

## Z-50: Thanks and Comments received

### Phil Anderson

. . . a brilliant event, many thanks for all the work and still managing to look unflustered.

### Bill Bellchambers

Thank you for the excellent work you did on the organization of Z-50. I thought it was a wonderful success.

### Frank Bent

Many thanks to the organising committee of Z-50 for all their hard work. The weekend was a great success and I hope you all feel a glow of satisfaction for a job well done. Stephen Williams is to be congratulated for his DVD. It is excellent. I would like to be able to say that I look forward to Z-75 but for me I think that is unlikely.

Best wishes, Frank Bent (1962)

### Paul Brangham

Here I am, back at work after a good flight home. I just wanted to say thank you for all the effort that you put in to make the weekend such a great success. It really was worth the flight there and back. You should be very pleased with the response and gratitude that we all feel.

### Sheila Bransfield

Thanks for your help and many thanks for a fantastic event. I was a bit tongue in cheek as I only know a few people and have never been to Halley; but I've visited Stuart Lawrence on the 'Bransfield' and went on an expedition cruise in 1999. So I wondered if I'd fit in at the weekend - but I enjoyed every second! It was absolutely fabulous. I don't expect you want to think about it now (no doubt exhausted after last weekend) but I hope there will be a diamond anniversary! I hope I'll still be around and want to book now!

Very many thanks again

### James Broadway

I would like to thank you and all the organising committee for arranging such a fantastic weekend. I enjoyed it very much, it was great seeing some folk that I wintered with and had not seen since we left the Bransfield. It was a great achievement to have members from each year of occupation and quite amazing to have the live link to Halley. I hope that the FIDS there were not upset by the experience.....it must have been very strange, though perhaps not as strange as it would have been had it occurred when we were there in the pre internet era. Please forward to the other organisers if possible.

James Broadway, Medic 1984

### David Brook

Overall, my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion. Our thanks to you and your organising committee.

### Ian Buckler

Many thanks to you and your splendid Committee for a really excellent week-end. The company was fantastic - a "bono" way of seeing so many old friends all together and meeting so many others who have shared the same experience with varying dimensions as the years, and Bases, have progressed. Plus of course meeting their various partners, and, as

Wendy remarked, they also share that sense of having experienced the comradeship of gained from visiting somewhere special and the quiet resilience which comes of being a Fid. The Hotel and the arrangements were great - an excellent choice so accessible to all from the whole world.

Best wishes and thanks again. Wendy and Ian.

Ian Bury

Dear Andy, Could you please pass on a big thank you to the organising committee of the Z-50 and their long suffering wives. I'm sure we will never know how much time and effort went into this. I'm only sorry we did not have a line up of committee and wives to thank you all properly. I'm thinking for the Z-75 our years will probably be on table 1.

Best Regards. Ian T Bury

David Cansfield

I am sure this must have been said to you many times already, but Unice and I would like to add our thanks to you and your committee for all the efforts you expended to make the Z50 Reunion such a success. We had a most enjoyable weekend. Not only the pleasure of meeting old colleagues, but also the opportunity to hear from more recent occupants first hand accounts of the later history of the Base. I always retain a certain affection for the place even if it was a lump of ice that has now drifted off and melted away. Thank you once again to you and all concerned for such a well organised reunion.

Vince Carter

Just a quick note to thank you and the rest of the committee for a truly excellent weekend in Northampton. Both my wife and I really enjoyed it. Thanks

Graham Chambers

Thanks for all your hard work and that of all those involved in what was a most wonderful reunion! It was a great reunion and thanks to all the organisers.

Steve Chambers

Thanks again for the splendid Z-50 celebrations, a magnificent example of FID perseverance!!

Ben Chappel

...it was a really excellent event and I really appreciate all the hard work that went into it!

Keith Chappell

Many thanks for organising the reunion it really was a fantastic weekend.

Rob Curtis

...thanks for a great celebration event!

Pete Davies

Hi Mate, Just to say thanks to you all for a great weekend. We thoroughly enjoyed it!!  
Thanks, Pete.

Alex Dean (Nigel Dean's wife)

We just wanted to say thank you for a great weekend. Nigel and I came over from Turkey to join the reunion and it was well worth it. It was some event and must have taken a lot of work to get organised. As some one who has never been to the Antarctic but has heard a lot about it: I found the weekend very interesting. Nigel was there in '94 and a friend of mine is working with BAS on the new Halley 6 base design so between them and listening to some of the "old timers" we got the full spectrum of life and times at Halley! I know it was a very important time in Nigel's life. Any way, thanks again for all your efforts, much appreciated.

