

## Did you know

### The link between Benwell and the villain Stoney Bowes?

Benwell Towers, a mansion on the north side of Benwell Lane, has been associated with many famous names in the past, including the Delaval and Shafto families. Its most notorious owner was Stoney Bowes who is said to have bought the house in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as a base for his smuggling racket. He was a Member of Parliament for Newcastle for several years.



Stoney, an army captain and adventurer, tricked the wealthy Mary Bowes, Countess of Strathmore, into marrying him. He soon revealed himself to be a violent and sadistic brute who subjected her to terrible physical and mental cruelty. Imprisoning Mary in the house, he forced her to sign over her fortune to him.

The Countess finally managed to escape and she filed for divorce. After losing the first round of the court case, Stoney abducted Mary and fled with her across the country on horseback after gagging and beating her. Eventually she was rescued and Stoney was arrested. The subsequent court case caused a great scandal. Despite Stoney's efforts to defame his wife, Mary won her divorce and he was denied access to her fortune.

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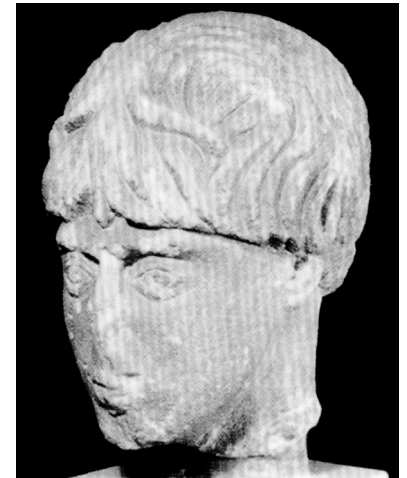
## West End Puzzles

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Do you know this man?

*Answers  
on inside back page*



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How much do you know about your area and its inhabitants?

### *Seaside memories*

Join us on a visit to Whitley Bay with our special crossword

## Eat and Drink Local WORDSEARCH



BROWN	DIP	SINGING	CRASTER
ALE	GREGGS	HINNIE	KIPPERS
PAN	PASTY	EARL	STOTTIE
HAGGERTY	PEASE	GREY	CAKE
SAVELOY	PUDDING	TEA	

## Sweet Memories of the 1950s



“It was 1953 before the rationing of sweets ended. As young whippersnappers we were always on the look-out on Adelaide Terrace for sweets that only cost an old penny or better still a halfpenny. Here are a few I can remember.



**Black bullets** These were “grown up” hard sweets that my grandad used to have in a tin beside his chair. If he was in a good mood you got permission to take a couple.

**Gob-stoppers** Our staple diet as they were cheap and lasted a long time as you sucked your way through a rainbow of colours.

**Cinder toffee** Sugar and syrup. Sticky to the teeth and hands and usually coated with cheap chocolate. No wonder dentists did a roaring trade in the 1950s!

**Black Jacks** One of my favourite penny chews. Aniseed taste. The original gollywog motif was replaced by a pirate in the 1980s.

**YZ chewing gum** There was a YZ vending machine outside a shop at the top of Beech Street. A penny a packet. Every fourth purchase gave you two packets instead of one. I would spend hours keeping an eye on the machine to get the double bubble.

