The Teesside Development Corporation welcomes the Queen and Prince Philip to Teesside.

New companies on Teesside.

Opening of Teesside Leisure Park.

Hartlepool Marina expands.

Tees Barrage update.

A time for celebration

Recent weeks have witnessed many of the events which will in the future be remembered as a time of major change for Teesside. The impact may not yet be totally apparent, but 1993 will be seen as a turning point socially and economically for Teesside.

The increasing self confidence and hope for the future was best mirrored by the sunshine welcome for Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their first visit to the area since 1977.

Among the sites they toured were the TDC flagship schemes of Hartlepool Marina, Teesdale, University College Stockton and the Tees Barrage. This very special day climaxed with the unforgettable sight of 10,000 fireworks illuminating the night sky above Hartlepool bay as the Royal Yacht Britannia, with the Queen and Prince Philip watching from the deck, sailed majestically out to sea.

Hundreds of thousands of people packed the coastline around Hartlepool and the Tees Estuary to witness a sound and light spectacular which provided a fitting end to a perfect day.
A new era of Entertainment

Teeside Development Corporation promised, when creating the new out of town retail park at the former Stockton Racecourse, that it would bring a new era of entertainment to Teesside. The first phase of the new Teesside Leisure Park starts to fulfil that promise with a superb new development incorporating a Multiplex Cinema, Mega Bowl and fast food restaurants.

A new era of entertainment is being created to develop the largest indoor leisure complex in Great Britain.

Showcase Cinemas
Showcase Cinemas has set a new standard in cinema entertainment by developing the largest cinema in the U.K. with a seating capacity for 3,400 people.

Matching this quality and range of facilities is Bass Leisure’s Hollywood Bowl featuring a 26 lane bowling alley with computerised scoring, a general amusements area with video games and pool tables, the Hollywood Diner, a fast-food restaurant and Di Maggios - a fully licensed bar. In addition there is the tremendous Laser Quest experience a futuristic action game where players armed with laser guns fight mock battles in a specially designed two level arena.

The major and immensely popular fast-food restaurants, Pizza Hut and Burger King provide additional attractions within this complex. An added dimension is the drive-thru facility offered by Burger King.

Remember that 1993 is a time of change and this is only the first phase of the new entertainment complex.

The Development Corporation is fighting hard on a very wide front to bring investment and jobs to Teesside. Teesside can only attract that investment and jobs if it provides a top quality lifestyle as it competes with other cities in the U.K. and Europe for that investment.
Cheering crowds packed Hartlepool Marina in May to welcome Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh as they arrived aboard a barge from the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The Queen was met at the quayside by local dignitaries including the Mayor and Mayoress of Hartlepool, Lord and Lady Gisborough, Cllr. Bryan Hanson, and Hartlepool's MP, Peter Mandelson.

The Royal party then moved on to be greeted by the Chairman of the Teesside Development Corporation, Mr. Ron Norman and the Chief Executive, Mr. Duncan Hall.

To commemorate her visit and the official opening of the TDC's £160 million marina project, the Queen was invited to unveil a restored bell, salvaged from the almost derelict Dock Office. Both this building and the Customs House are now undergoing complete refurbishment by local

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Her Majesty opens the gates to the Maritime Heritage Centre.
company Jonast Construction Limited to provide 22 apartments for rent and sale.

After that, the Queen was shown round an exhibition of the Hartlepool Marina project in the Historic Ships Visitors’ Centre, while Prince Philip inspected the restoration work on HMS Trincomalee. The Duke is patron of the Trincomalee Trust, which is refurbishing the 176-year-old frigate, the second oldest warship still afloat.

A pair of wrought iron gates, 12ft high and 12ft wide have also been restored and will eventually form the entrance to the multi-million pound Maritime Heritage Centre, built around HMS Trincomalee.

It will also feature a village of 18th-Century houses, a unique film theatre and the Hartlepool museum.

Sea Cadet Kirsty Davis presented a ceremonial key to the Queen to unlock the gates and signal the start of work on the project.

After signing the distinguished visitors’ book, the Queen went on a walkabout to meet the cheering crowds who had turned out in their thousands to greet her.

The Maritime Heritage Centre is just one part of the next £16 million phase of the marina. The scheme also includes a new road network and bridge linking the site with the centre of Hartlepool.

