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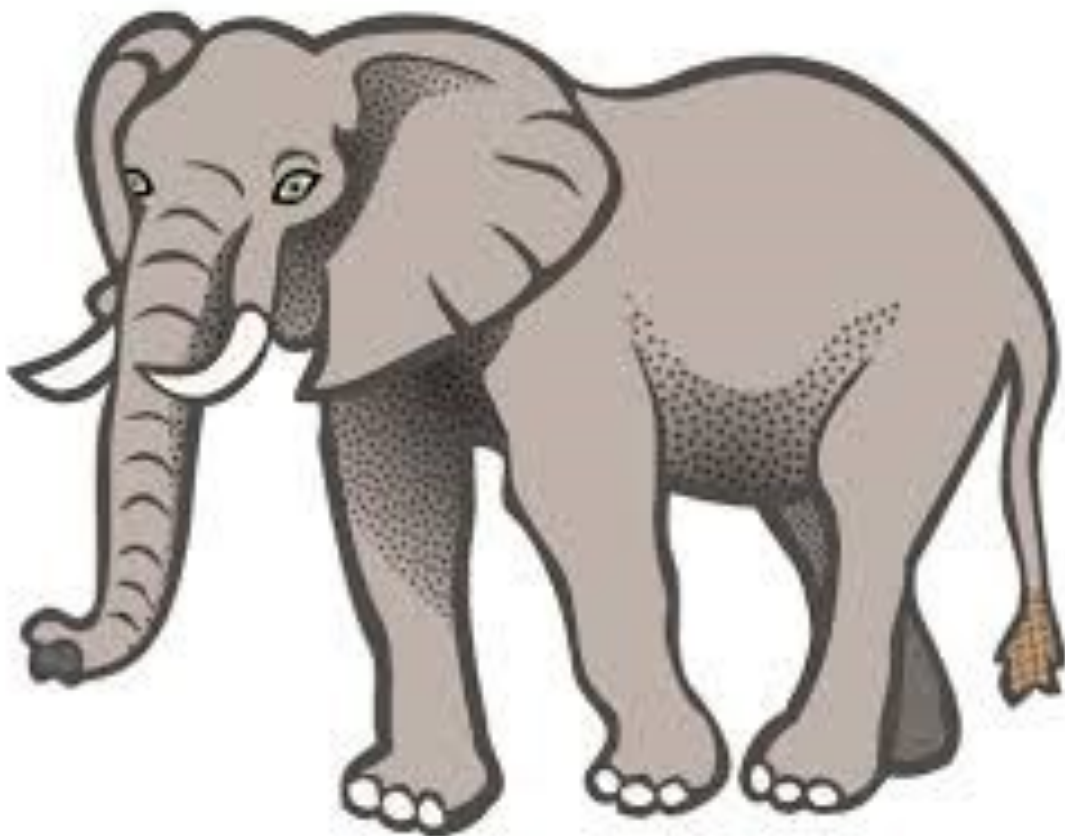
MEMORY LANE

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DOES ANYONE REMEMBER GOING TO SEE THE SHOW WITH THE ELEPHANT?

Following on from the article about the theatres of Oldham in last month's issue:

When one of our readers was younger she remembers going to a theatre in Oldham, she isn't sure which one but it could have been the Empire. It was a circus type show featuring an elephant and at a previous performance the elephant had gone through the stage. The weight of the animal must have caused the stage to collapse. (*This was in the days before Health and Safety and Risk Assessments*). The show that they went to see was after this had happened and so that the people wouldn't miss out on seeing it when they were leaving the theatre the elephant was stood outside with its trainer.



This is the story of how Dorothy was involved in Life Story but due to family circumstances had to leave us in 2018. During her time with us she was always extremely helpful using her skills gained whilst working part time as an office skills tutor for 25 years at a local college. We are always pleased to see her on her occasional visits to the office.

Written by Dorothy Carr 30 March 2015

I have been a volunteer on the Life Story Project for over two years now. My involvement came about through the connection of my daughter, Angela, who works for Oldham MBC, and her liaison with Nicola, the Project Manager for Life Story. Nicola's enthusiasm for the Life Story project meant that my daughter soon became aware of the project and suggested to Nicola that this was something which she thought I would like to be involved with. At my interview with Nicola when she told me about the aims of Life Story I immediately thought it was something I would like to do. I am involved as a 'typing' volunteer which means that I am responsible for producing the Life story book working from notes which have been prepared by one of the 'interview' volunteers. The work is interesting and has meant that I have also extended my IT knowledge by using the Publisher programme for the first time. There are six typing volunteers who come together on a Friday at the Link Centre. It is a really friendly, lively, group and we all learn something every week from being involved in the project. Everybody's life story is so different and it is amazing how much knowledge we acquire during our internet research in the production of these books.

