

**JOLLY BOYS GEORDIE JAUNT TO NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE-
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2013-Re-Run**



Newcastle upon Tyne is 268 miles 56 chains from Kings Cross, and the railway first arrived in Newcastle via the High Level road and rail bridge in 1848. Until the King Edward VII Bridge opened in 1906 all trains going north from Newcastle had to reverse in Central Station.

The city was on the Roman Wall built by Emperor Hadrian and was called Pons Aelii. The famous Castle built in 1080 and was replaced by the existing castle built between 1172 and 1177. It was chopped in half by the York Newcastle and Berwick Railway in 1848. The splendid Cathedral Church of St Nicholas at the bottom of Grainger Street, will be seen after leaving The Union Rooms Spoons (pub no. 1).

The Pubs

Five minute walk from Central Station

1. The Union Rooms, Wetherspoons, 48 Westgate Road, NE1 1TT

A fine old gentlemen's club with very high ceilings, ornate decoration and stained glass windows.

JB Times----until 11.20

After a 15 minute walk we arrive at :

2. The Newcastle Arms, 57 St Andrews Street, NE1 5SE. Opens at 11.00

It is 20 yards from the Chinese Arch in Gallowgate. Although the pub does not do food, you are welcome to make a purchase at the sandwich bar or chinese takeaway, which are next door. Classic unspoilt Edwardian boozer. 6 handpumps on the recce, Deuchars and 5 others from various micro breweries, including a beer brewed specially for the pub by 'Big Lamp'.

JB Times- 11.35-12.10

A 5 minute walk brings you to :-

3. The Strawberry, 7-8 Strawberry Place, NE1 4SF. Opens at 11.00

This pub is opposite Newcastle United's St James's Park football ground and the pub sign is the NUFC black and white strip. It is named after the strawberry patch which was here in the Middle Ages, tended by local nuns, who were nearly excommunicated for making strawberry wine! 5 real ales on the day of the recce.-Deuchars and 4 local ales. Good choice of reasonable pub food.

JB Times- 12.15-13.00

Another less than 10 minute walk through China Town (Stowell Street) to :-

4. The Bodega, 125 Westgate Road, , NE1 6BX, Opens at 11.00

Next to The Tyne Theatre. Good selection of real ales.

Does food

JB Times-13.10-13.35

5 minutes from the Bodega,

5. The Town Wall, Pink Lane, NE1 5HX,

Good choice of local and other guest beers. Food is expensive for the North East.

Opposite is **The Forth**, another real ale emporium.

JB Times-13.40 to -----?

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Train times :-

Kings Cross Dep 07.00 07.30 08.00 Newcastle Dep 13.28 13.59 14.25

Newcastle Arr 09.51 10.39 10.50 Kings Cross Arr 16.43 16.51 17.41

Derby Dep 07.44 Newcastle Dep 13.35 13.42 14.35

Newcastle Arr 10.35 Derby Arr 15.53 16.28 16.53

Manchester Picc Dep 07.22 08.22 Newcastle Dep 13.15 14.18 15.15

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