churchill and William Walford, Banbury

1828 William Walford and Samuel Churchill

1837 Do

Bicester and Aynho and Finmere Branch Turnpike

1825 Messrs. Churchill and Field

1826 Samuel Churchill and Samuel Churchill Field

1833 Samuel Churchill

1837 Do

For more information about the Deddington toll house on the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike road, see:

<https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/deddingtonturnpikeandtollhouse>

8 July 1820, page 2

Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Road.

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 9 August at the Fox and Crown Inn, North Aston, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at Old Man's Gate, Kidlington (net income £462 in 1819) and Deddington Gate (net income £233 in 1819).

Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.

4 January 1823, page 3

Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington, and Aynho Turnpike Road.

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 4 February at the White Hart Inn, Chipping Norton, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at 4 gates.

Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.

9 July 1825, page 1

Charlbury, Witney, Woodstock, Enstone, and Great Tew Turnpike Road.

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 12 August at the Bell Inn, Charlbury, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at 7 gates.

Samuel Churchill and Charles Leake, Clerks.

4 July 1829, page 2

Enstone, Heyford Bridge, Bicester, Weston-on-the Green, and Kirtlington Turnpike Road.

Notice of meeting of Trustees on 28 July at the King's Arms Inn, Bicester, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at 5 gates.

Samuel Churchill, Clerk to the Trustees, Deddington.

28 November 1829, page 3

Oxford News.

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Burford, Chipping-Norton, Banbury, Stow, and Aynho Turnpike Roads, was held at the White Hart Inn, at Chipping-Norton, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of appointing a Clerk or Clerks to the Trust. There were present sixty-three Trustees, including fourteen Justices of the Peace for the counties of Oxford, Northampton, and Gloucester. Lord Churchill having been called to the chair,

the business of the day was opened by William Ralph Cartwright, Esq. M.P. of Aynho, who proposed that a Clerk be appointed for the Aynho Division (extending from Swerford Gate, through Deddington to Aynho) separate from the other parts of the Road. This proposition was seconded by Colonel Perrott, of Sandford Park, and being opposed by A.T. Rawlinson, Esq. of Chadlington, was put to the vote, when the proposition was carried by a majority of 38 against 22. It was then moved by Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Colonel Perrott, that Mr. Field, of Deddington, be Clerk to the Division, which was agreed to unanimously, and Mr. Field was declared elected. James Haughton Langston, Esq. M.P. of Sarsden House, then proposed Mr. A.L. Rawlinson, solicitor, of Chipping-Norton, as Clerk for the Burford, Banbury, and Stow Divisions, and the General Meetings, which was seconded by T.B. Evans, Esq. of Dean. And the Rev. R.W. Ford, of Rissington, proposed Mr. Aplin, solicitor, of Chipping-Norton, and Mr. Wilkins, solicitor, of Bourton-on-the-Water, as Joint Clerks for these Divisions, and the General Meetings: this was seconded by the Rev. Charles Western, of Kingham, and a division took place, when the numbers were for Messrs. Aplin and Wilkins 31, and for Mr. Rawlinson 27; Messrs. Aplin and Wilkins were then declared duly elected.

24 September 1831, page 2

Banbury, Brailes and Shipston Turnpike Road.

General Annual Meeting on 12 October at the George Inn, Brailes.

WILLIAM WALFORD, } Clerks to the
SAMUEL CHURCHILL, } Trustees.

15 September 1832, page 2

Bicester and Aynho and Finmere Branch Turnpike Road.

General Annual Meeting on 9 October at the King's Arms Inn, Bicester.

SAMUEL CHURCHILL, } Clerks to the
SAMUEL C. FIELD. } Trustees.