

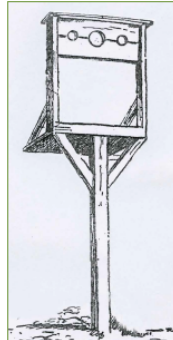
# Law & Order

Newark Market Place has always attracted its fair share of colourful characters.

In the 17th century the notorious Highwayman, John 'Quick Nick' Nevison had his HQ in a back room at the Clinton Arms.



'Nevison in Chains' from *The History of Noted Highwaymen*, published anonymously in 1700



A Pillory stood in the Market Place as early as 1621.

From here he and his gang ranged freely up and down the Great North Road (A1) relieving wealthy travellers of their gold and jewellery.

Nevison, however, was no Robin Hood and kept his ill-gotten gains for his own use. He was eventually apprehended and hanged at York on 15th March 1685.

There were no hangings in Newark Market Place, but other forms of punishment were common.

In the late 18th century a small prison with an underground cell is thought to have stood near the centre, and punishments like whipping or confinement to the pillory were a regular market day event.

From 1871 to 1947 the Borough Police station was located in the north (right hand) wing of the Town Hall.

The old police cells may still be seen at the back of some shops in the Buttermarket beneath the Town Hall



DISCOVER

Visit the shops in Buttermarket to see the old police cells. Why not read 'Nevison the Highwayman' by Sheila Holmes available at Newark Library

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