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Can you identify this man?

He used to be one of the world's most important manufacturers of armaments and one of Tyneside's biggest employers.

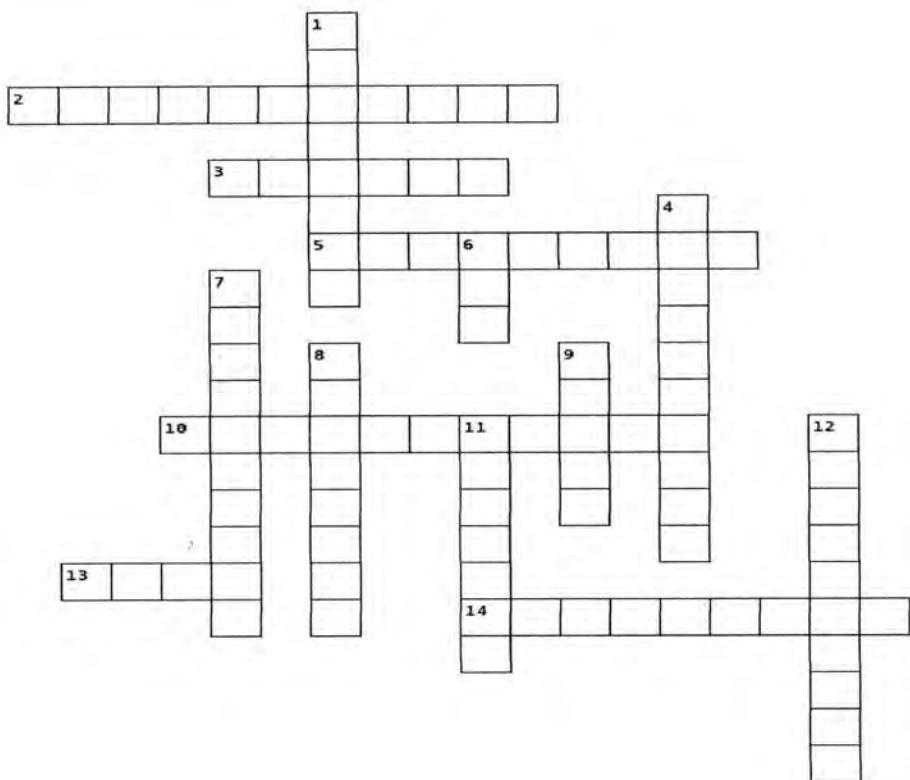
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Blaydon Races Crossword