Mike Dixon

Heartfelt congrats on a superbly organised weekend at Nhampton. Best Regards and thanks to all.

Mike Durrant

Ta and thanks for a good do!

Dave Fletcher

Just to say well done - a really wonderful occasion.

Adam Fowler (BBC radio presenter)

Once again, many thanks for your help in setting up our interviews about Halley Bay at the weekend. I hope the whole affair was a great success and that you have recovered. We certainly enjoyed meeting everybody.

John Fry

Andy and the other seven organising committee members (and no doubt other helpers) Thank you all for organising such a good event to celebrate 50 years of Halley. Having been to the two previous Halley events, I think that this one surpassed both of them, and having been on organising committees in the past, I know how much of a thankless task it can sometimes appear.

You have certainly brought the word Halley into prominence - it always seemed to take second place behind the banana belt celebrations - but not now!

Best wishes

Malcolm Guyatt

Sorta getting back to normal after the 'big do', and in contacting you a chance to say many thanks to you and the team for setting it all up. It was obviously a lot of hard work, time, and effort but very worthwhile, I know a lot of people, myself included, enjoyed it very much. Bravo Zulu (manoeuvre well executed) as they say in Royal Navy signaleese.

Margo and George Hemmen

We both really enjoyed the weekend and send many congratulations to all the committee members on the superb organisation of it all.

Cheers George

David Hill

A brief note to say a big 'thank you' to the committee members and all those involved in the Halley 50 celebrations, especially for all your hard work which made it such a great occasion and a memorable weekend. To have so many people going back so many years, from the start of Halley right up to the present, in one place was fantastic. The organisation of all the films, talks and slides etc was seamless, which was quite a feat. The dinner was superb and the

highlight, for me and for many others, was the web-cam link to base. The hotel was faultless. Thank you once again for all your efforts, which are very much appreciated by Margaret and myself. I look forward to the 100th celebration wherever I am! Yours, David (Fanny) Hill

Jim Jamieson

What a brilliant reunion. My head was in a buzz for days thinking of all the fids, conversations, memories and recollections. Thank you for taking on the task of organising the event and please thank the Committee for their splendid support.

Pete Jenkins

Can I just say that I really enjoyed myself at the reunion. It was wonderful to see all those I had wintered with and talk to the others. The video link was much more moving than I expected, particularly when they turned the camera at the end of the meal to show sunset (with a sun dog!) over the bondu.

Thanks again for your effort, and it was really good to see you again, and obviously thriving.

Brian Jones

Many thanks for your efforts in organising a succesful re-union.

Hwfa Jones

Excellent re-union.

Ian Jones

Thank you for organising the Z-50 weekend, it was a great occasion and I was delighted to meet people again from my time at Halley. The venue was great and all the presentations and films were entertaining too. Doug Allen's film about rebuilding the base certainly brought back memories for me. The live link was startling. Remembering how remote Halley is, it was like being able to communicate with the surface of Mars.

Paul Jones

Am sure that you are super busy and do not need extra e-mails, but just wanted to say that Christine and I had a wonderful time and really appreciated all the effort that you and the others had put into everything.

Lewis Jukes

I said it down there, and I'll say it again - you organised a brilliant event. "Well done!" seems a bit inadequate, but there it is! I have just been going through my papers, purchases and photos for a second wave of nostalgia.

John Knapp

Just a quick note to say many thanks for organising last weekend's reunion. We all had an excellent time. Better organised than many professional events I've been to!

Steve Krikler

Just a quick email to thank you for the reunion last week, an absolutely excellent event.

Ken Lax

Everyone I have spoken to said how much they had enjoyed the event and how well you had organized. Congratulations. I suppose we had better start planning for the 60th!

Ron Lloyd

I have heard from a few friends that the Z50 reunion was a big success. Congratulations for all your hard work. I am pleased to report that my check up with my cardiologist went very well so I hope to make the 75 year reunion!

Steve Lloyd

. . .thanks for organizing a great event which I really enjoyed.

Geoff Lovegrove

Thank you very much for a superb reunion. It was fantastic and a great tribute to the hard work of you and the organising committee. Please pass my thanks on to them when it is convenient to do so.