Becoming a volunteer can provide a focus to the week, social contact, and a feeling of well-being through doing something useful for the community.

I recently underwent knee replacement surgery and was so very pleased to be able to return to the group just five weeks after surgery and to become part of this lovely team once again.

Dorothy's comment

Age UK continue to help me to feel involved and include me in various events (when we were allowed to meet up together!). I am also available to go into the office whenever they require my help with the training of any new volunteers.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES



Here is another one of Sue's poems

A PHONE CALL TO MY G.P.

Waking up one morning not feeling very well
I thought I'd ring my GP to see if he could tell
If my symptoms are contagious, do I need to isolate?
Or can I get on with my life and just accept my fate

I sat at home and made the call staring at four walls
And then I heard the message "We're experiencing high volume calls"
I got through to the switchboard and listened to the spiel
And thought "For goodness sake get on with it I'm not here to do a deal"

But on and on and on it went until my ears were sore
And then it finally reached the point where I couldn't take any more
At last I reached the surgery and thought that I was through
Alas it didn't finish there as I was in a queue

Finally someone answered and offered to assist
But my brain had gone to sleep by then and the offer just got missed
I couldn't formulate my words but managed to blurt out
"I've forgotten why I rang you and now I am in doubt

I've been waiting for an hour and given all that I can give
Forget about the appointment I've just lost the will to live!"

Do you remember any of these sayings/words your childhood:

GOOD OLD LANCASHIRE DIALECT - They may vary in different districts:

Do I heckers like: *Meaning: No, I definitely don't*

Nippin' shop: *Meaning: Going to the shop*

Up the wooden hill: *Meaning: Up the stairs*

I'll av a meat an tata cake: *Meaning: I'll have a meat and potato pie*

A shilling mix: *Meaning: A shillings worth of chips and peas in a bowl*

Al'reet? *Meaning: Are you ok?*

What a load of twod: *Meaning: What a load of rubbish*

Sweating cobs as in 'I'm sweating cobs 'ere': *Meaning: I am sweating a lot*

Brassic: *Meaning: Broke (No money)*

Oh aye yeah: *Meaning: Oh yes (realisation)*

Barmcake: *Meaning: Bread roll*

Like piffy on a rock bun: *Meaning: Used for someone hanging around with no purpose*

Sound as a pound: *Meaning: Great, doing good*

I'm starvin' Marvin: *Meaning: Hungry*

Jibbing: *Meaning: Not to pay on the bus or train/unwilling to do something*

Yer great barmpot: *Meaning: You are being rather silly*

ee, I'll go t'foot of our stairs: *Meaning: Expression of surprise*

Yer doin me shed in: *Meaning: You are driving me mad*

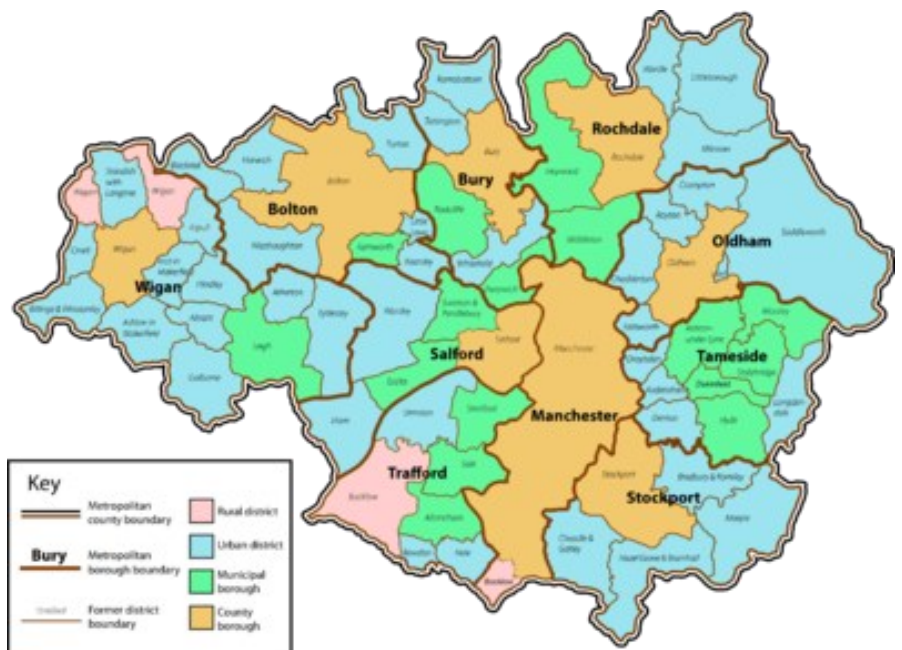
All the answers are places which are in and around Manchester.

