

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR CENTRE NEWARK MUSEUM

Fortress Newark under siege 3-4 May 2015!

Canons blasting at the walls of Newark Castle, pikes entangled in a deadly struggle for supremacy and heroism against the odds. Nearly 1,000 Civil War re-enactors will invade Newark to mark the launch of the National Civil War Centre. The deadly sieges of Newark will be commemorated by re-enactors from across the UK with pitch battles taking place in authentic surroundings.

Other highlights include living history camps, 17th-century medicine, craft displays, arms drills and a recreation of the final dramatic moments of the third siege, when the bedraggled Royalist garrison marched out with its flags flying after surrendering. Groups taking part include The Sealed Knot, English Civil War Society and History Re-enactment Workshop.

Here's the timetable for this incredible weekend of colour and history. Don't miss it!

Date	Times	Activity/display	Locations
Sunday 3 May	11.00-16.30	The first and second sieges of Newark	National Civil War Centre, Queen's Sconce, Castle, Riverside Park & Market Place
	11.00	Living history commences	All
	Noon	Bombardment of castle/first siege broken by sally	Castle and Riverside Park
	12.30	Feeding the troops	Castle and Riverside Park
	13.30	Drill display	Market Place
	14.00	Drill display	Queen's Sconce
	14.30	Second siege commences at castle with new bombardment	Castle and Riverside Park
	15.00	Sally from castle	Castle and Riverside Park
	15.00	Battle: "Ballard's attempt on Newark" (1 hour approx)	Queen's Sconce
	16.00	Newark relieved – Parliamentarians retreat	Castle, Riverside Park & Queen's Sconce

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WILL YOU
CHOOSE?

A WORLD
TURNED
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Monday 4 May	Morning	The sieges of Newark commemorated	
	10.10	March to Market Place commences.	Queen's Sconce/ Portland Road/Carter Gate/ Bridge Street/Market Place.
	10.45*	Commemorative parade. Welcoming speech by Michael Constantine, Manager, National Civil War Centre	Market Place
	10.55	Inspection of the troops and civilians by dignitaries	Market Place
	11.00	Official party progresses to St Mary Magdalene Church for wreath laying.	Market Place
	11.00	Parade and or drill practice by troops not at the Market Place	Queen's Sconce
	11.05	Troops offer due deference as wreath party progresses from Market Place.	Market Place
	11.10	Brief Wreath laying ceremony , with address by ECWS preacher and formal prayer by the Reverend Stephen Morris.	St Mary Magdalene Church
	11.10	C17th sermon by SK preacher Ian Dicker, followed by a minute's silence to remember the fallen of the sieges, the Civil War and modern wars. Then a brief overview of the sieges by David McLoughlin (ECWS).	Market Place
	11.20	Wreath laying party return. Church bells ring.	St Mary Magdalene Church - Market Place
	11.25	Musketeers load and fire a mass salvo, followed by General Salute	Market Place
	11.30	March past dignitaries and return to National Civil War Centre, Castle, Riverside and Queen's Sconce.	Market Place and return routes
	13.00	Drill display	Queen's Sconce
	13.00	Drill display	Riverside Park
	14.00	Troops billeted at town centre inns return to Sconce	Market Place
	14.00	Third siege of Newark commences with a bombardment of Castle	Castle and Queen's Sconce
	15.00	Battle	Queen's Sconce
	15.00	Sally from castle	Riverside Park
	16.00 approx	Messengers arrive with news of the captive King Charles' order for the town to surrender. Defenders debate what to do/declare they are ready to surrender.	Castle, Riverside Park and Queen's Sconce
	16.15 approx	Formal surrender - Parliamentarians take control of the castle. Defenders paroled/ some re-enlist in Parliamentarian army. Remaining garrison march out with colours flying.	Castle
	16.15 approx	Queen's Sconce surrenders – Garrison marches out with colours flying.	Queen's Sconce

Ongoing activities over the weekend.

- Living history at National Civil War Centre with History Re-enactment Workshop (Tudor Hall and garden) and Sealed Knot (Tudor Loft), with English Civil War Society sentries outside.
- Regular guard changes at National Civil War Centre by ECWS soldiers.
- Military living history inside the Sconce, with modest siege line opposite.
- Skirmishing between castle and riverside (including firing across the river, noon to 4pm, except during truces)
- Living history in the castle and in siege lines.
- Sealed Knot living history in Market Place, plus "garrisons" in *The Fox and Crown* and *Prince Rupert Inns*

Programme correct at time of publication. Please note that some displays and activities may vary on the day and can be affected by adverse weather conditions

