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Relive Georgian Life – Olney



1796 survey of the land owned by William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth.



'Owen's New Book of Fairs', 1788

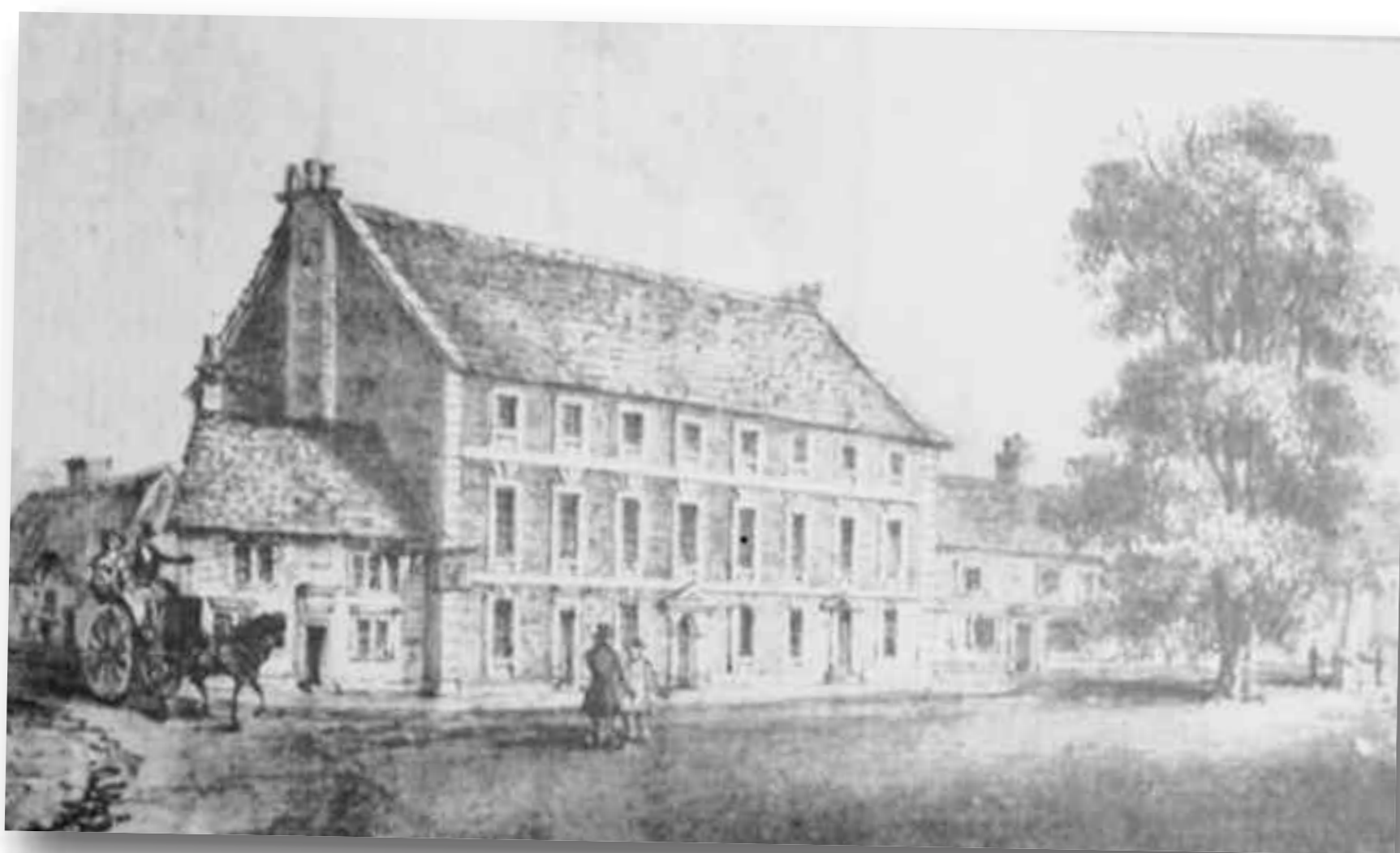
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The Market Place in Olney is now a handy car park for shoppers and diners, except when used for the weekly Thursday and monthly Sunday markets and special events. But in Georgian times the weekly markets were on Mondays. Special cattle markets and events were also held on Easter Monday and June 29th, the holy day of St Peter & St Paul.



The earliest detailed plan of the Market Place is contained in the 1796 survey of the land belonging to William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth.

In 1796 there are buildings on the Market Place (no. 13 on the plan). In the survey they are described as: ***'The Dwellings comprized in No 13 are very old, they stand in the middle of Olney Street, and are rather a nuisance.'***



The Cowper & Newton Museum opened in 1900 on the centenary of the death of William Cowper



Image credit: Olney & District Historical Society



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