1. Set the years alight – **Burnage**
2. Does the wine merchant?
3. Come to our Bring and Buy.....?
4. Wear your hats in cold weather
5. When it snows the farmer has a –
6. Vehicle, circle, weight –
7. A case for the optician –
8. After a day's hard work we all –
9. Found in a stale sandwich –
10. Less rowdy part of the town –
11. Squashed hag –
12. Sounds like wintry weather –
13. The Godfather of archery –
14. Panache –
15. Almost crimson –
16. Farmer surprised to find quacking on land
–
17. When it's cold, turn the
18. Activity for an undertaker –
19. Add more –
20. Agatha Christie detective – Miss

Answers to the quiz on the previous page.

supplied by Sandra Ward:

1. Burnage
2. Stockport
3. Sale
4. Ancoats
5. Whitefield
6. Carrington
7. Longsight
8. Rusholme
9. Oldham
10. Tameside
11. Prestwich
12. Hale
13. Bowdon
14. Style
15. Reddish
16. Duckinfield
17. Heaton
18. Bury
19. Bolton
20. Marple



How did you do? Did you peep?

This month's recipe from Jean sounds delicious:



Chocolate Truffle for Valentines Day.

Soft chocolate balls rolled in desiccated coconut, or coloured sugar sprinkles

4oz (110g) plain best quality block chocolate.

2oz (50g) icing sugar

1.1/2 tbsp unsweetened evaporated milk.

1/2 teasp vanilla essence

Desiccated coconut or/both coloured sugar sprinkles.

A small basin and small saucepan.

Method:

Half fill pan with water and bring to nearly boil. Break chocolate in pieces and put in basin. Place basin over pan and melt chocolate. When melted, remove from heat, stir in icing sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla essence and blend well together. No cooking is required. Take a teasp of mixture and roll into a ball, then roll in desiccated coconut or sugar. These truffles can be kept in an airtight tin in fridge for up to 3 days. Arrange in a heart shaped box, making an ideal gift for Valentines Day.

A snippet about Valentines Day:



History.

The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men, both named Valentine, on Feb 14th of different years in the third century AD. Their martyrdom was honoured by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

Provided By Jean Ryder

Match the clothes with the decade: 1920s to 1980s

1



2



3



4



5



6



These suits were very popular in this decade.

7



Turn Page round for Answers

1.1960s. 2.1920s. 3.1970s. 4.1940s. 5.1950s. 6.1980s. 7.1930s.

PETS CORNER

Hello — My name is Bonnie Russell
It will soon be my birthday.
(You can read all about me on the next page)



I was born in February 2020. I live at Moorside with my mummy, Pat, and my Uncle Rodney who lives next door. I like that because he comes in to see me a lot and I go into his house so that he can spoil me. I love them both a lot. I also have another Uncle called Robert who doesn't live with us but comes to see us every day. I know when it's time for Robert to arrive so I look for him through the window but he sometimes goes shopping to a place called a supermarket and then he comes later just to confuse me. I have never been to a supermarket.

I love playing with all my toys which my mummy keeps in a basket. I like to pull them all out of the basket but, strangely, I haven't learned to put them back. It doesn't matter because my mummy picks them all up for me ready for the next time I want to play with them.

I have lots of energy and spend a lot of my time running round the house, up and down the stairs and jumping on the settee. I also like standing at the window and barking at the other dogs when they walk near my house, they are scared of me! Then, when I'm tired, I get on the settee with my mummy and we both go to sleep.

I have two aunties called Joan and Sue. I have met Auntie Sue once when she came to bring my mummy some things but she was wearing a funny mask and I couldn't tell what she looks like. I haven't met Auntie Joan yet so I wonder if she wears a funny mask too.

I have to go now as it's dinner time so I hope that you have enjoyed reading about me as much as I have enjoyed being part of Age UK's Pet Corner (*My moment of fame*).

*Article written by Sue Livesey
Thankyou to Pat Russell for sharing
her lovely dog Bonnie with us.*

Look at the clues and see if you know where these seaside places are from the old pictures:

The clue's in the background



Caravan Holidays



Cats without tails



Beauty Pageant



You could buy Nettle beer here



Fishing



Turn page round for Answers:

1. Blackpool, 2. Rhyl, 3. Isle of Man, 4. Morecambe, 5. Heysham, 6. Fleetwood.

Cotton Mills of Oldham

As a child of the 40's and 50's, growing up in Chadderton, a favourite pastime of mine was to rotate 360° and at every significant angle, count the number of mill chimneys I could see.