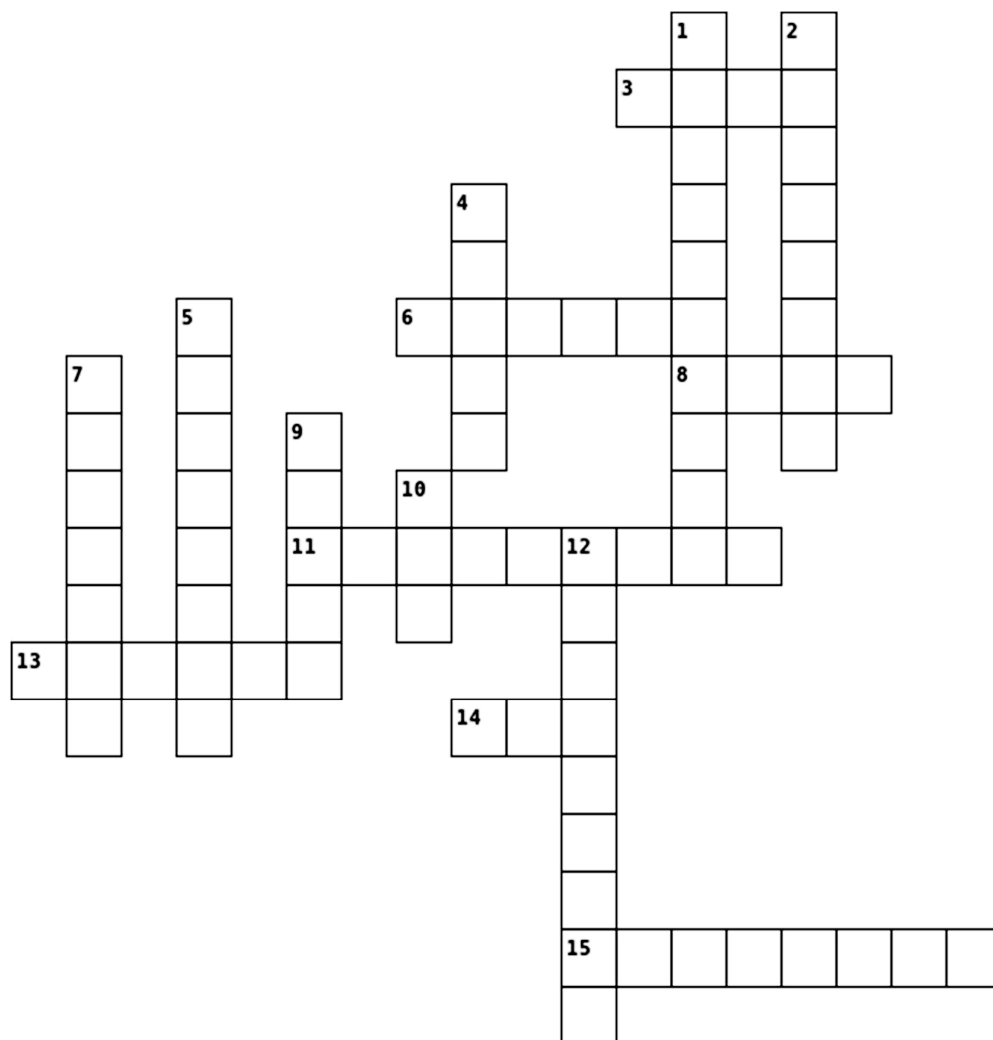
**Spangles** Boiled sweets in a packet introduced in 1950 by Fry's. You sucked on the different flavours of orange, strawberry, blackcurrant, pineapple, lemon and lime, and cola. Needed serious pocket money for these – threepence in old money.”



*John Taberham*

## Crossword

### WHO LIVES IN OUR GRAVEYARD?



The answers to the clues on the opposite page are all animals or birds spotted in St James' Graveyard, Benwell.

## Animals and Birds in St James' Graveyard

St James' Heritage & Environment Group is a wholly volunteer-run organisation based in the west end of Newcastle. In the beginning a small group of people came together to clear the neglected parish graveyard on Benwell Lane and to find out who was buried there. Eleven years later we are still taking care of the graveyard – although we cannot work there at the moment.

As well as telling us a lot about the history of this area, the graveyard is also a haven for wildlife of all sorts. Follow the clues to find out more about the animals and birds to be found here.

