

## Remembering Alan Pollard

Alan and I met shortly after he moved into Camelford. Initially we both enjoyed the odd pint at lunch time but found that acting was something we had in common. He was a jobbing actor with an Equity card and I was an amateur who worked with the Camelford Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS) – he attended one of our performances. He had directed several productions for Launceston Amateur Drama Society (LADS), when he approached me about taking on the part of Briggs in *Our Day Out* by Willie Russell. It was a play I did not know but I was impressed by the script, so agreed to do it. It was the start of a collaboration that saw him directing me in *Allo! Allo!* for LADS and eventually we started up Camelford Amateur Dramatics (CATS), where we performed 2 of the Little Grimley plays in the back room of the Liberal club. Alan still directed the occasional production for other groups

We both became Camelford Town Councillors and started working on videos for the [www.camelford.org](http://www.camelford.org) website promoting our favourite town. When the Mary Portas scheme was announced we joined the Town Team to produce a video about the town suggesting why we needed the £100,000 prize money. We did not win the top prize but did help get £10,000 to use for marketing. We were now in a routine of filming local events and when the town became accredited as a “Walkers Are Welcome” town, due to the efforts of another Town Team member, we started filming the walks.

There are several of our videos on the website, via YouTube, and we had just finished the video opening of the new Skate-park the week-end Alan died. He wrote the scripts and did all the interviews on film. He is missed!