

# WEST END PUZZLES

Find out how well you know the history of your area with our wordsearch, crosswords, quizzes and interesting facts

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Can you identify this building?

Photographed here in 1901, this listed building is now being demolished

Answers  
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## What was life like before the National Health Service?

Everyone is celebrating the NHS during this crisis – but how much do we really know about what it was like to be ill before 1948? Can you help us to collect stories and information about experiences of illness, childbirth and other needs in the past?  
*Read more about this inside*

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# Lost Streets of the West End

## WORDSEARCH



DE GREY

BENWELL DENE

PRETORIA

JULIET

BOND

GLoucester

TULLOCH

LOVERS LANE

PIPETRACK

CROWN

GLUEHOUSE

BLACKETT

CHAPEL

TENTOP

MARIA

MATHILDA

FOREST

## What's in a name?

Street names can tell their own stories. Glue House Lane, Pipetrack Lane and Chapel Terrace (pictured here in 1905) give us clear clues. Other street names have more obscure origins. Blackett Street in Scotswood was named after the area's major landowner.



The famous developer Richard Grainger and his wife Rachel had 13 children, of whom 11 lived to adulthood. Their names were given to many of the 19<sup>th</sup> century terraced streets in Elswick and Benwell, including Theodosia, Maria, Amelia, Juliet and Mathilda.

Some streets were given new names. Gretna Road used to be known as Lovers Lane. Sunnybank Avenue, Pendower, was first called Tentop Avenue. This 1920s picture shows the estate soon after it was built. Does anyone know the origins of the name "Tentop"?



# Healthcare before the NHS

*Please share your stories with us*

We are collecting stories and memories about healthcare in the West End before the establishment of the National Health Service. Have you personal or family stories you can share?

Some of you might have memories or know family stories of what happened when you were ill before there was a free health service. Most people had to pay a doctor, get help from a neighbour or try a home remedy.

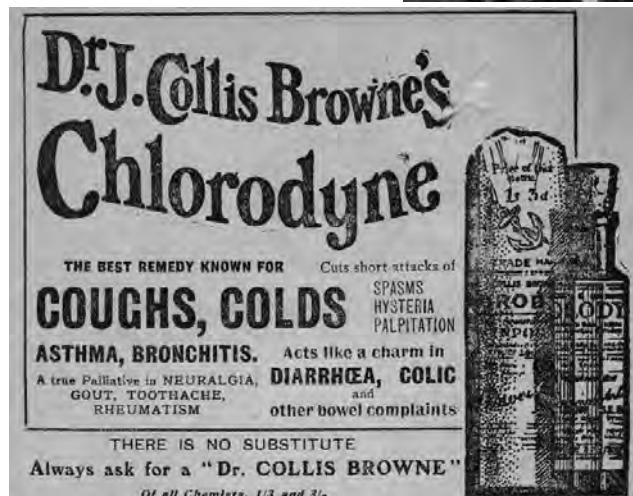


Infectious diseases were major killers until after the War. Treatment often involved being kept in isolation in a fever hospital for weeks. This was especially hard for children as hospitals didn't allow visitors. They might not see their parents for a long time.

Fresh air was thought to be good for children with illnesses such as tuberculosis. Pendower Open Air School on the West Road – the highest point in the area – was Newcastle's answer to Switzerland. Children were taught in the open air even when it was freezing.



And what about when babies were born? There were maternity hospitals, such as Hopedene on Elswick Road, but it was common to give birth at home with the help of an experienced but unqualified neighbour.



People relied more on medicines bought from pharmacists or on home remedies such as spreading goose grease on your chest to treat a bronchial infection.

What was it like to work as a nurse or midwife before the NHS?