### Across

- 3. bird reputed to have brought Noah a fresh olive leaf indicating the end of the flood (4)
- 6. a member of the Toon Army? (6)
- 8. big black bird sometimes thought to be a symbol of bad luck (4)
- 11. baked in a pie? (9)
- 13. big grey bird recognisable by its "coo coo" call (6)
- 14. comes out when it's dark but not a vampire! (3)
- 15. this insect had to leave because her house was on fire (8)

### Down

- 1. can you hear "rat-a-tat, rat-a-tat"? (10)
- 2. prickly customer (8)
- 4. this little creature should have no difficulty moving house (5)
- 5. it's the grey kind not the native red that lives here (8)
- 7. this little visitor is yellow, green and white as well as blue (7)
- 9. commonly seen on Christmas cards (5)
- 10. mole's best friend in *Wind in the Willows* (3)
- 12. loves the flowers in our graveyard (9)

# Taking a Tram out West



Tram services began in Newcastle in 1901. One of the first routes went west out of town along Elswick Road, terminating at the far end of Adelaide Terrace. This photograph was probably taken in 1902. The spire in the background belongs to St James' Church.



workers travelling to and from the armaments factories.

New routes were added later including one to Throckley in 1914. During the First World War, trams along the Scotswood Road were crammed with thousands of

In 1924 the tram service along Adelaide Terrace was extended along Benwell Lane as far as the top of Delaval Road. This photo shows the new terminus. The

extension catered for the residents of the new homes being built at Pendower and Scotswood.



Wingrove Road Tram Depot (pictured left) was one of three depots in Newcastle. The others were at the Haymarket and Byker.

The Newcastle tramway system was gradually converted to trolley buses during the 1940s and finished altogether in 1950. The last tram to run along Adelaide Terrace was in 1944. However there are still traces of the tramway remaining. This photo shows a manhole cover on Elswick Road.



# CAN YOU NAME THEM?

## Famous Local People

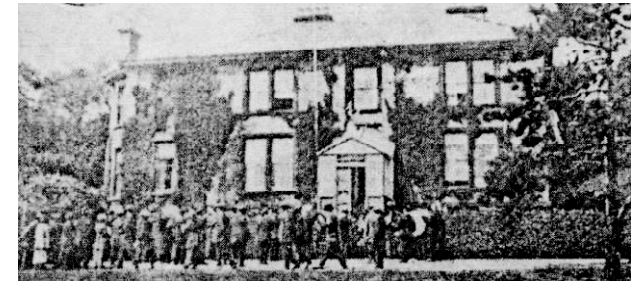
1. Stage name of the lead guitarist of *The Shadows* who was born in Arthurs Hill?
2. Famous actor who was part of the family of Quaker businessmen who owned Elswick Leatherworks?
3. The other half of "Ant and..."
4. 19<sup>th</sup> century armaments manufacturer and resident of Jesmond Dene House before moving to a bigger house and estate near Rothbury
5. Benwell-born actor who played Dennis in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*
6. Inventor of the compound steam turbine and founder of a world famous engineering company in Newcastle
7. Town Clerk of Newcastle who was responsible, with the developer Richard Grainger and the architect John Dobson, for the 19<sup>th</sup> century redevelopment of the city centre
8. Mayor of Newcastle during the English Civil War – gave his name to a school in West Newcastle
9. Famous actress, born in South Shields, gave her name to a theatre in Jesmond which later moved onto the Newcastle University site, changing its name
10. Which member of the wealthy family that once resided at Benwell Towers went to sea with silver buckles at his knee?

## Did you know?

### The connection between Benwell and *Allo Allo*?

*"I will say this only once"*

This is the only photograph we have of Lower Condercum House in Benwell. Between 1891 and 1932 this was the home of the wealthy coal owner and brick manufacturer William Cochran Carr and his family. There were three daughters, Irene, Barbara and Betty, and a son William.