The marina’s credentials as a major centre for the study of our seafaring past will be further boosted by the announcement that the Imperial War Museum is to base its first out-of-London centre there.

next phase of the marina to provide another 164 berths is already underway. The calendar of events is long and impressive and has included the 1992 Round Britain and Ireland Race and now the 1993 Two-handed Round Britain and Ireland Race. The fleet of the British Steel Challenge Round the World Race visited Hartlepool and the incorporation of the Lasers into Olympic competition was celebrated with a weekend Regatta.

Community events and family days have added to the ever increasing use of the Marina as an integral part of Hartlepool.

The Marina with all its associated developments will become a national tourist attraction and will change the face of Hartlepool in the fight to bring investment and jobs to the town.
Birdseye view of Tees Barrage under construction. Due for completion September 1994.
Update

- Dunedin House - new tenants Norwich Union

- Wimpey Homes has completed phases 1 & 2.

- The "blue frame" disappears.

- A new network of roads and bridges have been built to provide access to Stockton Town Centre.

Work never stops on Teesdale. Not surprising as it is the largest single development site in Europe. It is both fascinating and exhilarating. Since, Her Royal Highness, The Princess of Wales formally opened the bridge linking Stockton with the Teesdale development all motorists seem now to know its road system.

Watching cars move through the site, closely followed by the introduction of public transport and students walking to college, it is apparent that Teesdale has come alive. Teesdale welcomes new housing and offices. The development demands and will receive future leisure, shopping and entertainment facilities.

The change is remarkable. Enron Power's new office development and the Bradford and Northern scheme to promote 60 flats to rent are recently completed projects.

Wimpey Homes has moved into phase 3 and the 'blue frame' has been replaced by 20,000 sq ft of new offices with 51 housing units under construction.

College students are a part of life on Teesside and by September new halls of residence will be available.

Shops, restaurants, hotel facilities are about to follow. It is indeed a remarkable development providing a new 21st Century Centre for Teesside.

New jobs will be provided by the commercial developments now underway or about to start.

Teesdale is a unique venture linked as it is to what will be the largest indoor and outdoor leisure complexes in the United Kingdom at Teeside Park and Tees Barrage.
Tees Barrage

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh donned a hard hat to inspect progress on the Teesside Development Corporation’s £50 million Tees Barrage project.

Prince Philip whilst touring the site, was guided by senior officials of Tarmac Construction, the contractors of the Barrage project.

The Tees Barrage is the largest single contract engineering project in the United Kingdom.

The scheme is on schedule for completion in September 1994 and will create a 27 Km lake capable of taking almost all forms of water sport.

To date, the foundations in the river bed at the base of the structure, which will be below the waterline, have been completed. Over the next two months the recognisable Barrage structure above the waterline will be seen. Once completed this major civil engineering feat will change forever the River Tees.

University College, Stockton

It is truly appropriate in respect of Teesside’s landmark developments that Her Majesty the Queen formally opened the University College Stockton. A new intake of students will be welcomed in October further expanding the ‘green university’.

Following the formal opening the Queen’s next task was to confer Foundation Fellowships upon four individuals who have had central roles in the formation of the University College.

Up onto the podium to receive their honours came Prof. Sir Fred Holliday, the former vice-chancellor of Durham University, Dr Michael Longfield, the Director of Teesside Polytechnic between 1980 and 1992, Sir Ron Dearing, Chairman of the Northern Development Company and current Chairman of the Higher Education Funding Council of England, and Duncan Hall, the local, Middlesbrough-born Chief Executive of the Teesside Development Corporation.

Afterwards, the Royal Party toured two of the college laboratories and chatted with students.
NEW COMPANIES and a new future

- More than 250 companies have relocated or expanded and have been assisted by the Development Corporation.

- New homes, new offices, new industries and new jobs.

- Much has been achieved over the last five years. The future holds tremendous potential for the new Teesside and its people.

- A better environment, a new University College.

- Improved shopping and leisure facilities.

- A commitment to the community at the grass roots.

Without new job opportunities there is no future. The major task of the Development Corporation is to create those opportunities.

Such opportunities are arising in the new shops, offices, and factories which now exist on Teesside both from the expansion of local companies and the influx of new companies.

The range of businesses newly established here is impressive - from engineering and fabrication to plastics and food production. Here are some examples of the new industries now on Teesside which have been assisted by the Teesside Development Corporation and the other development agencies.

