



***Newark Castle-15.8.2009***

**JOLLY BOYS FOLLOW KING JOHN TO NEWARK-THURSDAY 4TH  
DECEMBER 2014**

Newark is famous for its ruined castle which was the last place King John was when he died in 1216. It was laid siege to three times during the Civil War and was 'sighted' (made unusable as a defensive position) after surrendering to the Parliamentarians in 1646.

The first railway to reach Newark was the Midland in 1846 which linked Derby and Nottingham with Lincoln. The Great Northern arrived in 1852. There used to be a north facing connection from the Midland onto the GN between the flat crossing and Northgate station, opened in 1869 and closed in 1973. There seems little trace of it now. There is another connection from the ECML towards Lincoln opened in 1965.

There were a lot of RAF stations in the area during the Second World War and a large number of squadrons of the Polish Air Force were stationed locally and there is a memorial to these including to General Sikorski in Newark Cemetery.

There is a fully functioning sugar factory dominant north of the city.

**The Pubs**

**A. The Sir John Arderne**-Wetherspoons 1-3 Church St., 01636 671334  
In a corner of the Market Place. For early Birds.

JB times      until 10.30.

On the corner of the Market Place and Bridge St. (route in from Northgate Station via Appleton Gate) is a very good butchers selling gourmet sausages and pies.

**1. Fox and Crown**-4-6 Appleton Gate, NG24 1JY, 01636-605820. Opens 10.30. Does a good choice of Food until 15.00. Full range of Castle Rock beers.

JB times 10.35-11.05

**2. Prince Rupert**-46 Stodman Street, NG24 1AW, 01636-918121. Opens 10.00. Dates from circa 1452. Well recommended for excellent food but rather expensive.

JB times 11.10-11.50

**3. Organ Grinder**-21 Portland Street, NG24 4XF, 01636-671768. Opens 12.00. Sells the full range of Blue Monkey beers

JB times 12.00-12.30

**4. Flying Circus**-53 Castlegate, NG24 1BE, 01636 302444. Opens 12.00. 4 real ales mainly local and other craft beers. Monty Python theme pub, including the dead parrot in a cage. I was informed emphatically that it was not dead! A good food range. Does CAMRA members' discount

JB times 12.40-13.20

Then we cross the road going to the left and down Millgate to the:-

**5. The Trent Navigation**- 48 Mill Gate, NG24 4TS. opens 11.30 . Everards, Deuchars and Newark Brewery. Restored canalside warehouse.

JB times 13.30-14.00

Over the Trent Navigation and along the towpath to Newark Town Lock. Splendid view of the Castle. Go over the lock gate (proper walkway) left on the other side then through the yard of the Moorings pub to :-

**6. Just Beer**-32A Castle Gate, Swan and Salmon Yard-NG24 1BG, 07983-993747. Opens 13.00 One bar micro-pub, local CAMRA pub of the year 2012/13/14.

JB times 14.10-----

### Optional Extra

**7.The Vaults**, 14 Northgate,. Newark's latest Real Ale and Cider pub, opened on 1st November in old cellars. Opens 11.00 until 3pm. Five real ales on the recce

**Train Times**

Kings Cross	D. 08.30	09.08	09.30
Newark Northgate	A. 09.44	10.33	10.44
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Kings Cross	A. 15.24	15.44	16.24
Crewe	D. 06.58	08.07	
Derby	A. 08.16	09.26	
Derby	D. 08.40	09.40	
Nottingham	A. 09.06	10.03	
Nottingham	D. 09.21	10.29	
Newark Castle	A. 09.51	11.00	
Newark Castle	D. 14.05	14.59	
Nottingham	A. 14.30	15.27	
Nottingham	D. 14.41	15.41	
Derby	A. 15.07	16.07	
Derby	D. 15.42	16.42	
Crewe	A. 17.01	18.01	

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