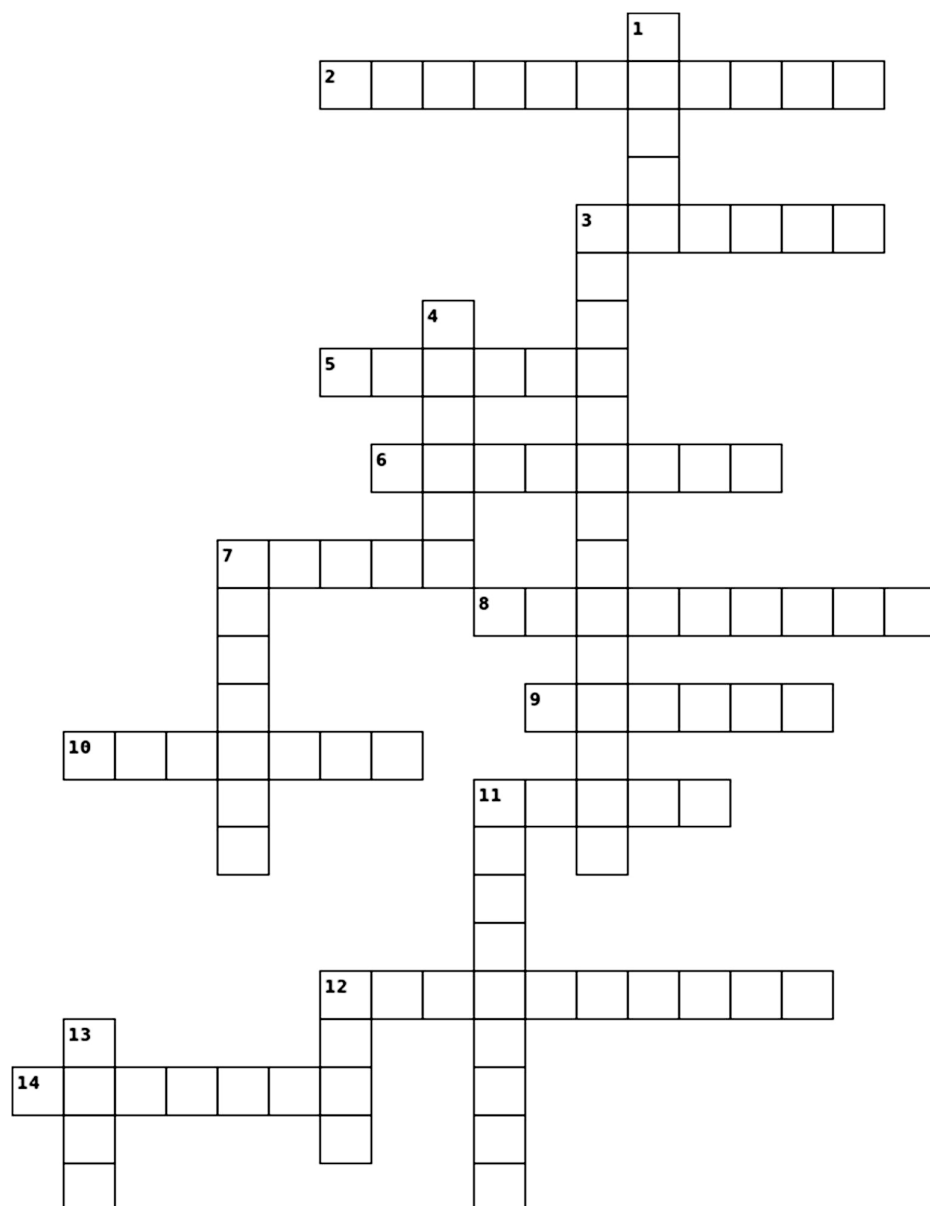
Barbara Cochran Carr was keen on amateur dramatics and probably starred in plays at the Majestic Theatre just down the road from her home.



Barbara married John Minster. Their son Roger Minster (seen here) played the role of General Eric von Klinkerhoffen in the BBC comedy series *"Allo Allo"* between 1984 and 1992.

