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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Welcome to our
first Newsletter of 2023.
We wish you all the best
and may you have a year
that is filled with
Love, Laughter,
Brightness and Hope
From the
Life Story Team
at
Age UK Oldham.
Editor Joan Holmes**

When the New year arrives GMT Time:

Sat 10:00	Christmas Island. 10:15 Chatham Islands/New Zealand.
Sat 11:00	New Zealand with exceptions. 12:00 Fiji, small region of Russia.
Sat 13:00	Much of Australia. 13:30 Small region of Australia incl. Adelaide.
Sat 14:00	Queensland/Australia. 14:30 Northern Territory & Darwin Australia.
Sat 15:00	Japan, South Korea. 15:15 Western Australia.
Sat 16:00	China, Philippines, Beijing, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore.
Sat 17:00	Much of Indonesia, Thailand, Jakarta, Bangkok.
Sat 17:30	Myanmar and Cocos Islands Yangon, Naypyidaw, Mandalay.
Sat 18:00	Bangladesh, Dhaka, Almaty, Bishkek, Thimphu, Astana.
Sat 18:15	Nepal Kathmandu, Pokhara, Biratnagar, Dharan.
Sat 18:30	India and Sri Lanka New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru.
Sat 19:00	Pakistan, Tashkent, Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi.
Sat 19:30	Afghanistan, Kabul, Kandahar, Mazari Sharif, Herat.
Sat 20:00	Azerbaijan, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Port Louis.
Sat 20:30	Iran Tehran, Rasht, Esfahan, Mashhad, Tabriz.
Sat 21:00	Moscow/Russia, Ankara, Baghdad, Nairobi.
Sat 22:00	Greece, Cairo, Athens, Bucharest, Johannesburg.
Sat 23:00	Germany, Brussels, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Algiers.
Sun 00:00	United Kingdom, Dublin, Lisbon, Accra, Reykjavik.
Sun 01:00	Cabo Verde. 02:00 Pernambuco/Brazil.
Sun 03:00	Most of Brazil, Argentina, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago.
Sun 03:30	Newfoundland and Labrador/Canada, St. John's, Mary's Harbour.
Sun 04:00	Some regions of Canada, Caracas
Sun 05:00	Regions of USA, New York, Washington DC, Detroit, Havana.
Sun 06:00	Regions of USA, Mexico City, Chicago, Guatemala City.
Sun 07:00	Some regions of USA, Calgary, Denver, Edmonton, Phoenix.
Sun 08:00	Regions of USA, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas.
Sun 09:00	Alaska/USA and regions of French Polynesia.
Sun 09:30	Marquesas Islands/French Polynesia
Sun 10:00	Small region of USA, Honolulu. Sun 11:00. American Samoa.
Sun 12:00	Much of US Minor Outlying Islands.

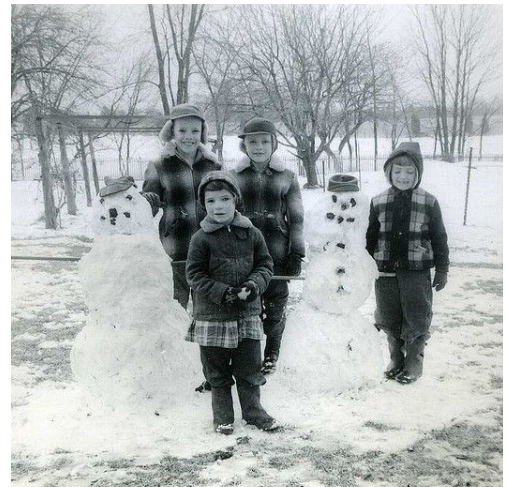
SNOWY WEATHER



Years ago heavy snow falls were expected at some stage every winter. Remember sledding and if you hadn't got a sledge using a tin tray or whatever was available to slide on? Wellies and woolly mittens were the order of the day together with balaclavas for the boys and bonnets for the girls, which a lot of the time had been hand-knitted. At some schools girls were taught to knit and mittens were one of the first things they had to make.



