

Alan Nason

Both Derek (Kalabza) and I went to the St. Pauls's Youth Fellowship gatherings twice a week. Derek was a good Table Tennis player and I was not bad. We had many a match together. The fellowship often went on Rambles around St. Albans. We also went to dances at the Waterend Barn. And on July 31st 1954 we went on a coach trip to Clacton.

I went to the St.Albans County Grammar School for Boys on Brampton Road (*that was what it was called when I went there in 1947*). We lived on Longacres near Marconis. I delivered newspapers for Stone's Newsagents. My father worked at Hobb's garage for a while.

Around the corner from St.Paul's was a shop called The Carleton. "Bish " the owner had a walrus moustache and a greasy trilby hat that he wore all the time. He would play all-comers at draughts and chess and always won. He sold cigarettes singly if you could not afford a pack.

My wife and I trained as State Registered Nurses at St.Albans City Hospital and that is where we met.

My grandmother is buried in the Cemetery in Fleetville and I buried my mother and father's ashes in her grave some years later.

I have lived in Canada since 1967. I always intended to come home to live, but it is too late now.