## OUR HISTORY : ABC "G" CROSSWORD

All the answers begin with the letter G



### Across

2. narrow street between the Bigg Market and Collingwood Street in Newcastle (5,6)
3. name of maternity hospital on Elswick Road which had originally been the family home of the Richardsons who owned Elswick Leatherworks: later known as Hopedene (6)
5. road in Benwell formerly known as Lovers Lane: despite the name, you wouldn't run away to be married here (6)
6. market in Newcastle designed by John Dobson and opened in 1835 (8)
7. family of paper manufacturers based in Scotswood and prime movers in development of first bridge across the Tyne here: may be related to a famous cricketer of that name (5)
8. town across the Tyne from Newcastle (9)
9. Tyneside-based bakery company started in 1939 by one man delivering baked goods on his bicycle (6)
10. Who couldn't keep his feet still? (7)
11. cinema that stood at the bottom of Condercum Road, opposite the Majestic (5)
12. northern ..... shop on corner of Pilgrim Street and Blackett Street - notable for the statue of the Golden Lady above the entrance (10)
14. estate in the Derwent Valley near Rowlands Gill: formerly owned by the Bowes-Lyon family, now by the National Trust (7)

### Down

1. nickname of Gateshead-born footballer who started his career playing for Newcastle: earned 57 caps during his England career (5)
3. main road leading north from Newcastle city centre to Gosforth and beyond (5,5,4)
4. .... Stephenson - renowned as the "father of the railways" (6)
7. hospital on Westgate Road opened in 1870 linked with the workhouse: now closed (7)
11. 17th century building on the quayside, formerly courthouse and meeting place of the Town Council: later a tourist information centre: now closed (9)
12. street in centre of Newcastle noted for its fine buildings including the Theatre Royal (4)
13. doctor who lived and practiced on Westgate Road in the 19th century: mentioned in "The Blaydon Races" (4)

## WORDSEARCH

### *Tyneside on TV and in Film*

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STORMY  
MONDAY  
VERA  
WIEDERSEHEN  
PET

LIKELY  
LADS  
BYKER  
GROVE  
STARS LOOK DOWN

BOAT COMES IN  
GET CARTER  
SPENDER

## QUIZ

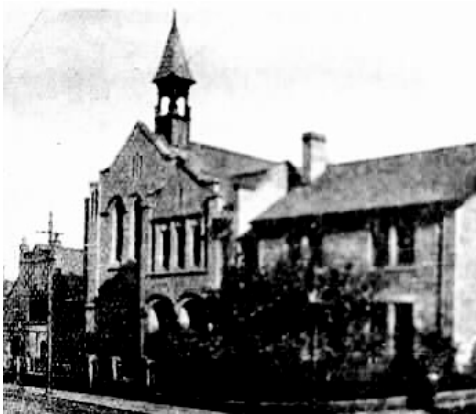
### *Tyneside on TV and in Film*

1. *The Likely Lads* follows the lives of two young Geordies during the 1960s. What were the first names of the Likely Lads?
2. *Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads* picks up the story ten years later after the lads' lives have taken different directions. One has just left the army and the other is married and living in a semi (actually in Killingworth). Can you name his wife?
3. *When the Boat Comes In* was a long running TV series filmed in various locations in North Tyneside. Which Sunderland-born actor plays the ruthless working class hero Jack Ford?
4. *Byker Grove*, which launched the careers of Ant and Dec, was actually filmed in Benwell, not Byker. The BBC rented a historic mansion for the purpose. Can you name this building?
5. *Vera* is the most recent TV series featuring a detective from this area. What is Vera's surname?
6. *The Stars Look Down* is a 1940 film featuring a fictional town called Tynecastle – and terrible accents. It was adapted from a novel by AJ Cronin, based on a real pit disaster that took place in 1925 on Tyneside. Name the pit where this happened.
7. *Get Carter* was made at the beginning of the 1970s and has shots of Benwell at the time when thousands of homes were about to be demolished. Which Tyneside multi-storey carpark was used for the scene where Carter throws a criminal businessman to his death?
8. *Stormy Monday*, starring Sean Bean, was made in the 1980s on Tyneside. Can you name the Wallsend-born singer who plays the part of the owner of a night club on the quayside?

