

Pembroke Grammar School



*This presentation is courtesy of Mr. Islwyn Griffiths,
Welsh Master, who took the original slides in and around
the school in 1960*

Part 1: The School and School Grounds.

*Main Classroom Block which had
panoramic views over the
Pembroke River.*



*Bush House, accommodation for
boarders. Former home of the
Meyrick Family.*



The School Playground, venue for ball games and fights. Bike sheds in the background and covered area on the left.



*'Dinner time' on the grass
overlooking the tennis courts.*



*Meanwhile in the school canteen,
school meals were being scoffed
down.....*



*....in the Tuckshop large quantities
of sweets, pop and crisps were
being purchased.....*



*And the staff drank tea by the
gallon from large Army Surplus
teapots,*



*L-R: AWW Devereaux, GS Shaw, D Elis-Williams, Miss S Boyle,
Mrs BV Howells, BV Howells.*

*Yet there were always those who
spent 'dinner-time' studying in the
School Library.*



*Back in class it's heads down for
afternoon lessons in Room 12*





*Oh oh! Somebody
has been caught
talking in class
again!*

*Meanwhile the school farm's early
potato crop matures in the sun...*



*...and the school turkeys have their
afternoon walk.*



Part 2: The School Eisteddfod.

The Eisteddfod was an inter-House competition involving everything from short story writing through the performing arts to needlework. So.....

Songs were sung...



Pianos were played....



Cakes were baked....



Metal was wrought.....



Needles were worked.....



And flowers arranged.....



*...and a large audience in the
School Hall.....*



...awaited the inevitable result.....

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Then there was the...

“Alternative Eisteddfod”

...with other talents on display. It started with a ‘Gorsedd’ in the Netball Court.



Afterwards the boys “comb and paper” competition showed great dedication and depth of feeling for the instrument.....



*And the girls “comb and paper”
doubled as a pyjama-needlework
fashion show. The girls have been
to a hat party. (This was before the
days of key parties.)*



*Some boys fainted at this display of
female night attire.....*



Then there was the boys “sans culottes” folk dancing competition...



*Followed by the mother and baby
and dirty girls knees competition.*



The celebration ended with the girls lolly-sucking competition whilst boys who could, blew their trumpets.....



Part 3: Inter-House Cross-Country Championship.

*Eager anticipation and jangling
nerves await the start.....*



The first 100 yards was typically run in about 10 seconds. The rest of the course, down Bush Hill, through Bush Woods, up Imble Lane and back along the Top Road, took a little longer.





Teachers monitored the course to deter escapees wishing to do a 'home run'. The exuberance of youth tells at the finish.....



Whilst the girls spectate. It would have been considered somewhat unladylike for girls to go cross-country running in 1960.



Junior boys have showered and changed by the time the seniors finish. In the background, the headmaster's car indicates that he thinks the best way to do a cross-country race is behind the wheel of a Rover.



Part 4: School Music.

There was always a great tradition of music in the school, and by 1960 it was being fostered by Mr Whitehall.



*Part of the school choir with
headmaster T.C. Roberts and
music master W.H. Whitehall.*



*The school has just had a new,
shiny, state of the art
electronic organ installed*



Men sing.....



Violins and Harps are played....



Recorders blown.....



and the whole Choir assembles.



Part 5: House Play Competition.

Every year each house put on a one-act play. Everything from set design to production was done by pupils. The following slides are from the Hywel House play of 1960.

*Three of the cast rehearse their
weapon handling techniques on the
stage crew and remainder
of the cast.*



*Rehearsing the safe handling of
weapons doesn't seem to be
going too well*



*.....and that's no way to
treat a lady!!!*



*Full cast of Hywel House Play –
winners in 1960.*



Part 6: The inter-House School Sports.

In the summer of 1960 major drainage works were being carried out on the school playing-fields so the sports was held on the old favourite - Bush Camp.



Bars were leaped over.....



or vaulted.



Hurdles were assaulted,



Sandpits were leaped into.....



*and some left all the others trailing
in their wake.*





At the end, Prizes were awarded.



Part 7: The School Play.

