

Keeping Brain Fit At Home

Our Groups: *Pick and Mix, The Giggly Group, Young at Hearts, The Urchins, Passmore Pals, Happy People, Us Lot and Freya's Friends.*

This week our topic is: **HATS**



Who needs to buy a Trilby hat when you have a fruit bowl at home?!
Photo Source: KERA News

Here at Memory Matters we have been talking about all the hats we have worn during our lifetime:

Annie grew up in the North East and remembers her Grandma knitting balaclavas for her brothers to wear when they were outside sledging to keep their ears warm!

Clarinda doesn't do hats! She does remember wearing a hat in the Summer of '76 when there was a trend of girls and boys wearing camouflage cloth hats. At her middle daughters wedding, she wore a fascinator until the photographs were taken, and then it was promptly removed.

Laura bought a pink beret at a jumble sale when she was eight years old. She wore it all day and also to bed for a couple of months, right the way through Summer! Laura said: *"All the Summer holiday photos for that year are of me going about my eight year old business in a beret. I even wore it in the sea."*

- We wonder what sort of hats you have worn over the years?
- Some children had to wear hats to school – did anything like this ever happen to you?
“On the way home from school, my friend posted my beret into a red post box and I had to wait for the postman to get it out for me, I didn’t dare go home without it!”
- How many jobs can you think of where you need to wear a hat?

Jockey

Chef

Construction Worker

Guardsmen

An excerpt from “Hats, hats, hats” by Gill Johnson and Marilyn McGregor

I’ve had lots of hats, since the day I was born,
Yes there’s lots of different hats that I have worn.
My tiny baby’s woolly hat, which I wore in a pram,
A straw Easter bonnet – which on my head I’d cram.

My Dad had a panama, my Grandpa wore a cap,
My brother a cowboy one, with a dangling strap.
On special occasions, my Mum looked so fine,
Trimmed in silk and flowers, her face just seemed to shine.

I remember our next door neighbour, Auntie Jo
Never wore a hat – but a scarf tied with a bow
Firemen had hard hats and some policemen too,
Guardsmen wore a busby and sailors’ hats were white and blue.

When it rained, I wore a rain hat, in the sun, one with a brim
Then a very tight rubber one each time I went to swim
Woolly hats for new-borns, I knitted with great care
And wondered what sorts of hats in their life they’d wear....



- The poet talks about their family wearing all sorts of different hats including; cowboy hats, caps and a panama hat. What sorts of hats did people in your family wear?
- Flowery swimming hats were all the rage at one time, how difficult was it to put one on and keep your hair dry?
- Who would knit for the rest of the family, especially when a new baby was due?

Hats were very popular in the 1940’s, 1950’s and early 1960’s. They were worn frequently by men and women alike. Men wore bowler hats to the office and men from working classes wore cloth caps. People would comment that they did not feel dressed if they were not wearing a hat!

- Young people always seemed to look smart in the 40's and 50's, how long did it used to take you to get ready for a night out?
- Tell us about one of your favourite outfits from years gone by.
- What special occasions did you wear a hat for?

Match the hat to the famous person

Tommy Cooper

Charlie Chaplin

Ena Sharples

Sherlock Holmes

Jackie Kennedy

John Wayne

Deerstalker

Bowler

Hair net!

Stetson

Fez

Pillbox

Photo Archive:



Jo modelling a hat in the St Austell group.