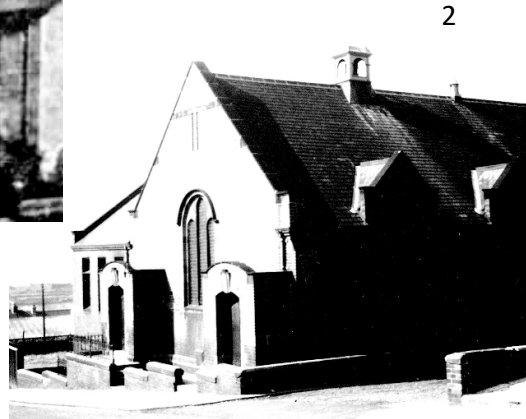
## West End Churches Picture Quiz

*Can you identify these churches?*

One is still standing but its use has changed, one has gone completely, and two have been partially demolished.



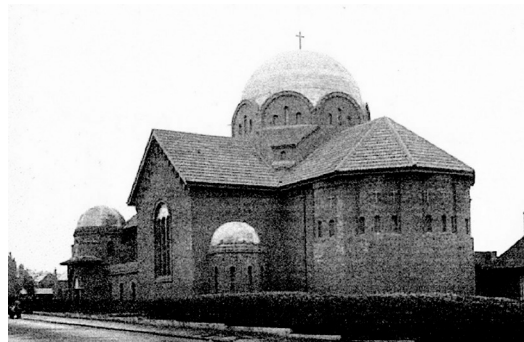
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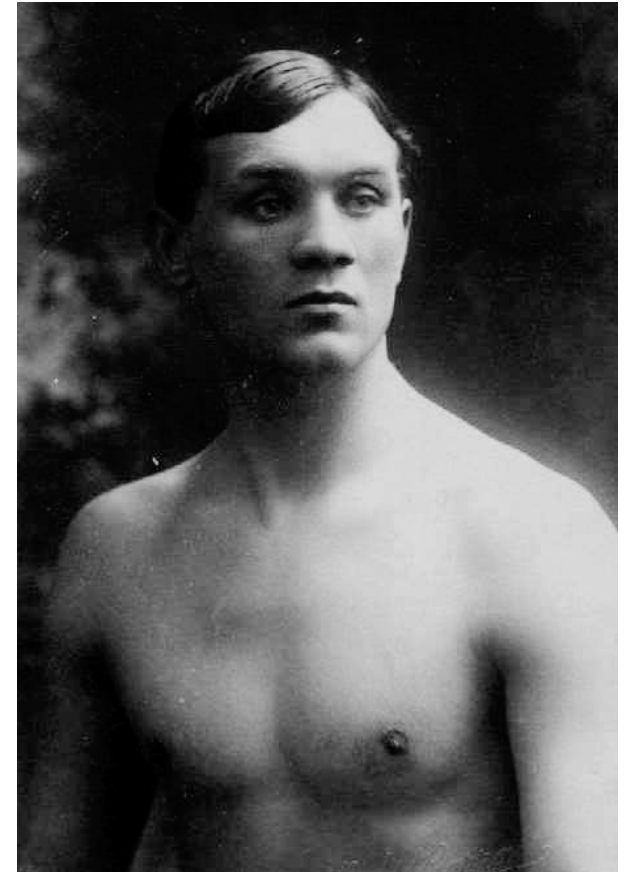
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## The Benwell Boxer

*“the face of an  
angel and the  
disposition of an  
axe murderer”*

This is the world-famous boxer Jack Palmer. His real name was John Liddle and he was born in Benwell in 1879. Jack Palmer is buried in St James' Graveyard, Benwell.

Palmer worked as a coal miner before becoming a professional boxer at the age of 18.



