

Turnpike trusts 1780s and 1790s

During the 1780s and 1790s there was a disproportionately large volume of notices in the newspaper by various turnpike trusts, typically giving notice of regular trustee meetings and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at various turnpike gates. The Oxford to Banbury road had been turnpiked in 1755.

The tolls arising at the Deddington Gate on the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike road (the toll gate was near the bridge over South Brook on the Oxford road), and at the Clifton Bridge Gate, were regularly let by auction. The Deddington attorney, Samuel Churchill, and later his son, Samuel junior, acted as clerks to the trustees of a number of turnpike trusts. Whilst the venues for the meetings of some turnpike trusts rotated, the trustees of the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike trust habitually met at the Fox and Crown in North Aston.

26 August 1769

Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Road. Notice of meeting of Trustees at the Fox and Crown, North Aston, for letting to Farm the Tolls and Duties to be collected at the Turnpike Gates on the faid Road called Old Man's Gate [Kidlington] and Deddington Gate.

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25 July 1772

Burford, Chipping-Norton, Banbury, Stow, and Aynho Turnpikes. Notice of meeting of Trustees of the Aynho Division at the Red Lion, Aynho. Samuel Churchill, Clerk to the trustees.

N.B. The Road from Deddington to the Turnpike Road in Aynho, leading to Brackley, Buckingham, &c. is now compleated, and made a fafe and commodious Road; and the whole of the Road leading from Deddington to Chipping-norton is much repaired, and will be very fafe for Carriages all the summer.

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23 July 1774

Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Road. Notice of meeting of Trustees at the Fox and Crown, North Aston, for letting by auction the Tolls arising at Old Man's Gate [Kidlington], last

year producing £210, and Deddington Gate, producing £120. John Walker, Clerk to the Trustees.

Repeated 30 July 1774.

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