The winter of 1962 and 1963 was the coldest winter in the UK in the 19th century. Above people trying to move a coach in the snow. If you look on the back of the coach you can see 'Smith Coach Tours'.

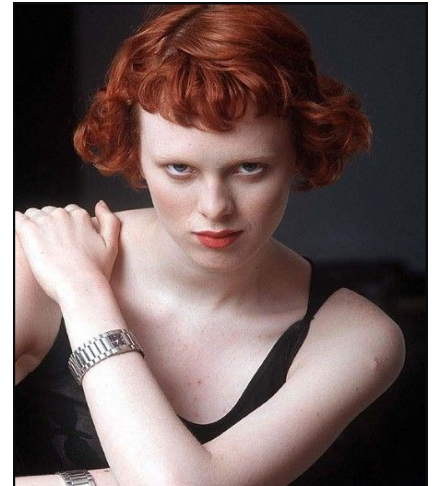


Oldham (Latics) ground covered in snow.



Karen Elson

Karen Jill Elson is a fashion model and singer-songwriter. She was born in Chadderton, Oldham, on 14th January 1979 and has a twin sister named Kate. From the age of 11 she attended North Chadderton Comprehensive School.



Soon after her 16th birthday she was discovered by Debra Burns, the owner of Boss Management, a model agency in Manchester.

Karen has never been beautiful in the conventional sense. In her own words she grew up in Oldham “with frizzy red hair, ghost-white skin and no boobs!” Compatriots from school were amazed when she became a successful model.

After signing to Boss Models she left school early every Thursday, claiming she was off to see the orthodontist. The day after finishing her GCSE’s in June 1995, she caught the train to London and presented herself at the office of Models 1.

Steven Meisel (an American fashion photographer) photographed Karen on



her 18th birthday for the cover of Italian Vogue, thus launching her career worldwide.



In 2005 Karen married American, Jack White, lead singer and guitarist of the duo The White Stripes. They married in an unusual ceremony, in a canoe on the Amazon river. After the birth of their two children, Scarlett Teresa and Henry Lee, they separated in 2011 and divorced in 2013.



Jack and Karen



Karen and Jack with their first child

Karen has modelled clothes designed by Marc Jacobs, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Versace, Alexander McQueen, Dior and Gucci.

She has over 30 magazine covers to her credit, including international editions of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Marie Claire and Elle.

In September 2008 she was on the cover of British Vogue as "Fashion's Red Queen". Karen has auburn hair which was worn very short during her early modelling days.



In 1997 she won the title “Model of the Year” at the VH1 Fashion Awards. The September 2004 cover of American Vogue featured her as “one of the models of the moment”, and the following year she won the British Fashion Award for “Best Model”.

She was the new face of John Lewis department store for Autumn/ Winter 2008-9, and in the autumn of 2009 she appeared on billboards internationally for H&M.

She has been in advert campaigns for Yves St Laurent, Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior, Burberry, Lanvin and Chanel.



In 2011 she appeared with her sister, Kate, in the H&M Holiday Campaign and the same year was part of Banana Republic’s Holiday Collection.



Karen with her sister, Kate



Karen has designed her own line of shoes, bags and jewellery for fashion brand Nine West.

At the 2012 Summer Olympics closing ceremony in London, Karen was one of 8 British models chosen to walk a segment. She wore a gold gown by Burberry and walked the stadium to David Bowie's song, "Fashion".



Karen is a founder member and performer with the New York based political cabaret troupe, The Citizen's Band, appearing with them at various theatres. She has also written and co-written songs for the troupe's performances.

She released her debut solo album, "The Ghost Who Walks" via her then husband's label, Third Man Records, in May 2010. Her second album, "Double Roses" was released in 2017 and her third, "Green" was released in 2022.

Karen is an ambassador for Save the Children and has travelled to Sierra Leone, the Middle East and the Ivory Coast.

In 2020 she published her autobiography, The Red Flame, in which she details her childhood eating disorder and her courage in standing up to bullies.

