

## Janet Dobinson

1958 - 1964

I wrote these down random memories as they came to me. It's interesting that none of them involve lessons, but I did go on to University and gained a degree in Physics, and taught Physics and maths for many years, ending up as an education adviser, and finally lecturing at Plymouth University. Now, in "retirement," I am a church Pastor

These are the memories that came to me.

- Form room in the basement with old fashioned desks
- Dining hut for school meals
- Teachers wearing academic gowns.
- Miss Rhodes saying Grace in Latin – I can still recite it
- Music Festivals, Drama festivals, Public Speaking competitions, School plays
- The ceiling falling down on us in Room 10 in my second year (1959)
- Having to wear gym-slips in the first 3 years, then skirts in the 4<sup>th</sup> year,
- Gingham summer dresses, and plain blue prefects' dresses
- Having to change from indoor shoes to outdoor shoes when you went out to play, and getting an order mark if you were found with the wrong shoes on. (3 order marks meant detention)
- The little bed in the changing room where you could lie down if you were feeling ill
- We had to wear berets, and later tricorn hats, to and from School.
- We were not allowed to eat on buses or in the street in School uniform.
- Travelling to Efford for hockey and having to get home from there. It took ages.
- About 3 teachers owned cars and they parked at the front.
- Shelves on the "bridge" where we gave in and collected books.
- Music with Mrs Richardson was my absolute favourite lesson and I used to sing solos at Carol Service and Speech Day.
- Ringing the gong as a prefect



A rather big first-year



May Queen in the Music Activity Production 1962