In those days, boxing was hugely popular – the equivalent of football today. Jack Palmer was special because most top-class boxers were American. Palmer was the British heavy-weight champion from 1903-1906. In 1908 he fought Tommy Burns for the world championship but was knocked out.



# A Day at the Seaside

This crossword will bring back memories of  
summer days at Whitley Bay

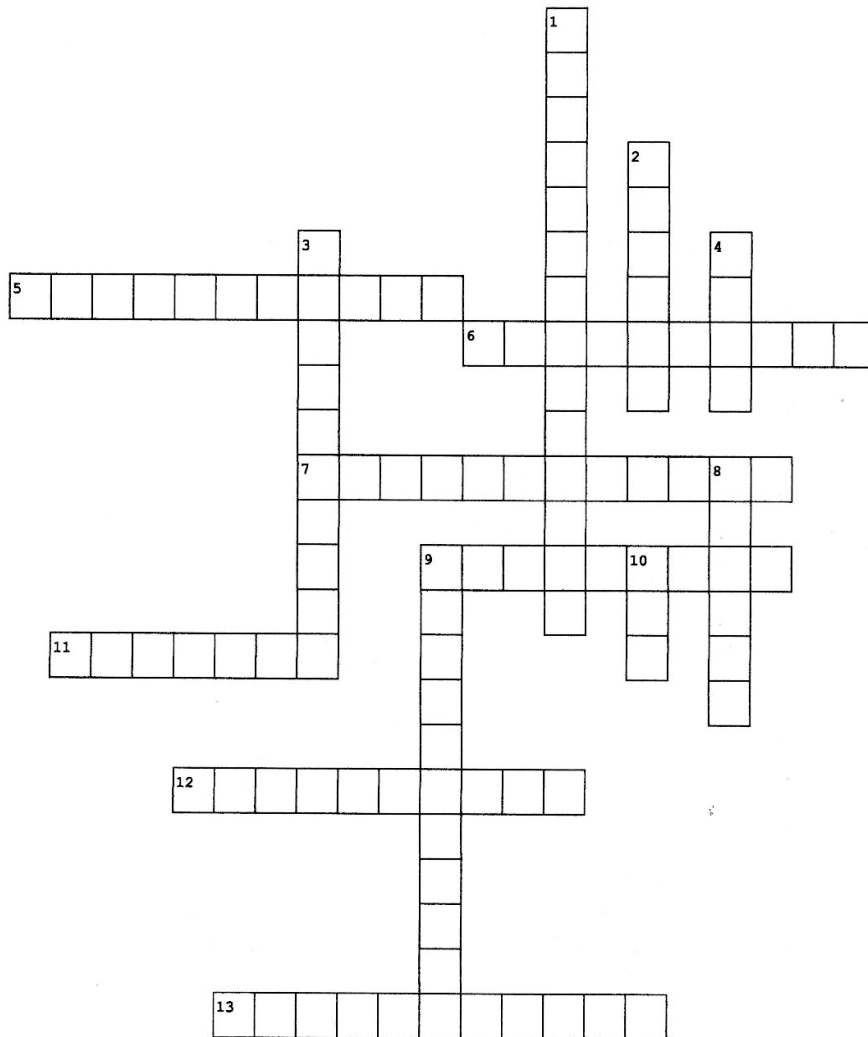
## CLUES – for *Seaside Crossword*

### Across

- 5. group who recorded the song “Tunnel of Love” set in Whitley Bay (4,7)
- 6. Italian café on the north promenade at Whitley Bay (10)
- 7. favourite seaside food (4,3,5)
- 9. black bird often seen perched on rocks at north end of Bay drying out its wings (because they aren’t waterproof) (9)
- 11. lighthouse at north end of Whitley Bay beach (2,5)
- 12. scariest ride in the fairground? (5,5)
- 13. famous white domed building on the seafront (7,4)