She was interviewed by a journalist for The Guardian in December 2021 on a visit to the UK. The interview took place in her suite at London's Ritz Hotel. She has lived in Nashville, Tennessee since 2006.

Karen has worked alongside Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford, Lily Cole and Georgia May Jagger. We Oldhamers can afford to feel very proud in view of the fact that our town has produced such a supermodel!



OH, I WISH I'D LOOKED AFTER ME TEETH

by Pam Ayres

Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth,
And spotted the perils beneath,
All the toffees I chewed,
And the sweet sticky food,
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

I wish I'd been that much more willin'
When I had more tooth there than fillin'
To pass up gobstoppers,
From respect to me choppers
And to buy something else with me shillin'.

When I think of the lollies I licked,
And the Liquorice Allsorts I picked,
Sherbet dabs, big and little,
All that hard peanut brittle,
My conscience gets horribly pricked.

My Mother, she told me no end,
"If you got a tooth, you got a friend"
I was young then, and careless,
My toothbrush was hairless,
I never had much time to spend.

Continued...

Oh I showed them the toothpaste all right,
I flashed it about late at night,
But up-and-down brushin'
And pokin' and fussin'
Didn't seem worth the time... I could bite!

If I'd known I was paving the way,
To cavities, caps and decay,
The murder of fillin's
Injections and drillin's
I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.

So I lay in the old dentist's chair,
And I gaze up his nose in despair,
And his drill it do whine,
In these molars of mine,
"Two amalgam," he'll say, "for in there."

How I laughed at my Mother's false teeth,
As they foamed in the waters beneath,
But now comes the reckonin'
It's me they are beckonin'
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.

REMEMBER WHEN - THE MINERS STRIKE

Reading the news at the moment can be depressing with the conflicts around the world and workers striking at home. Looking back can you remember the miners strike that took place in the 1970's and how it affected our lives. Three day weeks, electricity switched off at certain times. For anyone not old enough to remember the 'Three-Day Week' was one of several measures introduced in the United Kingdom in 1973 - 1974 by Edward Heath's Conservative government to conserve electricity, the generation of which was severely restricted owing to industrial action by coal miners and railway workers. Depending on where you worked, most people worked longer hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday while others did the same Thursday, Friday, Saturday.



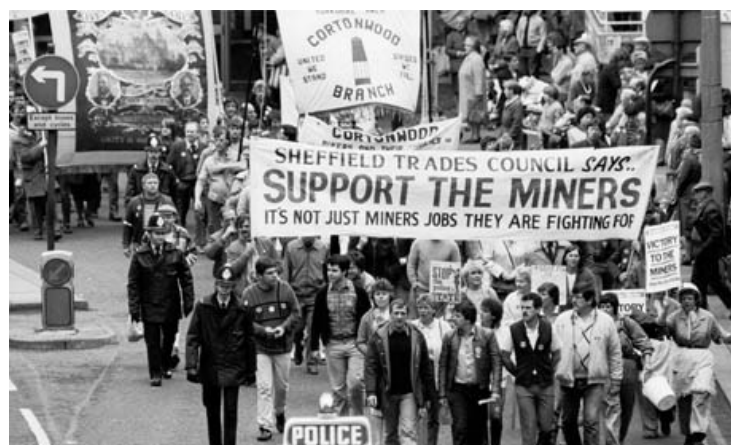
Miners Strike picket line, 1974



Petrol Station



Newspaper Headlines



It was a case of wrap up warm and have candles at the ready.



Quiz provided by Viv White

INTELLIGENCE TEST

1) Write your name in the square provided

2) How many animals of each type did Moses take into the Ark?

3) Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10

4) Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?

5) If you were alone in a deserted house at night and there was a lamp, a fire and a candle and you only had one match, which would you light first?

6) A man built a rectangular house with all sides pointing south, if a bear walked past what colour would it be?

7) If you drove a bus from Rhyl with 40 passengers and dropped off 7, picked up 2 at Prestatyn, stopped at Flint and picked up 10 and dropped off 8. Then drove to arrive at Chester 11 hours later, what was the driver's name?