In creating new jobs we must also provide a more diverse employment base for the next century and move away from our former dependency on a few major industries.

New jobs are hard to get but they are coming. Our prospects for jobs attraction improves every day as our various developments come together to transform the image and the reality of Teesside.

- Starpak Inc, one of America’s fastest growing companies, is to create 70 jobs in the first phase of its development at Hartlepool with the prospect of many more jobs to come as the market develops. Starpak offers the computer industry a total management service involving design, packaging and distribution of computer software.

The company has appeared in the annual list of America’s top 500 fastest growing companies for the last four years, and in the top 50 for 1991 and 1992.

- A company that has really made its mark since opening its doors on Teesside is the Green Tyre Company at Riverside Park, Middlesbrough. Producing tyres which are impossible to puncture the company set up on Teesside in June 1992. Now employing 22 people the Green Tyre Co. is exporting 91% of all tyres produced to the EEC, USA, Africa and the Pacific.

- The Siam Furniture Company has been established as a joint venture between two Thai companies and Harper & Harper of Middlesbrough. The company, which has taken premises at Riverside Park, Middlesbrough, assembles and upholsters furniture. Component parts made from Thai Rubber Wood are to be imported from an associated Thai company.

- Production Services Europe Ltd is the only company of its kind in the UK specialising in the perfecting of sound quality in public venues like sports stadia, churches and night clubs. Partners in the company Rocky Norton and Eric Handler, both former rock musicians, learnt their business alongside performers like Meatloaf, Hothouse Flowers, Extreme, Gary Glitter, Aswad and Human League.

- Enron Power Operations' new headquarters opened on the Teesdale site in April this year. The 20 strong operations team runs the commercial and administrative function of Enron's operations on Teesside.

The company is making its move from Georgia, USA, to Riverside Park, Middlesbrough with an initial staff of ten producing specialist sound systems for both the European and US markets.
The high tech company at that time employed nine people, this number has increased with the company's expansion to a team of 20.

The Teess Offshore Base on the site of the former Smiths Dock, is a thriving centre for companies involved with the offshore industry, stimulated by the £50 million investment by Cable and Wireless. Associated Power Services, has established a specialist high voltage electrical training school at the Base which expand the company’s workforce to 17. The centre trains individuals for companies such as BNFL, Fujitsu, British Steel and the Scottish Offshore Training Industry.

Associated Power Services is a forward thinking company which has already achieved recognition as winners of Teesside TEC’s Small Business of the Year Award.

Rose Knitwear, a Hong Kong company is investing in a high quality knitwear factory at Riverside Park, Middlesbrough which will initially employ 90 people.

At Preston Farm a number of prestige car dealerships have moved into new premises at the Yarm Road end of the estate. Mercedes, Jaguar, BMW, Volvo and Vauxhall are all represented and there are more developments to follow. This area of Preston Farm has become known as ‘Car City’ and is responsible for creating over 200 jobs.
WIMPEY HOUSEHOLDER
Amongst the first group of new householders at Wimpey Homes' Victoria Lock development on Teesdale Melanie Harker, a Health Service Manager, is delighted with her new home. "Having always lived locally, the location near the A19 and A66 plus the quality and architectural design of the development suited me down to the ground," said Melanie.

TEESSIDE PARK
The Libby family fully endorse TDC's Retail and Leisure Development at Teesside Park. "The facilities here are great" says Jane "Very handy with the kids and very relaxing to move around and look for what you want".

LOCAL BUSINESSMAN
"It's nice to know that somebody is doing something to promote small business in the area"- TIM CAMUS of "Stationery by Tim", a flourishing new business based at the Clarennes Training and Enterprise Centre funded by TDC.

TRAINING SCHEME
"The scheme has given me the opportunity to better my living standards and get the necessary on-site training for future employment"- JOHN GIBSON, Chairman of the members committee on the Homerton Road self-build and training scheme which was set up three years ago with the help of Teesside Development Corporation and Middlesbrough Borough Council.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENT
Lara Ramsay, who joined the first intake of undergraduates at University College Stockton is impressed with the lively nature of the place. "There's usually something happening every night of the week" says Lara.

No matter how much development takes place or how many new buildings are created it is people that matter.

We believe that we will change the way people live, work and play, by bringing new homes, new factories and new entertainment to the area with schemes both large and small.

Write to us and let us have your views about the new developments. Teesside is changing and we are all a part of that change.

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