*The Production in 1960 was
“Romanoff and Juliet”
by Peter Ustinov. It followed such
illustrious school plays as “Murder
in the Cathedral,” “Coriolanus”
and “The Beaux Stratagem.” It
was produced by, and starred,
Mr G S Shaw.*



G S Shaw - Producer



G S Shaw as "The General"

Rehearsals were carried out after school whilst the set took shape in the background.



*The innovative set was designed by
Mr K A Cooper who had a willing
band of helpers.*



*Dress rehearsal - makeup is
applied.....*

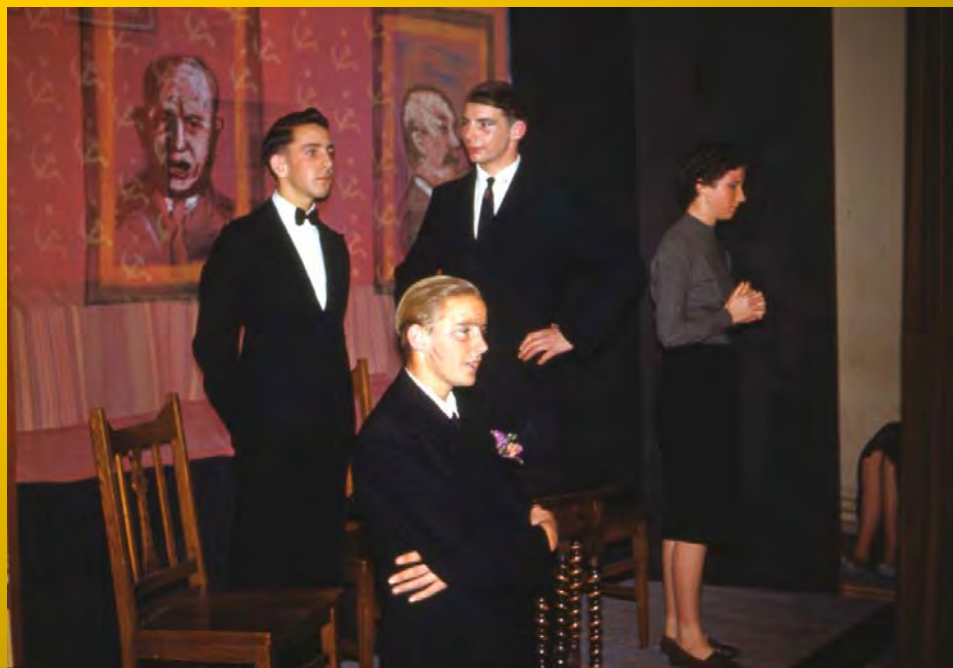


All is ready backstage.....