8) If a doctor gave you three tablets and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?

(ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE)...

ANSWERS TO INTELLIGENCE TEST

1) Write your name in the square provided

Square!

2) How many animals of each type did Moses take into the Ark?

NONE (It was Noah)

3) Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10

70 ($30 \times 2/1 + 10$)

4) Take two apples from three apples and what do you have?

TWO (You take two)

5) If you were alone in a deserted house at night and there was a lamp, a fire and a candle and you only had one match, which would you light first?

MATCH

6) A man built a rectangular house with all sides pointing south, if a bear walked past what colour would it be?

WHITE (North Pole)

7) If you drove a bus from Rhyl with 40 passengers and dropped off 7, picked up 2 at Prestatyn, stopped at Flint and picked up 10 and dropped off 8. Then drove to arrive at Chester 11 hours later, what was the driver's name?

YOUR NAME
(You Drove)

8) If a doctor gave you three tablets and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?

1 HOUR
(1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm)

This is the
SQUARE
to write your name in

INTELLIGENCE TEST (CONTINUED)

9) Which country has 4th July, Britain or the United States.

10) Some months have 31 days, some have 30 but how many have 28 days?

11) Tommy's mother has three children, their names are?
5p (Bob) 3p(?) 10p (Penny)

12) An equilateral triangle field is being ploughed by the farmer. Two sides take 1hr 20 mins each to plough. Why does the other side take 80 minutes to plough?

13) A man walks into his garden - he can see three spiders, two cats and two sparrows. How many legs can he see?

14) How many birthdays does the average man have?

15) Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?

16) A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 9 die. How many are left?

17) How many two cents stamps are there in a dozen?

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INTELLIGENCE TEST - ANSWERS (CONTINUED)

9) Which country has 4th July, Britain or the United States.

BOTH have 4th July
but only USA have
Independence Day.

10 Some months have 31 days, some have 30 but how many have 28 days?

ALL 28,29,30,31.

11) Tommy's mother has three children, their names are?
5p (Bob) 3p(?) 10p (Penny)

TOMMY
It's also his mother.

12) An equilateral triangle field is being ploughed by the farmer. Two sides take 1hr 20 mins each to plough. Why does the other side take 80 minutes to plough?

SAME
1hr 20 is 80 minutes

13) A man walks into his garden -
he can see three spiders, two cats and two sparrows.
How many legs can he see?

38
including his own legs

14) How many birthdays does the average man have?

One
Date of Birth

15) Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?

NO HIS WIDOW'S So
the man is dead

16) A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 9 die. How many are left?

NINE all but 9
so there are still 9 left

17) How many two cents stamps are there in a dozen?

12
only the value of the
stamp differs

They're only easy when you know answers!

OLDHAM MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM



When you look at the picture, left, it shows some of the bleak conditions that the volunteers in the Mountain Rescue Team have to face.



Oldham Mountain Rescue Team was formed in 1964 and has a team of 50+ volunteers who provide a rescue service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and is funded almost entirely by generous public donation.

The team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate, resources or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the team is available as a back-up for the ambulance and fire services at busy times, during severe weather, major incident or where their specialist skills are needed.

In one year - The stats for 2021:

Incidents 50. Casualties 52. Person hours 1661.

Snow Cover 4. Vulnerable Persons 5. Wildfire 1. Technical Rope Rescue 2.

Searches 9. Heli-rescues 5.

In 2019 the courageous Team were honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.



Members of Oldham Mountain Rescue team

PORTUGAL



PORTUGUESE COD

Serves 4.

Ingredients:

1 ½ lbs fresh cod steaks

5 or 6 tbsp oil or melted butter

2 onions

½ lb tomatoes

½ clove garlic

2 oz boiled rice

a few sprigs of parsley

¼ pint white wine

seasoning

Method:

Put the slices or steaks of cod in a deep frying pan with the oil or butter and add the onions, previously cooked to a light brown. Heat all gently, then add the wine and seasoning of salt and pepper.

