

Engine Driver Charlie Green

Charlie was known for never stopping the train in the same place twice at Pembroke Station. Vernon Scott recalled disgruntled passengers, and trolley-handlers left bewildered wondering exactly where the luggage van would lumber to a halt.

Charlie is pictured here with Nancy Rendall. His wife Flossie and Nancy were cousins.



Charlie was also an Alderman, Mayor, Justice of the Peace, and pillar of Westgate Chapel. He also went to considerable lengths to teach him-self shorthand. When asked why a railwayman should do such a thing, he answered 'Because I wanted something to do in my spare time and it was a challenge'.

In the 1960s Charlie died in a tragic accident. He had gone to work on his lightweight motor cycle to take the late morning train out of Pembroke Dock. While travelling down Pembroke Main Street (which was two way in those days) his bike was in collision with another vehicle.

They carried Charlie, who was a lifelong teetotaller, into the York Tavern – the nearest building. From there he was taken to the County Hospital in Haverfordwest where sadly he died. A helmet might have saved him, but were not compulsory in those days.

Charlie was known as a truly nice and able person, and was remembered for his huge contribution to Pembroke's community.