

On This Day



Laura Ashley dresses, 1970s

Laura Ashley went against the trend. She allowed women to wear romantic, rural dresses and floral prints. In the 1970s, much of the country was into glam rock and then punk rock, but Laura Ashley sold blouses with lace collars. And, ultimately, Laura Ashley's fashions have survived where punk rock has not.

Laura Ashley was born in Merthyr Tydfil on 7th September 1925. In the 1960s she moved back to Wales and she set up her factory in Montgomeryshire.

Laura Ashley fashions are still much in demand.

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William Shatner in 'Star Trek'

On 8th September 1966, a new adventure started on the television. It was called 'Star Trek'. It was a science fiction series.

It was based on a spaceship, the USS Enterprise. The crew were meant to be on a five-year mission. They were told to explore strange new worlds, and they had to seek out new life and alien civilisations. And they were told to 'boldly go where no man has gone before'!

In fact, 'Star Trek' really took off. It was on TV for more than five years. And it is still going boldly on!

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Maurice Chevalier

Some entertainers are famous in only one country. Those who sing in English can be more famous world-wide and have more hits. But it is more difficult for the great French, German or Italian stars.

But one French star who made it big was Maurice Chevalier. He became famous across the world. He mixed song with laughter & his unique accent.

Maurice Chevalier was born in Paris on 12th September 1888. His career spanned more than 70 years. We all seemed to know a little about his career. As he sang, “Yes, I remember it well.”

The Way We Were



Beanbag chair

I don't know what my grandparents would have made of beanbag cushions. In their day, even armchairs were hard and stiff, and ‘slouching’ was not allowed.

My girls had a beanbag in their bedroom in the 1970s. It was stuffed with thousands of little white polystyrene beads. It moulded to your shape when you sat down in it, and you shuffled and wriggled until you were comfortable.

Those beanbag ‘chairs’ were not easy to get out of. Even the girls couldn't do it gracefully. If I sat in one now, I'd be stuck there for ever!

The Way We Were



Bay tree and dried bay leaves

Do you like the flavour of bay leaves? I used them in several recipes when I was cooking for the family. I had a packet of dried bay leaves in my herbs and spices drawer.

Stan said it was a member of the laurel family and easy to grow. We had one in a pot under the kitchen window. It was a sunny sheltered spot and the little tree was happy there and grew really well.

You could pick the leaves all year round, and then let them dry slowly in a warm place. I always had plenty, and often gave some home-dried bay leaves to my friends.

The Way We Were



Shag pile carpet

Shag pile carpet was very popular in the 1970s. Some friends of ours had it in their lounge when they moved into a new house. We went to see them soon after they'd moved in. We took off our shoes, and it certainly felt luxurious to walk on in bare feet.

When we replaced our dining room carpet, we chose a warm brown shag pile carpet to replace the Axminster.

I'm not sure it was a very practical choice. It got completely flattened by the doorway. Chair and table legs left deep indents, and crumbs took a lot of Hoovering up.

That's Life



Sharpening a pencil

Dad often wore a jacket. He wore it to work. He wore it round the house, and he always had a pen and a pencil in the breast pocket.

I remember he was very particular about his pencils. He always insisted on a hexagonal pencil. He couldn't do with round ones – he said they didn't feel right.

And he always sharpened his pencils with a penknife. He said “pencil sharpeners make too sharp a point”. If his pencil was getting blunt, out came the penknife. He whittled away for a minute or two and produced a few small shavings. Then he always blew the tip of the pencil. “Just the job,” he would say, pleased with his work.

That's Life



Cornish pasty

Now, if there's one thing I do like it's a Cornish pasty. There's nothing better than biting through that pastry crust. I love tucking in to the meat and potato.

Nowadays, you can buy Cornish pasties almost everywhere. But there's nothing like a real Cornish pasty eaten in Cornwall itself. Angie and I were in Cornwall last year. We loved having a Cornish pasty for lunch.

One baker said only pasties that had the folded closure at the top were genuine. Another said real Cornish pasties are closed at the side edge. “I don't care,” I said. “They are both delicious.” But I preferred the pasties closed on the edge!

That's Life



Volkswagen Campervan

When our children first came along, money was a bit tight. Fancy holidays were out of the question, so we needed a cheap way to take the whole family to the seaside.

My mate Mike had a camper van. It was a Volkswagen with a Dormobile body. The roof lifted up, and it was fun to drive. "I'll lend you the camper van," said Mike. So off we went for a few days by the sea.

We didn't go far. We ended up on a camp site that was near the beach in Whitstable, Kent. Thankfully the weather was good, but the camper van was small and it was a bit of a squash. There were lots of wet nappies everywhere!

