



# Using memory as imagination

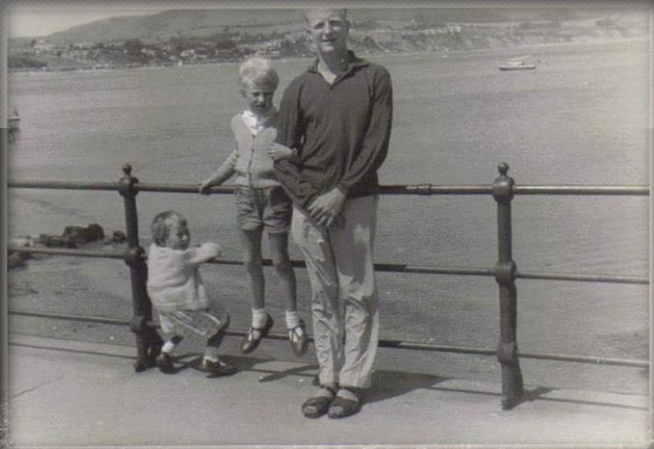
Sue Leather

‘All memory is  
imagination’



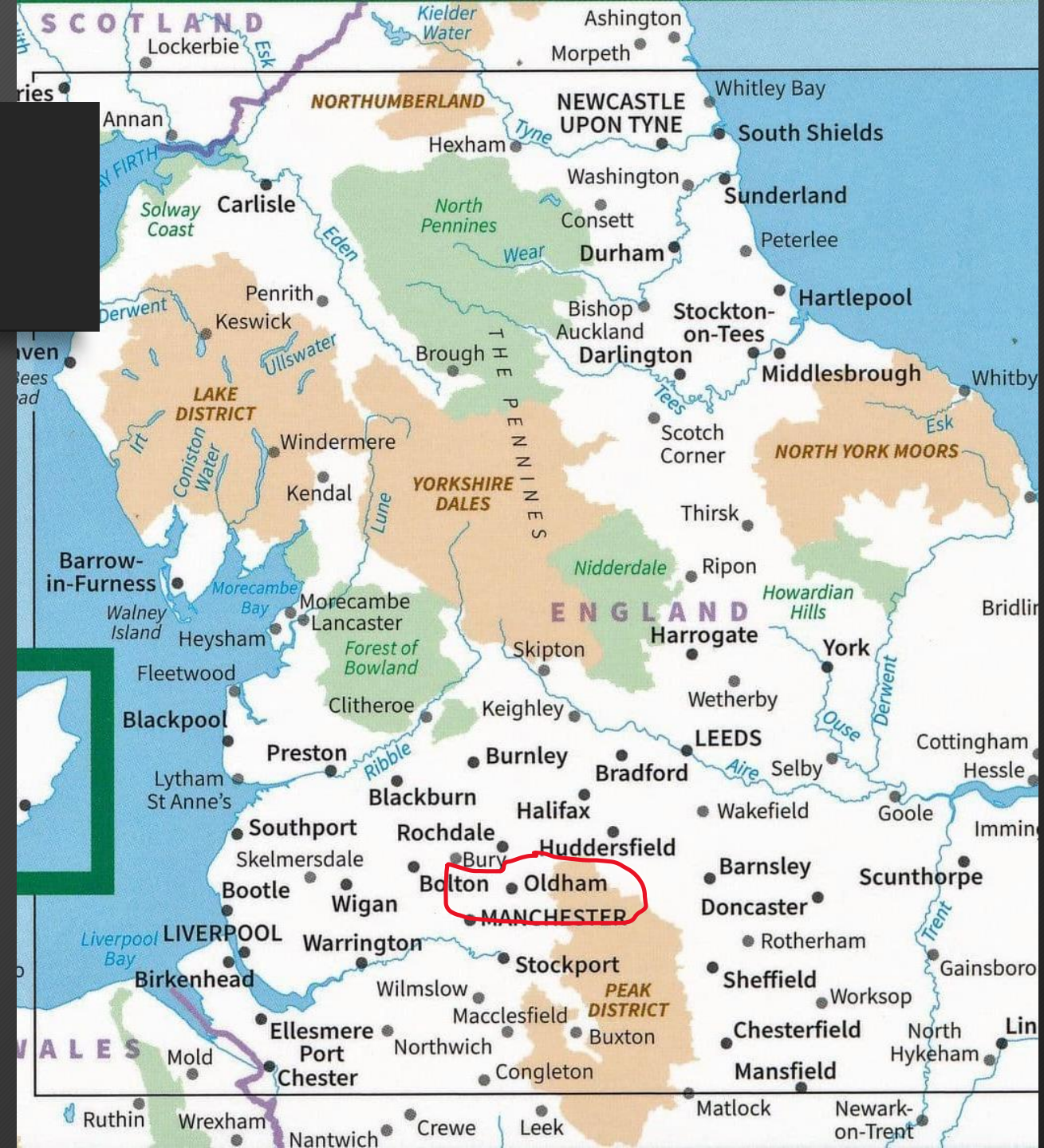
# Overview

- Using photographs to spur memory
- Place
- People
- Words
- Time/Event



# Where I grew up

- Northwest England
- Royton- a mill town
- Surrounded by the moors
- Lancashire





# Photos

- Blue globe
- Khartoum, Tehran
- Manchester Airport
- Blue silk pyjamas
- 120 degrees in the shade
- Somewhere else



# Over to you

- Describe your own photo
- Why did you choose it?



