

## King's Arms Inn

The below analysis of the references to the King's Arms 1753-1799 demonstrates its dominant position amongst the public houses in Deddington. Out of 35 auctions between 1766 and 1799, 25 were held at the King's Arms. There was also an advertisement on 2 April 1768 for a cock fight at the inn.

### Landlords

1768 Jeffery Towns, deceased  
1768 Richard Monkland  
? Hannah Monkland  
1779 Henry Churchill (baker) to 1787  
1788, 1794 John Williams  
1795 George Bilson

2.4.1768	Cock fight
19.4.1777	Horse to Cover
2.3.1782	Mail coach robbery
13.4.1782	Stage coach pick-up
14.2.1784	Insurance Proposal forms (+ 30.7.1785)
9.10.1784	Place to pay Saddle Horse Duty
16.2.1788	Provident Society meeting
5.6.1790	Bankruptcy hearings (+ 22.2.1794)
21.1.1792	Turnpike trustees meetings (+ 24.5.1794 and 6.2.1796)
Auctions	1766(1), 1768(2), 1774(1), 1775 (1), 1776(1), 1777(1), 1785(2), 1786(1), 1792(1), 1793(3), 1794(3), 1795(3), 1796(1), 1797(2), 1798(1) and 1799(1)

### 2 January 1768

**Advertisement by Richard Monkland, late Officer of Excise at Deddington, who has taken over the King's Arms Inn, soliciting custom.**

RICHARD MONKLAND,

*Late Officer of Excise at DEDDINGTON, in the  
County of OXFORD,*

HAVING entered upon the Kings-Arms Inn, in the faid Town, and fitted it up in a commodious Manner, takes this Method of returning his moft grateful Thanks to thofe Gentlemen, Tradefmen, and Others, who have already favoured him with

their Commands, and affures them that no Endeavour fhall be wanting to merit their future Favours and Recommendation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your moft obedient and obliged humble Servant,

RICHARD MONKLAND,

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**2 April 1768**

**Advertisement for Cock Fighting at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington.**

TO be Fought, at the King's Arms Inn at Deddington, Oxfordshire, on Friday in the Easter Week, being the 8th Day of April Infant, between the Gentlemen of Banbury and the Gentlemen of Deddington.

A MAIN OF COCKS.

for Two Guineas a Battle, and Ten guineas the odd Battle. To fhew eleven Cocks on a Side.

At the fame Time will be a Battle Royal for a Gold-laced Hat, of a Guinea Value; each Perfon producing a Cock to pay One Shilling.

Dinner to be upon the Table exactly at Two o'Clock.

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