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Hefin Jones (again)

....following on from my earlier comments, the picture I'm referring to is number 3, picking up the crate of milk. I think I'm the one looking at the camera without a cap. If the photo was taken before October 1965 then the chap is an imposter!!!

Anyway, I also remember Mrs Emmanuel in Safon Dau. Her husband taught me Latin in Ardwyn. Miss Llinos Thomas was in Safon Tri and Mr Vaughan Evans (or was it Davies?) was the class master in Safon Pedwar. He was one of the original hosts of Sion A Sian (before Dai Llanilar). I sat at the back, right hand side with Eirian Davies when we were in Safon Pedwar. Next to the bookcase. The only book I ever read was Hogia Pen Deitch, a Welsh book all about characters who lived in the area of town near "Castall C'narfon". It was written in the spoken dialect of the "cofis".

I guess I was the only one who could understand it. Who remembers Cymru'r Plant and Bore Da?..........why am I writing this in English?

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Janet Sutton (nee Williams)

I was a pupil at Ysgol Gymraeg, Alexandra Rd from the age of 4 until I was 11 and lived close by. My 'dosbarth 1'
teacher was Mrs Hayes, some of my other teachers included Miss Jenkins, Mrs Emmanuel, Miss Llinos Thomas (deceased), Mr William Griffiths and Miss Chamberlain (deceased) (I was rather frightened of her). There was a row of outside toilets at the far end of the yard (where the back wall of Matalan is now located), and also Y Caban - a wooden hut in the middle of the yard - a separate classroom, not sure if Mr John Garnon used to teach in there. There was a fence running the length of the school yard dividing the English and Welsh schools until both schools moved to new premises in Plas Crug. When the weather was fine, the ice cream seller with his cart (ice cream compartment fitted onto a bicycle) would appear outside the school where the taxis are now parked. As I still live in Aberystwyth, I still see some of the teachers I've mentioned above. They were happy days.

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Hefin Jones ex Aber.
I'm sure that's me. I used to look like that when I was a kid! When was the picture taken? I joined Yr Ysgol Gymraeg in 1965 as an eight year old when we moved down to Aber from Caernarfon. My earliest memories of the school was that I didn't understand half the words that were spoken! As a real "cofi" (Welsh speaking residents of Caernarfon) who had never heard the Ceredigion Welsh dialect before, this was totally alien to me. I remember we used to have to walk from the school to the dinner canteens. They were down on Riverside Terrace. I remember Mrs Mleczek was one of the ladies who looked after us.
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Hawys Ann Shawl nee Pugh
I was a pupil at Ysgol Gymreag Lluest from 1945 until its re-location to town centre in 1951? Very happy memories of staff and pupils. Lived in Bleanplwyf so it was a very early start and late home! Head mistress was Nora Isaac, she was later my drama tutor at Trinity, Carmarthen
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