In The Soup



1. Does the Scottish soup Cullen skink contain fish or beef?
2. Is minestrone a French or an Italian soup?
3. Scotch Broth contains mu _ _ _ n and b _ _ l _ y
4. Vichyssoise soup is made from potatoes and l _ _ _ s
5. Onion soup is a national dish of which country?
Spain or France
6. What is the main ingredient of gazpacho?
Tomatoes or Cabbage
7. Is cock-a-leekie made with chicken stock or beef stock?
8. Brown W _ _ ds _ r was a popular soup in the past.
9. Is mulligatawny a soup from China or India?
10. Royal Game soup contains v _ _ is _ n

Hot Or Cold?



Are each of these things hot or cold? Draw lines to connect to the correct term.

Ice Cream

Boiling water

Fire Hot

Freezer

Snow

Sun

Boiler

Fridge

Ice rink Cold

Candle flame

Burning match

Where To Wear?



Where would you normally wear each of these?

1. Cufflinks

Wrist or Neck

2. Belt

Arm or Waist

3. Bangle

Head or Wrist

4. Socks

Hands or Feet

5. Tie

Neck or Knee

6. Watch

Ankle or Wrist

7. Glasses

Face or Hip

8. Hat

Shoulder or Head

9. Glove

Chest or Hand

10. Shawl

Shoulders or Shins

Over To You



Clearing out the shed

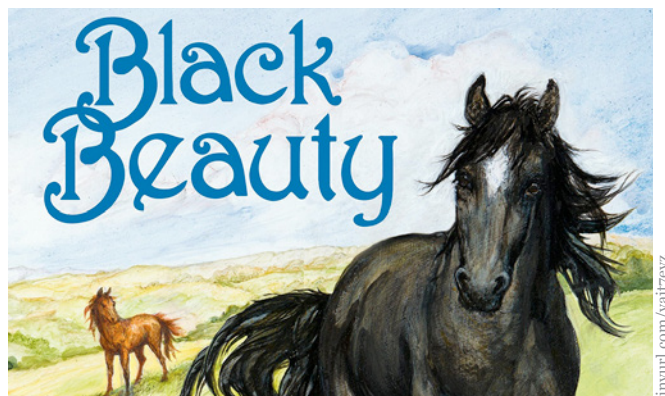
Dear Mary and Jimmy

I expect most people have a job or a chore that they put off doing. For me it was clearing out the shed. It was a job I always did at the end of the summer – and that's only because we needed the space to store things in there for the winter!

A nice sunny day in September was a good time to take everything out and brush off the cobwebs. Then you had to decide what to keep and what to throw out. Dried out paint in nearly-empty tins, old magazines and cracked flower pots had to go. Anything that could be mended went back in.

Best wishes, from Alan

Over To You



'Black Beauty'

Dear Mary and Jimmy

When I was eight or nine, I enjoyed reading 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell. I always loved reading, and I always loved horses too. I would have liked my own horse, but we lived in a flat so it was impossible.

Every Saturday afternoon I would go to the library. It was quite a nice library in Barking. There was a wonderful selection of books to choose from – I remember scanning the shelves for my next book. As an adult I loved reading historical novels. I find the Tudor period especially fascinating!

Best wishes, from Frances

I Remember It Well

Maurice Chevalier &
Hermione Gingold

H: We met at nine

M: We met at ei _ _ _

H: I was on time

M: No, you were l _ _ _

H: Ah, yes I rem _ _ _ _ it
well

M: We dined with fr _ _ _ _

H: We di _ _ _ alone

M: A tenor sang

H: A baritone

M: Ah, yes I remember
it w _ _ _

M: That dazzling April moon!

H: There was none that night

And the month was J _ _ _

M: That's right. That's right.

H: It warms my heart to know
that you remember still
the way you do

M: Ah, y _ _ I remember it well



Answers

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| 1. Eight | 7. June |
| 2. Late | 8. Yes |
| 3. Remember | |
| 4. Friends | |
| 5. Dined | |
| 6. Well | |

Quiz Answers

PAGE 5 ~ QUIZ : In The Soup

1. Fish
2. Italian
3. Mutton ... Barley
4. Leeks
5. France
6. Tomatoes
7. Chicken
8. Windsor
9. India
10. Venison

PAGE 6 ~ QUIZ : Hot Or Cold?

Hot – Boiling water, Fire, Sun,
Boiler, Candle flame, Burning match
Cold – Ice cream, Freezer, Snow,
Fridge, Ice rink

PAGE 6 ~ QUIZ : Where To Wear?

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| 1. Wrist | 2. Waist |
| 3. Wrist | 4. Feet |
| 5. Neck | 6. Wrist |
| 7. Face | 8. Head |
| 9. Hand | 10. Shoulders |