**To share your stories:**

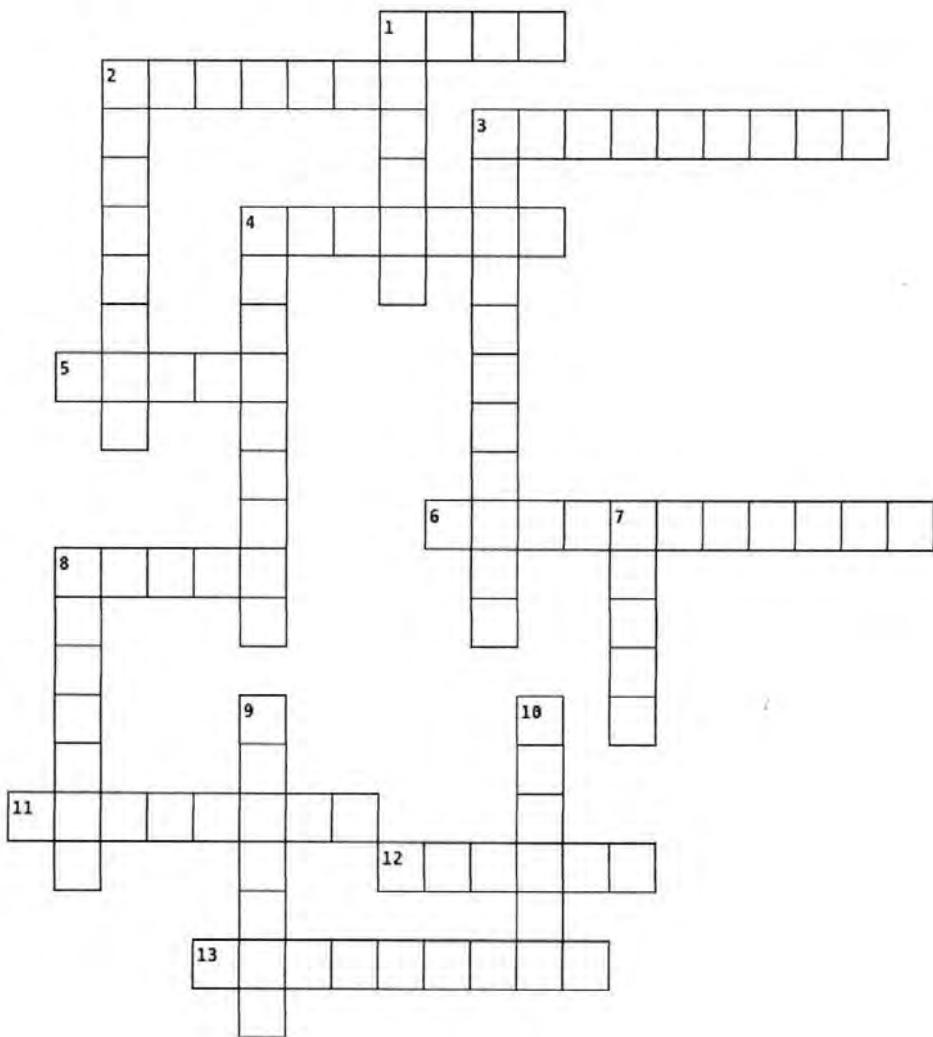
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## ABC “B” Crossword – *All the answers begin with B*



### Across

1. B--- Market - place to go for a wild night out (4)
2. What kind of balloon knocked the top off the spire of St James' Church, Benwell, during the Second World War? (7)

3. 19<sup>th</sup> century Methodist church hidden away behind Fenwick's and Waterstones in the city centre (9)
4. Jeremy-----? Benwell & Scotswood councillor - the longest continuously serving councillor in the history of Newcastle (7)
5. Christian name of Newcastle-born Cardinal Hume whose statue is in front of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral near Central Station (5)
6. Department store formerly on Market Street – moved to new Eldon Square shopping centre when it opened (11)
8. Neighbourhood in east end well known for its wall (5)
11. Street in Newcastle - runs from Monument to Percy Street (7)
12. 19<sup>th</sup> century coal owner who gave his name to the road that runs between Atkinson Road and St John's Road in Benwell (6)
13. Small park on north side of Great North Road in Jesmond - reduced in size when Newcastle's urban motorway was built (9)

## **Down**

1. Thomas B----? Famous engraver - gave his name to a street near central station (6)
2. Place where the Blaydon Races started in 1862 according to the song (8)
3. Restored site of the 13<sup>th</sup> century friary just inside the city walls, north of Westgate Road (11)
4. St James B-----? Road created to the west of the city centre to link with the new Redheugh Bridge. Site of bus station (9)
7. Newcastle department store taken over by House of Fraser (5)
8. Name of pub (now closed) on Adelaide Terrace (7)
9. The beer that Cushie Butterfield liked may have been made on this site just west of the city centre (7)
10. Eric -----? Walker-born singer in the group The Animals (6)