Cover the pan and cook for about 10 mins then uncover and cook for a further 10 mins. Remove the slices of fish, place on a hot dish and pour the contents of the pan around them.

STUBBY



Sergeant Stubby - Dog

He served for 18 months and participated in 17 battles on the Western Front.

Born: 1916

Died: March 16, 1926
(aged 9 - 10).

Awards: Humane Education Society Gold Medal; Wound stripe.

Other Work: mascot for Georgetown Hoyas

Sergeant Stubby was the official mascot of the 102nd Infantry Regiment (US). Stubby was described in contemporaneous news items as a Boston Terrier or "American bull terrier" mutt. Stubby was found wandering the grounds of Yale University campus where members of the 102nd Infantry were training. Corporal James Robert Conroy stowed him away on a troop ship to France where he was later discovered and adopted by the unit. The brave pup was assigned to the 26th (Yankee) Division during WWI and saved lives.

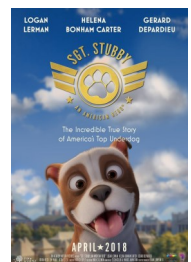
His sharp ears and nose not only allowed him to find injured men on the battlefields but also detect and alert to mustard gas attacks. This ability once saved an entire company when Stubby alerted them to put on their gas masks. Allegedly the small dog once caught a German soldier by his trousers and managed to hold him until American soldiers found him - the story was reported by the New York Times.

Facts: Stubby is likely the most decorated war dog and the only one to be nominated, then promoted, to sergeant.



The Sergeant Stubby statue is located in the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial near the Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown, Connecticut. Stubby did catch a German spy; **he was taught to salute**; he did go out into no-man's land, locate the wounded and bring out the stretcher bearers; he did nurse Robert Conroy through the Spanish flu; and he did get seriously wounded and go AWOL for a month before turning up back at camp.

A film was made about Stubby in 2018.



SPORTING GREATS

STANLEY MATTHEWS



Sir Stanley Matthews:

Born: 1 February 1915.

Place of Birth: Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, England.

Died: 23 February 2000 aged 85 years

Place of Death: Stoke on Trent.

Height: 5 ft 9 in (1.75 m)

Education: Hanley St Luke's C of E Aided Primary School.

Spouse: Mila Winterova (m. 1975–1999),
Betty Vallance(m. 1934–1975)

Children: Stanley Matthews, Jean Matthews Gough

Stanley Matthews was an English footballer who played as an outside right. Often regarded as one of the greatest players of the British game, he is the only player to have been knighted while still playing.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Matthews was the first winner of both the European Footballer of the Year and the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year awards. His nicknames included "The Wizard of the Dribble" and "The Magician".

He kept fit enough to play at the top level until he was 50 years old. He was also the oldest player ever to play in England's top football division (50 years and 5 days) and the oldest player ever to represent the country (42 years and 104 days). He was an inaugural inductee to the English Football Hall of Fame in 2002 to honour his contribution to the English game.

He spent 19 years with Stoke City, playing for the Potters from 1932 to 1947, and again from 1961 to 1965. He helped Stoke to the Second Division title in 1932–33 and 1962–63. Between his two spells at Stoke he spent 14 years with Blackpool, where, after being on the losing side in the 1948 and 1951 FA Cup finals, he helped Blackpool to win the cup with a formidable personal performance in the "Matthews Final" of 1953. In 1956, he was named the winner of the inaugural Ballon d'Or, a prize given to the best European footballer each year. Between 1934 and 1957, he won 54 caps for England, playing in the FIFA World Cup in 1950 and 1954, and winning nine British Home Championship titles.

Following an unsuccessful stint as Port Vale's general manager between 1965 and 1968, he travelled around the world, coaching enthusiastic amateurs. The most notable of his coaching experiences came in 1975 in South Africa, where in spite of the harsh apartheid laws of the time he established an all-black team in Soweto known as "Stan's Men".

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Every life has a story...