To find the answers - sing the song



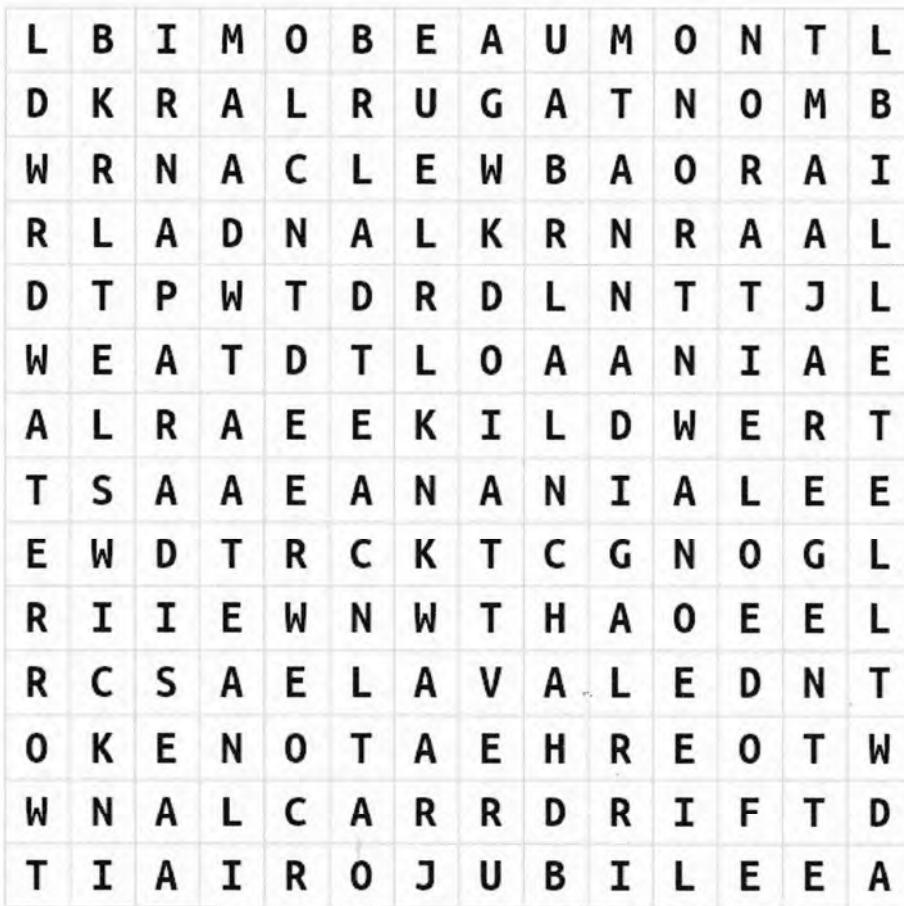
Across

2. the old Scotswood Bridge built in 1831 (5,6)
3. surname of the song's author (6)
5. ---- main road taking us to Blaydon (8)
10. away we went along this street named after a famous admiral (11)
13. river we crossed to reach Blaydon (4)
14. where the injured went to get their broken ribs fixed (9)

Down

1. ape raids (anagram) village south of Benwell (8)
4. radio brain (anagram) one of the many pubs to be built along this road (5,5)
6. how many black eyes did I get? (3)
7. nicer lions (anagram) what did the ladies lose? (10)
8. lambs bar(anagram) where the journey starts (7)
9. ----- Market, street where we got on the bus (5)
11. first name of the song's author (7)
12. this factory would have been 12 years old by the time we flew past it (10)

WORDSEARCH – COALMINES IN NEWCASTLE



WALKER

CAROLINE

JUBILEE

DELAVAL

BRANDLING

CARR DRIFT

HEATON

BILLET

REGENT

WATER ROW

PARADISE

ELSWICK

BEAUMONT

EDWARD

MONTAGU

WORDSEARCH - BENWELL PEOPLE

U	Y	B	W	L	F	E	R	G	U	S	O	N	L
H	R	Y	O	H	N	T	A	S	S	P	O	I	I
A	L	B	Y	T	C	B	S	U	A	N	S	D	E
B	L	R	L	T	E	R	O	N	I	T	N	G	B
A	L	E	E	O	H	A	W	T	H	O	R	N	D
M	R	W	A	C	Y	M	A	E	N	A	M	L	O
A	D	O	A	S	B	B	G	L	E	R	A	U	I
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H	L	S	N	S	E	A	A	P	A	L	M	E	R
S	S	U	C	I	T	I	C	O	N	E	T	N	A

- ANTENOCITICUS
- FERGUSON
- SILVER LADY
- SOWERBY
- BISHOP LLOYD
- PALMER
- HAWTHORN
- ANGUS
- PEASE
- SCOTT
- FERGUSON
- BRAMBLE
- DELAVAL

BENWELL PEOPLE : Who were they?

Antenociticus is the God of the Benwell Roman temple in Broomridge Avenue, Benwell.

William Hawthorn lived in the misleadingly named Benwell Cottage, which was a large house standing in extensive grounds. He and his brother Robert were two of Tyneside's greatest industrial pioneers.

John William Pease was a banker who lived in Pendower Hall, just south of the West Road. Pendower Estate now stands on the grounds of the Hall.

George Angus was the son of the founder of the famous Newcastle company of leather and rubber manufacturers which later merged with Dunlop. He lived for a time at Benwell Grange.