# Place: Primary School

- Milk at playtime
- Smell of cabbage
- Wendy house
- Sandpit
- Maypole
- Church
- Mrs Cheetham
- 'Early one morning'



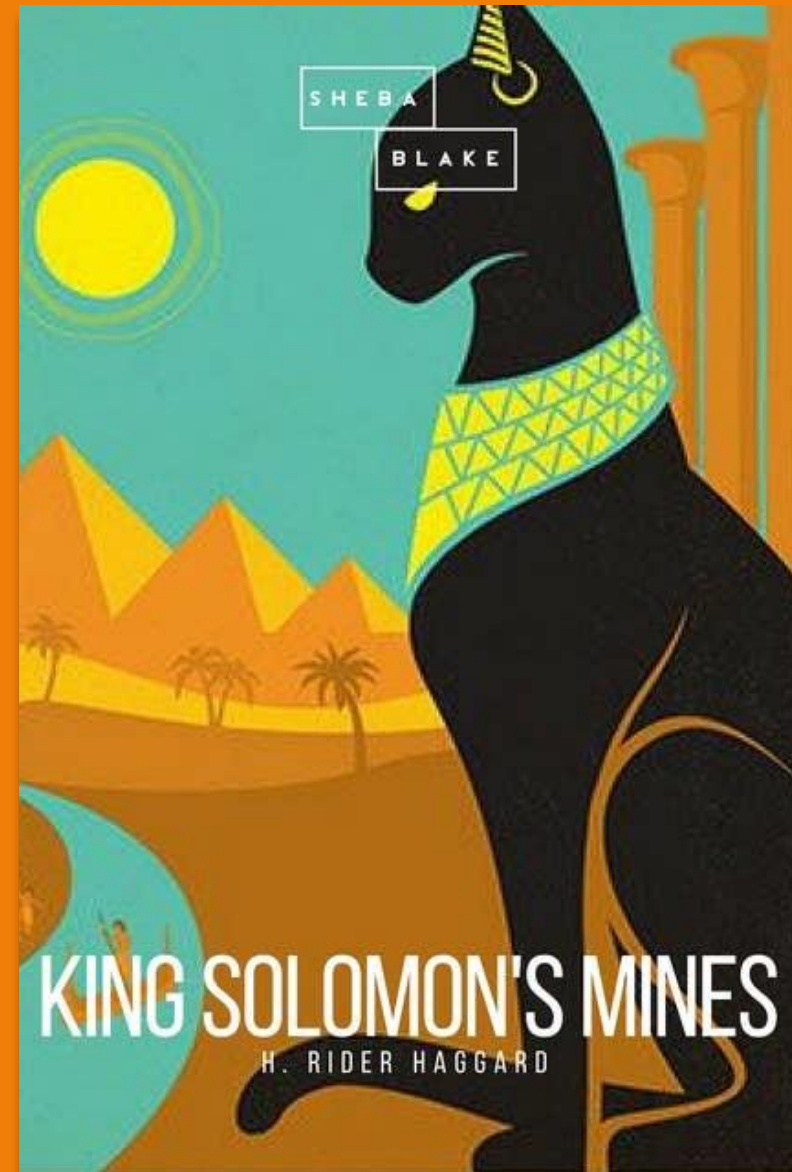
# Places: Images in your mind

- The view from my bedroom when I was a child
- The moors



# Place: Junior School

- Mrs Hopwood reading to us
- Cigarette
- Flagstones
- Mr Bonell
- Cane
- Arithmetic
- Izal toilet paper
- Moors murders
- JFK assassination



# Over to you

- Which places do you remember from when you were a child?
- Write down a few words associated with one of your places.