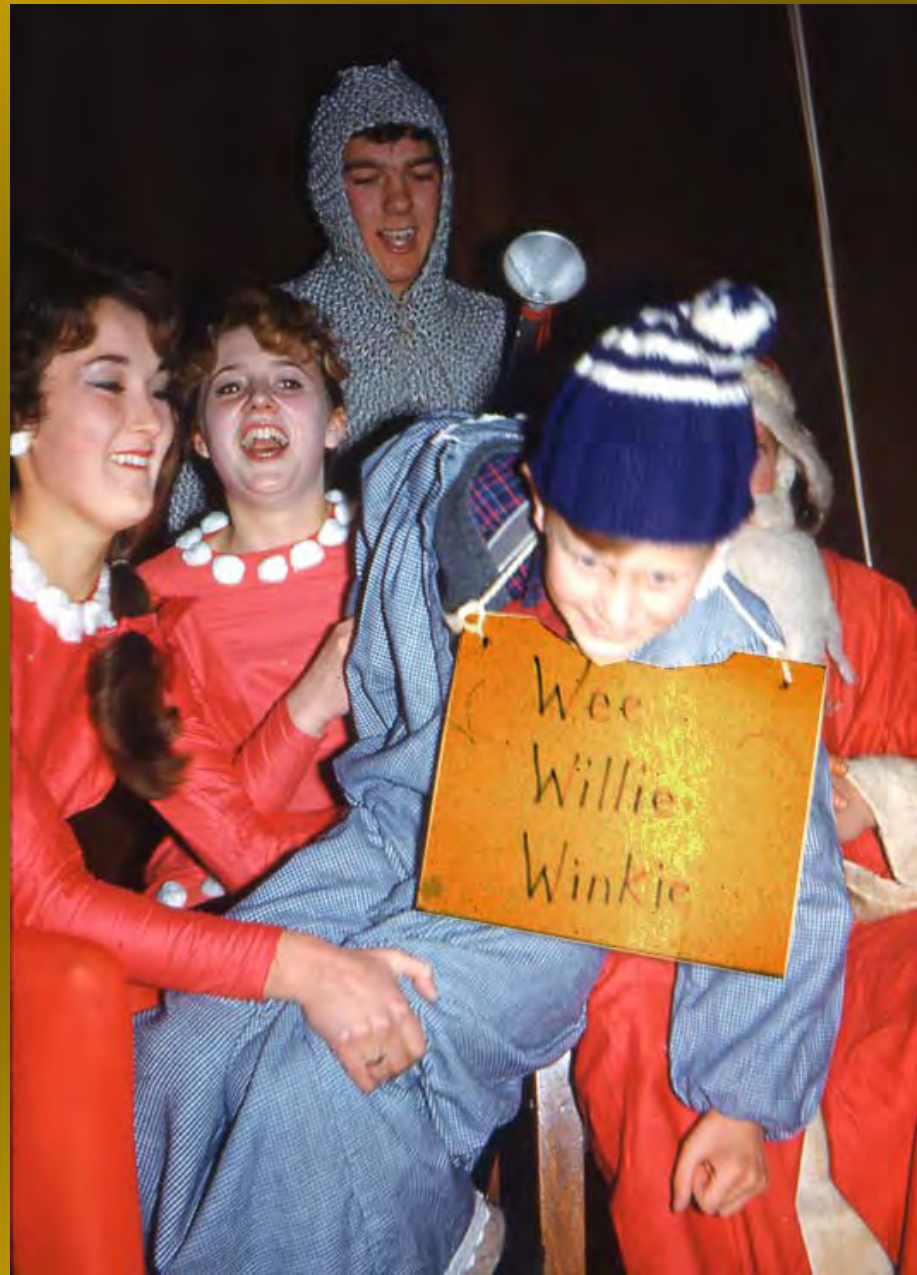
and the show goes on.....





Part 8: International Club.

This was one of the best supported and most vibrant of the school clubs. Christmas is approaching and there's a fancy dress party. Santa was there.....



and he had “Elves” helping him.



Costumes ranged from 'Street Vendors'.....



to fortune tellers and witches



*With cowboys from Germany
meeting girls from the Orient.....*



*and girl guides from the back row of
the rugby team, apparently meeting
each other.....*



A good time was had by all.....



*Christmas cards arrived from all
over the world.*



Part 9: Senior Christmas Party.

As well as the International Club Party, Christmas parties were held for the different age groups at school. These are images from the Senior party.... A Hairy Godmother appeared on stage.....



Soft drinks, probably organic, and possibly brewed in the Botany Lab, were served.....



One of the brutes from the Rugby Team appeared on stage with his chopper in his left hand.....



and the girls were delighted!!



Part 10: A Glimpse of the Rugby.

Every year, just before Christmas, an 'Old Boys' rugby match was played between former pupils and the school First Team. The school pitch was probably under water so the match was played on the former RAF pitch in the old Royal Dockyard.





*It looks like some juniors have been
co-opted into the first team to be
coached in the black arts of
forward play.....*



*Mr. Bevan and Mr Williams
enjoy an afternoon away from
the chalk face.....*



*The First Team turn out for a
group photograph.*



*J Nash, P Thomas, R R-Thomas, M Hodge, J Lewis, W Cavanagh, P Beynon, R Rees
T C Roberts S Brown, T Breese, R Reynolds, B Anfield, G Mountstevens, S Lewis, C James, D Lloyd
B Stubbs D Brown*