

Aynho Wharf 1787

A news report and an advertisement in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* in 1787 relate to the construction of the final stretch of the Oxford Canal, from Banbury to Oxford, and the opening of a new wharf between Deddington and Aynho.

Large quantities of coal from the Midlands were being unloaded, as well as salt, grain etc., at the wharf almost straight away. For the following 15 years the Oxford Canal became one of the most important and profitable transport routes in the country. The turnpike trustees occasionally met at the Alfred's Head at Aynho Wharf.

31 March 1787

Good progress made in cutting canal between Banbury and Oxford. New wharf between Deddington and Aynho, where a prodigious quantity of coals have been landed.

We have the Pleasure of informing the Publick, that from the unremitted Exertions of the Contractors for completing the Canal from Banbury to this City [Oxford], the Navigation has been for some Time open to a New Wharf between Deddington and Aynho, where a prodigious Quantity of Coals have been landed, and an extensive Trade already opened. Great Progrefs in Cutting has also been made from thence; and we are confidently assured, that the whole will be completed considerably within the Time allowed by the Agreement; by which the Contractors, as well as the Publick, will reap ample Advantage.

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2 June 1787

Advertisement for sale of coal, salt, grain &c. at wharf on the Oxford Canal between Deddington and Aynho.

OXFORD CANAL, JUNE 2, 1787.

TO be SOLD at the WHARF between Deddington and Aynho, - A large Quantity of exceeding good COALS at 1s. 6d. per Cwt. Also SALT at 12s. 3d. per Cwt. Likewise Corn and Grain may be conveyed from the said Wharf at the following Rates, viz.

[Table with tariffs for conveying flour, wheat & beans, barley and oats from Clifton Wharf to Banbury, and Banbury to Coventry.]

COAK may be had at the faid Wharfs.

N.B. The Publick will please to obferve, that at Kidlington and Deddington Gates, there is but Half Tolls taken for Coals, from the Firft of June to the Firft of October, from the above Wharfs.

Repeated 16 June, 23 June, 7 July, 14 July and 21 July 1787.

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