

MEMORIES OF STANLEY PIGGOTT (as spoken by himself in 2012)

Stanley started work on the railway in 1948 at St. Johns depot and spent 2 years cleaning engines. He worked shift work, 8am till 4pm, 4pm till midnight, and midnight till 8am.

In 1950 he transferred to the Newport depot, cleaning engines there.

When the Newport depot closed, he transferred back to Ryde and passed his test as an engine driver.

As a driver he worked Ryde to Ventnor (and back) 3 times each day. Also Ryde to Cowes (and back) 3 times a day.

He also did Pullman work.

He drove the locomotive and wagons taking Sugar-beet from Newchurch Farm to Medina Wharf, which was loaded onto boats, to go to Goil, Yorkshire, where it was turned into cattle feed. When the feed was returned to Medina Wharf, he collected it and took the feed back to the Farmer at Newchurch.

He took wagons to deliver coal to the Gas-Works at Ryde, Newport, Cowes, Shanklin and Ventnor.

He remembered names of 3 people he worked with as, Harry Watson, Tony Tiltman, and Ray Lewns.

Stanley finished work on 31st Dec 1966 when the railways closed down. He was offered employment on the mainland driving diesel trains, but declined as he wanted to stay on the Island.

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