John Sowerby was a member of a wealthy and influential family of glass manufacturers. He lived with his family at Benwell Towers.

Walter Scott was one of Britain's first self-made millionaires. He lived in Bentinck House in Elswick

Bishop Arthur Lloyd was the Bishop of Newcastle, and lived in the official residence at Benwell Towers. Unlike other bishops, he chose to be buried in his local graveyard at St James'.

The Delaval family owned a large estate in Benwell from the 13th to the 15th centuries.

William Bramble of Benwell Hall - known as the "Dick Whittington of Newcastle" - became wealthy through retailing and property development.

The Silver Lady was the ghostly grey figure said to haunt Benwell Towers.

Jack Palmer was a former coalminer from Benwell who became a world class boxer.

John Ferguson was a dairy farmer. This is the origin of the name of Ferguson's Lane.

Would we lie to you?

Can you tell which of these statements are TRUE - and which are FALSE?

1. Richard Grainger's mother was a well-known music hall singer
2. The last witch to be executed in Newcastle was hanged from the spire of St Stephen's Church in Elswick
3. The Anglican bishops of Newcastle used to live in Benwell in a large mansion that later became a night club
4. The armaments manufacturer and engineer William Armstrong had 13 children
5. Europe's first commercial light bulb factory was in Benwell
6. Rudolf Abel, the spy in the 2015 film "Bridge of Spies", was born in Clara Street, Benwell
7. Armstrong's engineering factory was set up in 1847 originally to make garden gnomes for the growing Victorian middle classes
8. The village of Delaval is mentioned in the bible
9. The famous Methodist preacher Charles Wesley almost met his death in Benwell when his horses bolted, but he was saved in the nick of time by a good angel
10. There is a Roman temple in Benwell

Answers

Front page – can you identify this man?

Lord Armstrong, founder of the engineering works on the riverside at Elswick, and later at Scotswood.

Blaydon Races Crossword

Across: 2. Chain Bridge 3. Ridley 5. Scotswood 10. Collingwood 13. Tyne
14. Infirmary

Down: 1. Paradise 4. Robin Adair 6. Two 7. Crinolines 8. Balmbras 9. Cloth
11. Geordie 12. Armstrongs

True or false?

1. FALSE After the death of his father, Grainger's mother supported her family with jobs such as washing and glove making
2. FALSE St Stephen's Church wasn't built until the 1860s by which time the witch trials had stopped.
3. TRUE Benwell Towers was once home to Newcastle's Bishops. Later it became a Night Club called the Silver Lady
4. FALSE Armstrong had no children. However, Richard Grainger, the famous builder and developer, did have 13 children.
5. TRUE Joseph Swan, inventor of the incandescent filament lamp, set up a factory in South Benwell in 1880 to manufacture electric light bulbs.
6. TRUE Rudolf Ivanovich Abel (aka Willie Fisher) was a high-ranking Soviet spy. Abel was born at 140 Clara Street.
7. FALSE Armstrong's factory was originally set up to manufacture hydraulic cranes. Adamsez in Scotswood did make garden ornaments for a time.
8. FALSE The neighbouring village of Paradise is more likely to be found in the bible, but this is unlikely to refer to the place named in "Blaydon Races"
9. TRUE Wesley narrowly avoided a serious accident while travelling through the area. He believed that both bad and good angels were involved.
10. TRUE The foundations of a small Roman temple still stand in the middle of a housing estate in Benwell.

Do you know how the Big Lamp got its name?

The area at the junction of Westgate Hill, Elswick Road and Buckingham Street is still called the Big Lamp but there is no sign today of any big lamp. This old photograph shows the lamp, which was built in the 1870s. It was one of the first electric street lamps in Newcastle and was powered by the tram system whose tracks can also be seen. Does anyone know when the lamp was removed?



Thanks to West Newcastle Picture History Collection for this photograph of the Big Lamp, c1900

And did you know how Scotswood got its name?

In the 13th century a man called Richard Scot enclosed a wood to make himself a deer park – Scot's Wood!

