

Post coaches

There are several references in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* prior to 1800 to mail coaches from London to Banbury by way of Oxford passing through Deddington on the toll road.

A notice in the newspaper in 1814 informed the public that the United Friends Post Coach from Deddington to London (first stop the Crown Inn, Bicester), and return, three times a week, started from the King's Arms at 6:00 a.m.

In 1820 the post coach, by then called '*The Regulator*', was rescheduled to leave the King's Arms, Deddington, at 5:00 a.m.

A notice in 1818 advertised a light post coach service three times a week each way through Deddington from the Mitre Inn, Oxford, to the George Inn, Warwick.

For more information about Deddington's coaching days, see:

Chapter 7, Inns and Coaching Days in *The Story of Deddington* by Mary Vane Turner, 1933.

<https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/publishedhistories/mvt/7.innsandcoachingdays>

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The United Friends Post Coach

FROM

DEDDINGTON to LONDON.

THE Public are respectfully informed, that the UNITED FRIENDS NEW POST COACH will in future start from the KING'S ARMS, DEDDINGTON, Oxon, every *Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings*, at Six o'clock, to the CROWN INN, in BICESTER, and from thence at Eight o'clock, through Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead, and Watford, to the GEORGE INN, SNOW-HILL, LONDON; from which Inn it will return every *Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings*, at Eight o'clock.

Places and Parcels booked at the George Inn, Snow-Hill, and Green Man and Still, Oxford-street.

PERFORMED BY

Mess. PHILLIPS, HITCHMAN, BUSBY, and Co. Bicester,

And Messrs. SLANEY and Co. London.

N.B. The Proprietors will not be accountable for any parcel, &c. above 5*l* value, unless entered as such, and paid for accordingly.

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[The below are extracted from a recurring textual advertisement occupying half a column]

MITRE INN, OXFORD.

NEAT POST CHAISE.

C.HOLMES'S

GENERAL COACH OFFICE.

Superior Travelling, at Reduced Fares.

[7th paragraph]

Light Post Coach to Warwick, Leamington, and Coventry, through Woodstock, Deddington, Banbury, and Southam, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Mornings, at Eight, and returns from the George Inn, Warwick, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Mornings, at Eleven; and Copp's Hotel, Leamington, at Twelve; arrives at the Mitre Inn, Oxford, at Six.

[12th paragraph]

Lighted and guarded throughout, and no changing of Coaches on the Road.

** The Public are requested to make inquiry themselves, or send their own servants, as it is a practice resorted to by other Coach Houses, to say that such Coaches are *discontinued*, or some other artifice to deceive the Public.

For the convenience of the Public, these Coaches will take up and set down in any part of Oxford.

If time is not strictly kept by the above Coaches, the Proprietors beg to be informed thereof.

Performed by C. HOLMES and Co.

Who will not be accountable for goods above the value of Five Pounds, unless entered as such, and paid for accordingly.

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The Regulator,

DEDDINGTON and BICESTER

POST COACH,

WILL in future start from the King's Arms, Deddington, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, at Five o'clock, to the Crown Inn, Bicester, Oxon; and from there, at Half past

Seven, through Aylesbury, Tring, Berkhamstead, and Watford, to the King's Arms Inn, Snow-hill, London; from whence it returns every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings, at Half past Seven.

Places and Parcels booked at the Green Man and Still, and at Brown's Warehouse, Oxford-street.

Performed by WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Bicester,

And JOSEPH HEARN, London.