# Newcastle Cinemas WORDSEARCH



# Adelaide Terrace Quick Quiz

1. Which animal was often used to describe the concrete shopping centre built in the 1970s that has since been demolished? *Clue: “white .....*
2. Can you name the pub that used to be in this shopping centre?
3. What was the name of the big Co-op store on Adelaide Terrace?
4. Name the street running off the Terrace where there were swimming baths until the early 1970s.
5. What was the name of the owner of two shops on the Terrace who lived in Benwell Hall from 1925 until 1948? *Clue: think “blackberry”.*
6. Can you name the department store that used to be at the east end of Adelaide Terrace?
7. Name the street running south from Adelaide Terrace which shares a name with the hero of the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.
8. Can you name the ice cream parlour and café that used to be at the bottom of Condercum Road just around the corner from the Terrace?
9. Can you name the big church building on Adelaide Terrace which was demolished recently?
10. When was this church first opened?

*Answers on inside back page*

## *Memories of the 1950s – Listening to Uncle Mac*

John Taberham shares his memories of a 1950s childhood living in Beech Street, Benwell.

“Saturday mornings were always spent around the radio as we tuned into “Uncle Mac” who presented the music request programme “Children’s Favourites”. Derek McCulloch was Uncle Mac and the requests he used to play remind me of my happy childhood days. I wonder if any of you have similar memories?

Here are my top five songs from the day. They should all be on YouTube.”

1. *The Laughing Policeman* (Charles Penrose)
2. *How much is that doggy in the window?* (Patti Page)
3. *The Runaway Train* (Michael Holliday)
4. *I know an old lady who swallowed a fly* (Burl Ives)
5. *Freight Train* (Nancy Whiskey)



Above: John aged seven (on the left) with his brothers Sid and Norman in 1955

Right: teenage John as a Mod



# Answers

## Can you identify this building?

This used to be Newcastle Workhouse which stood on what became the General Hospital site. The workhouse was built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century on the corner of Westgate Road and Brighton Grove. It was the city's first purpose-built workhouse, providing bed and board in return for work for the able-bodied poor. Accommodation was added for the sick, insane and others incapable of work and, later, an Infirmary was built next to it.

## ABC B Crossword

### Across

- 1.Bigg
- 2.Barrage
- 3.Brunswick
- 4.Beecham
- 5.Basil
- 6.Bainbridges
- 8.Byker
- 11.Blackett
- 12.Buddle
- 13.Brandling

### Down

- 1.Bewick
- 2.Balmbras
- 3.Blackfriars
- 4.Boulevard
- 7.Binns
- 8.Benwell
- 9.Brewery
- 10.Burdon

## Adelaide Terrace Quick Quiz

- 1.Elephant
- 2.Adelaide
- 3.High Cross Co-op
- 4.Bond Street
- 5.Bramble
- 6.Chesterton's
- 7.Hugh Gardens
- 8.Reay's
- 9.Bond Memorial Methodist Church
- 10.The church itself was opened in 1899, the adjacent buildings in 1893.

## Did you know How Benwell High Cross got its name?

The area known today as High Cross lies between St James' Church and the eastern end of Adelaide Terrace.

A market cross used to stand here. This was erected in either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> centuries during an outbreak of plague in Newcastle. It marked the spot, three miles from the town walls, where local farmers could leave produce to be collected by townsfolk.

The name High Cross survived in the names of several buildings around the site of the original cross. High Cross House was built about 1830 on a site just beyond the point where Adelaide Terrace becomes Elswick Road, and further west were High Cross Farm, High Cross brickworks and a row of cottages known as High Cross Cottages.

This photograph shows High Cross cottages in the 1880s with the original small tower of St James' Church on the right.



## And did you know why Bishops Road is so-called?

Benwell Towers, a grand mansion on Benwell Lane, was the official home of the Anglican bishops of Newcastle from 1882-1943.