# People: Granddad

- Strange accent
- Bolton
- Tinned salmon
- Bolton Wanderers
- Leather satchel



# People & Words

- Ginnel
- Summat
- Nowt
- Childer
- Skrike
- Brew
- Bonny
- Black pays
- Pinny



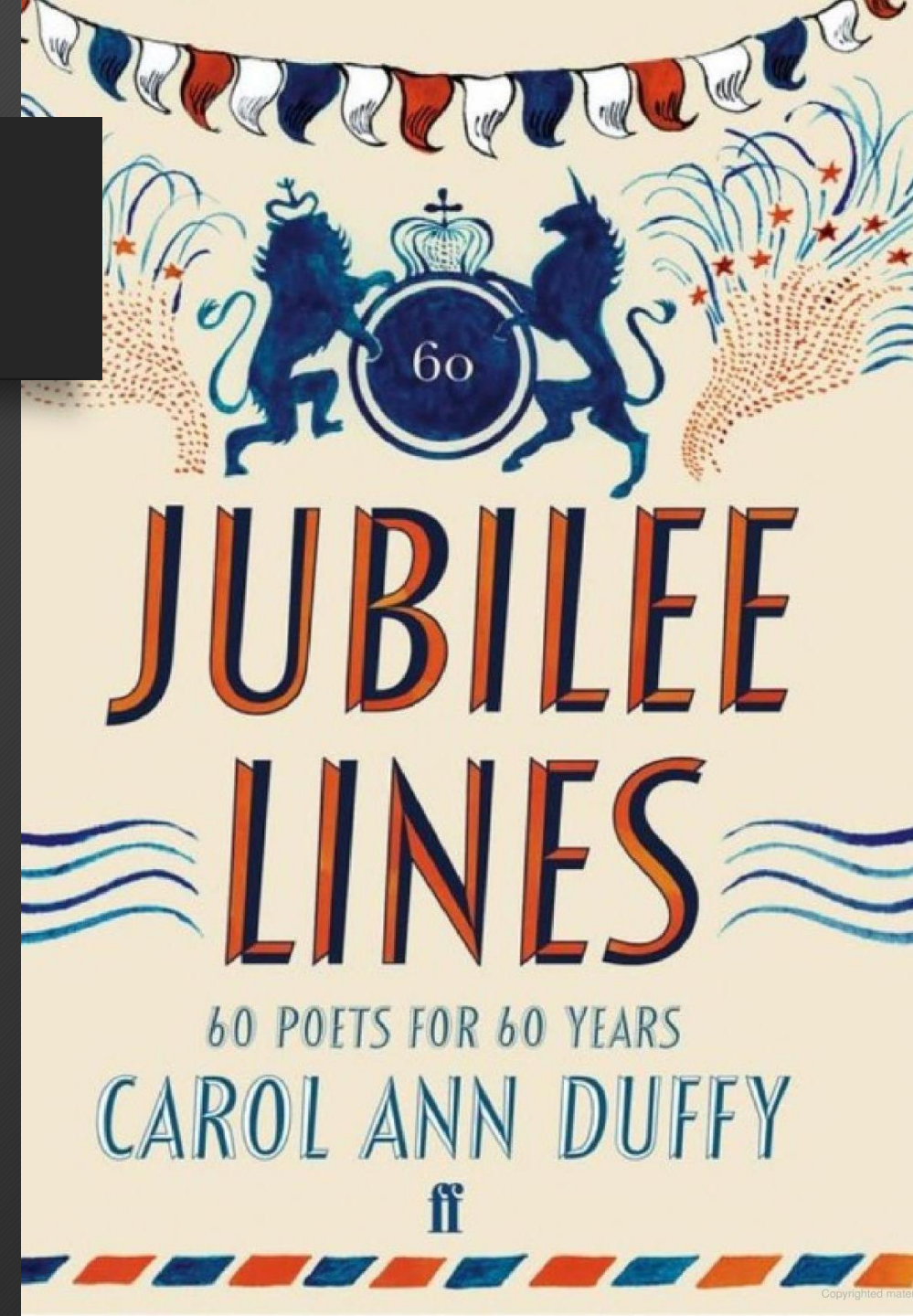
Time/ Event

Bonfire Night (November  
5<sup>th</sup>)



Time/ Event

1971





# Over to you

- Which events or years come back to you as significant?
- Why?



Yes, the past is another country, but  
one that we can visit, and once there  
we can bring back the things we  
need.

— *Jeanette Winterson* —

# An invitation

Send me poems or prose on the theme of 'Memoir' for a collection later this year.