

## Turnpike Trusts

During the period 1800-1819 there continued to be a disproportionately large volume of notices in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* by various turnpike trusts, usually repeated several or more times, giving notice of regular trustee meetings 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 road (the toll gate was near the bridge over South Brook on the Oxford road), and at the Clifton Bridge Gate on the Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, Deddington and Aynho Turnpike Road, were regularly let by auction.

Following his father Samuel Churchill senior, his son, Samuel Churchill junior, also a Deddington attorney, acted as clerk to the trustees of the 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)

Whilst the venues for the meetings of turnpike trusts, seemingly always at an inn, often rotated, the trustees of the Kidlington and Deddington turnpike trust habitually met at the Fox and Crown in North Aston, at the south-east corner of the A4260/North Aston/Duns Tew crossroads at the top of Dane Hill.

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

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

### **3 May 1800, page 1**

*Kidlington and Deddington Turnpike Roads.*

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 30 May at the Fox and Crown Inn, North Aston, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at Old Man's Gate (Kidlington) and Deddington Gate (net income £545 in 1799).*

*Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.*

### **23 May 1801, page 3**

*Aynho Division of Burford, Chipping Norton, Banbury, Stow, and Aynho Turnpike Roads.*

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 29 May at the Alfred's Head [now Great Western Arms], Aynho Wharf, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at Clifton Bridge Gate and Wharf Gate.*

*Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.*

**2 February 1811, page 2**

*Charlbury, Witney, Woodstock, Enstone, and Great Tew Turnpike Roads.*

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 4 March at the Bell Inn, Charlbury, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at 11 gates.*

*Samuel Churchill and Charles Leake, Clerks.*

**20 August 1814, page 2**

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

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 19 September at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at Swerford Heath Gate (net income £21 in 1813), Deddington Gate (£85) and Clifton Bridge Gate (£141).*

*Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.*

**12 July 1817, page 2**

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

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 14 August at the White Hart Inn, Stow-on-the-Wold.*

*Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.*

**20 November 1819, page 2**

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

*Notice of meeting of Trustees on 3 December at the King's Arms Inn, Bicester, and of the letting by auction of the tolls arising at 4 gates.*

*Samuel Churchill, Clerk, Deddington.*