

Ernest Williams

Ernest, one of three brothers, was the son of the former Station Master Thomas Williams - both proudly working at Pembroke Station. Ernest also went on to become Station master.



He is shown here with his wife Rene and daughter Mary Williams. They lived in Woodbine Terrace, and Jean worked for Simons Stores in Pembroke Main Street.

Mary recalls an occasion when the Duke of Edinburgh

came to Pembroke without the Queen

He arrived by train but was to return by helicopter. The mist was so severe that the flight was cancelled and he had to return by train instead

“You have some B***** awful weather here” was his comment “And I’ve got to use the rail again!”

Pembroke Station was extremely busy in those days. For example, all the tanks on their way to Castlemartin Camp came by rail – often in the night. They were then unloaded at Pembroke Station and driven through the streets to their destination. It also served the nearby Cattle Mart, Colley’s timber yard and all farm produce export.



Ernest retired in 1963, and shortly afterwards the handsome dressed-limestone Station buildings were all demolished.

With grateful thanks to Mary Williams for letting The Pembroke Story share her story.