

replied by hand  
by Tony Parson  
Don't know

? Anthony Beaumont-Dark although his spelling of Sheila is different to that in Vachers and Who's Who ?

No - he won't be coming  
to the pub for our  
two sessions.

PARSONS

Highgrove,

Ashburton,

S. Devon.

6<sup>th</sup> Augst. Received by

Dear Prime Minister,  
hand

I hope and pray that, by the time this reaches you, you will be fully recovered from what must have been, even for someone with your fortitude, a horrible experience. You were looking so well when I last saw you at No 10 about a week ago: I had no idea that you were suffering. Sheila and I were so distressed when the news that you had to have an operation flashed across all the newspapers and television screens. But, if I can believe what I now read and see, it looks as though you are already well on the way back to normal form: certainly the happy look on Denis' face when besieged with press questions suggests that all must be well.

Please take it easy for a bit and have a decent holiday. God knows you deserve it with or without eye operations. After the excitements and triumphs of the last 18 months even you need a proper break, irritating though I know you find such a prospect!

You ought to borrow just a little of my capacity for doing  
nothing in perfect contentment.

Hanif said that, I look forward enormously to  
returning to the arena in September and to our sessions  
at Chequers. Meanwhile Please don't overdo it. We all  
need you in top form all the time.

With much love to you both  
from both of us.

Yours  
ever

—  
Tony

PS This must be the millionth letter  
you have received. The only thing which would  
upset me would be if you thought that it  
should be answered.

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