

## **Hiring fair 1780**

Hiring fairs, also called statute fairs, for the hire of farm workers and servants for the ensuing year, were usually held each October. In September 1780 notices, issued by the manorial bailiff, Joseph Ibell, appeared publicising a hiring fair to be held in the Market Place, with the added attraction of an ox-roast, to be continued annually. This suggests that this was an innovation, perhaps seeking to supplant the Banbury 'mop' fair.

A list of country fairs in the newspaper on 3 August 1799 mentions the St. Lawrence's day fair on 10 August.

## **16 September 1780**

**Notice of forthcoming hiring fair and ox-roast in the Market Place, Deddington. Joseph Ibell, Bailiff.**

DEDDINGTON, September 16, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there will be an OX roasted Whole in the Market-Place, Deddington, on Wednesday the 10th of October next, being the Day after Old St. Michael; and a STATUTE FAIR will also be held for hiring Servants, and buying and felling Cattle, Toll-free. To be continued annually.

JOSEPH IBELL, Bailiff.

Repeated 23 September and 30 September 1780.

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## **3 August 1799**

List of Country Fairs in coming week includes:

SATURDAY, 10. - Deddington, Oxon.

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