



Philip was born in Newtown Montgomeryshire on 24 May 1928 in a house called St. Davids on the Caersws road. He was the fifth son to be born to Mr and Mrs A. C. R. David. He was baptized John Philip Illtydd but was always known as Philip.

Philip was educated locally and at age fourteen (1942) he went away to HMS Worcester, a pre-sea training establishment and nautical college, he was so small when joining that his hat had to be made especially for him.

When he arrived he was made to stand on a sea chest and it was announced to the whole school that this was how small the boys being sent to them were.

After leaving HMS Worcester Philip attended what is now known as Outward Bound Wales at Aberdovey. On calling there sixty years later there were able to put their hands on his record of attendance in no time at all.

He joined the Merchant Service in 1946 as a cadet with Clan Line Steamers and obtained his Master's certificate at Cardiff in 1955, but had to leave the service in 1960 owing to ill health.

Info Supplied at

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/mid/sites/newtown/pages/philip\\_david.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/mid/sites/newtown/pages/philip_david.shtml)