### Down

- 1. Whitley Bay photographer who invented the windscreen wiper (9,5)
- 2. Big ..... - fastest ride in the fairground – only for the brave! (6)
- 3. seaside treat made of spun sugar on a stick (5,5)
- 4. marine laboratory (formerly aquarium) at Cullercoats which has the name of a bird (but not a seabird) (4)
- 8. .... Dip – circular paved area with steps behind north prom which used to host entertainments such as bagpipers and country dancing (6)
- 9. former fishing village just south of Whitley Bay (11)
- 10. biggest hotel in Whitley Bay (now under renovation) (3)



## Did you know? HOW HODGKIN PARK GOT ITS NAME?

Hodgkin Park is a large park on the west side of Benwell. It has many fine mature trees and is crossed by a stream. The upper part of the Park used to be the private grounds of a mansion called Benwell Dene which was built in 1866 as a home for the wealthy banker Thomas Hodgkin (pictured here) and his family. The house still stands on the south side of Benwell Lane, although it is no longer a family home.

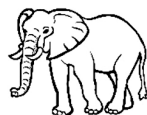


In 1893 the Hodgkins moved from Benwell to live in Bamburgh Castle. They gave six acres of their land to the council to create a public park. This photograph shows the official opening of the park in 1899 by Mrs Hodgkin.



### Did you know? The Elswick Zoo

In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century plans were drawn up by some of Newcastle's most influential people to create a zoological and botanical gardens on the slopes above the river at Elswick. This would be "unsurpassed in the kingdom". The plans progressed quite far, including the acquisition of the first animals and birds. Sadly the scheme collapsed when Richard Grainger, who owned the site, got into serious financial difficulties.



## ANSWERS

### Do you know this man?

You are unlikely to meet him wandering along Adelaide Terrace today but he was an important character in Benwell two thousand years ago. This is the God Antenociticus who was worshipped at the Benwell Roman Temple. Antenociticus was a local, unknown anywhere else in the Roman empire. His statue is in the Great North Museum (formerly the Hancock).

### CROSSWORD Who lives in our graveyard?

**Across** 3. Dove 6. Magpie 8. Crow 11. Blackbird 13. Pigeon 14. Bat 15. Ladybird **Down** 1. Woodpecker 2. Hedgehog 4. Snail 5. Squirrel 7. Bluetit 9. Robin 10. Rat 12. Butterfly

### QUIZ Famous Local People

1. Hank Marvin (real name Brian Rankin) 2. Ralph Richardson 3. Declan Donnelly 4. William Armstrong 5. Tim Healy 6. Charles Parsons 7. John Clayton 8. John Marlay 9. Flora Robson 10. Bobby Shafto (to be honest, the particular Robert Shafto in the song never lived in Benwell)

### CROSSWORD ABC G

**Across** 2. Groat Market 3. Gables 5. Gretna Road 6. Grainger Market 7. Grace 8. Gateshead 9. Greggs 10. Geordie 11. Grand 12. Goldsmiths 14. Gibside **Down** 1. Gazza 3. Great North Road 4. George 7. General 11. Guildhall 12. Grey 13. Gibb

### QUIZ Tyneside on TV and in Film

1. Bob and Terry 2. Thelma 3. James Bolam 4. Benwell Towers 5. Stanhope 6. Montagu Pit, Scotswood 7. Trinity car park, Gateshead 8. Sting

### QUIZ West End Churches

1. Bond Memorial Methodist, Adelaide Terrace 2. Paradise Methodist, Atkinson Road 3. St Stephen's, Elswick 4. St Joseph's RC, Armstrong Road

### CROSSWORD Day at the Seaside

**Across** 5. Dire Straits 6. Rendezvous 7. Fish and chips 9. Cormorant 11. St Mary's 12. Ghost train 13. Spanish City **Down** 1. Gladstone Adams 2. Dipper 3. Candy floss 4. Dove 8. Panama 9. Cullercoats 10. Rex