This wordsearch is based upon the names of the cotton mills in Oldham and district. Some of them are still standing, but due to the demise of the cotton industry, are now used for other purposes.

The names of 20 cotton mills are hidden. Search diagonally, vertically and horizontally.

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G	K	I	Y	U	E	N	S	T	O	C	K	F	I	E	L	D	X
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G	X	B	P	A	W	P	Q	R	R	A	V	E	N	S	Q	G	X
C	F	D	L	W	N	E	D	U	O	U	O	Y	T	A	I	F	I
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- Ace
- Cairo
- Durban
- Elk
- Falcon
- Gordon
- Gorse
- Hartford
- Heron
- Kent
- Leesbrook
- Manor
- Marlborough
- Maple
- Marple
- Melbourne
- Monarch
- Raven
- Shiloh
- Stockfield

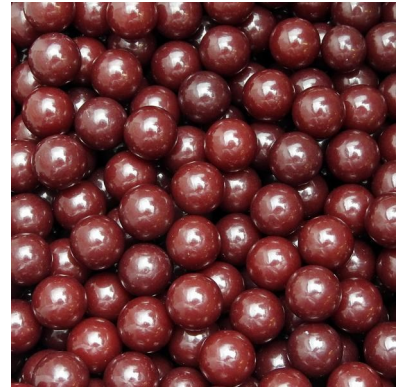
Did you have a favourite?



Alphabet Candy



Acid Drops



Aniseed Balls



Black Jacks



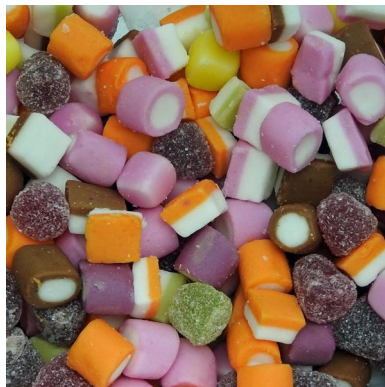
Love Hearts



Coltsfoot Rock



Bubblegum



Dolly Mixtures



Flying Saucers



Cherry Lips



Spangles



Gobstoppers

SPORTING GREATS

JOSEPH DAVIS OBE



Joe Davis

Born: 15 April 1901

Died: 10 July 1978

Was an English snooker and English billiards player. He was the dominant figure in snooker from the 1920's to the 1950's and has been credited with inventing aspects of the way the game is now played, such as break-building.

In 1955, he was the first player to make an officially recognised maximum break.

Joe collapsed whilst watching younger brother Fred playing in a semi-final and whilst convalescing died of a chest infection.

Achievements:

Won the first 15 championships from 1927 to 1946 and remains the only undefeated player in World Snooker Championship history. He scored the championship's first century break, in 1930.

Professional English billiards player from the age of 18 and was the World Billiards Champion four times between 1928 and 1932.

He was the first person to win world titles in both billiards and snooker.

After his 1946 World Snooker Championship victory, he no longer played in the World Championships but participated in other tournaments and exhibition matches until 1964, winning four News of the World Snooker Tournament titles. His younger brother was the only person to beat Joe Davis in a competitive snooker match without receiving a start.



Brother Fred Davis

MARY DENISE RAND MBE



Born: 10 February 1940 at Wells, Somerset.

Height: 1.73 M.

Mary Rand was an English former track and field athlete.

Mary Bignal, as she was then, first attracted attention while a sports scholarship pupil at Millfield School.

The first British female to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field.

She was multi-talented as an athlete.

Achievements:

She remains the only Great Britain female athlete to win three medals in a single Games.

1964: Tokyo Summer Olympics she won the long jump by breaking the world record. She also won a silver in the pentathlon and a bronze in the 4 × 100 metre relay.

1966: Won the gold medal in the long jump at the Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica.

1960: Competed at the 1960 Games in Rome, finishing ninth in the long jump after a strong start.

1965: Awarded the MBE.

2012: Awarded the 'Freedom of the city of Wells'.

Ground Plaque Tribute in Wells city centre:

The dedication plaque reads:- This represents the world record / ladies long jump made by Mary Bignal Rand, a native of / this city, to win the gold medal / at the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964 / it is 22'2¼" long and is placed here / in admiration of her achievement / presented by T W W.



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Life Story

Every life has a story...