Best wishes, Geoff

Don Mackay (via Tony Wincott)

Just of to Luton Airport with Don Mackay. My ears are aching from his incessant praise for the team and the reunion event !!!! He has really enjoyed the whole event. He asked me to pass on his thanks for getting him to the reunion and allowing him a very enjoyable and nostalgic return to Halley. He was gobsmacked with the link up

Graham Mawdsley

I'm sure your inbox has been inundated, and I'd like to add my thanks to the many that I'm sure you have received already! I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and very much appreciate the effort that you and the rest of the organising committee put into the organisation. I didn't spot a single FID's bodge - it all seemed to go perfectly!!

Now then, what about Z-60 - before we all get too old! ;-) Best wishes

Peter Noble

A Huge thanks for a splendid and very special occasion. I'm sure we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The home grown displays, the films, the live link-up, the talks, the informal chat, and catchings up... Have to admit that I returned home somewhat deflated, if that's the right term. Perhaps it was all that nostalgia, the rekindled memories of a very special time, the seeing old friends (even though in several cases there was little to say!). And then to be suddenly returned to 2006 and reality. You must also be feeling rather flat... all that effort of planning and organising, and now its over. I wouldn't be at all surprised, however if you get a flood of submissions for the Z- fids web site. Memories have been aroused and I guess a few folk won't want to lose them again. Good on you - you have done, and are doing a great and much valued job.

Steve Norris

What an excellent weekend and I would like to thank you, your wife and the committee for all the hard work over the last few years on the website and the reunion.

Matt Paley

Z50 was great fun - looking forward to Z75!

Dave Petrie

Just to say thanks very much for a terrific weekend. You and your team did a fantastic job of organising it all. I'm sure everyone had a great time - I know I did. The meal was excellent,

well presented - and hot! the catering staff certainly did a great job considering the numbers involved. . . . Anyway thanks again (and here's to the 75th!)

Liz Pinnock

It seems you're still being kept very busy by the aftermath but it is hardly surprising. A great event like that will spark all sorts of things, so well done again for a very memorable event - you'll get to rest on your laurels, eventually!!

Joanna Rae (BAS archivist)

I had a lovely day thanks - more enjoyable than I expected. It was great to meet so many interesting fids and I've developed some good links. It was really well organised and a pleasure to be involved.

Gordon Ramage

Lorna and I would like to thank you and the team for the fantastic weekend we had. I am sure that after all the years of planning you have had the satisfaction that the event went off so well.

Peter Readman

It was an excellent evening, well organised. Put me down for the 100th !

Rod Rhys Jones

Great weekend. Thanks to you and the committee for organising such an outstanding event. I missed something of an opportunity to make a presentation of the plans for an Antarctic Memorial but we had a fair degree of interest around our display.

One of the attendees was Brian Bailey, the brother of Jeremy Bailey who was killed in 1965. He is very keen to assist with the memorial both in raising awareness and money.

Hope to see you again soon. Best wishes, Rod

Charlie Robb

Thanks for a great event, all too short but very enjoyable! I hope you were pleased with the products of your hard work.

Murray Roberts

This is a big thank you to you and your committee members for all your hard work in organising such a superb reunion. I've organised a couple of events for 200 people and know how difficult that was, so I am full of admiration for the smooth administration of nearly 400! It was fantastic fun; really great to see so many old friends - and please can you organise another one soon?!!!

Best wishes,

Julian Rouse

Just thought I would send congratulations on the event, simply great. See you in 5 years????

Alan Russell

I just had to let you know, I did so enjoy the event you all put on for us. I am all buzzed up and fighting the bug to go back South. The live link up with Z5 was incredible to me and I was only there 16 years ago; what it must have been like for those earlier chaps I can't imagine. As soon as I got home, I have run the DVD of picture through twice for my 5 year old boys, who were hooked.

It was fantastic week end. Well done to you all. Thanks.  
Alan Russell Z4 1990

David Shipstone

Congratulations to yourself and your team on the organisation of a splendid event. I was only able to be there on Saturday but thoroughly enjoyed myself. Best wishes, David

Mike Skidmore

A Great Weekend. Congrats to you and all your committee.

John Skipworth

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all your efforts in making the 50th anniversary a truly memorable occasion. My wife and I had a wonderful time. Can I make my bookings now for the 75th and 100th? Thanks again. Regards. John Skipworth "Skip" (1966)

Ian Smith

What a great weekend last weekend. Still almost can't believe it. Again thanks to you and your team for all your efforts in creating such a great event. The level of support and attendance shows how much it meant to everyone there.

Donny Stewart

A quick note to say thank you very much to you and your team for an extremely well organised and absolutely fantastic weekends reunion. I had a brilliant time. cheers

Maurice Sumner

Thanks for a great and memorable 50th reunion. Congratulations to you and the committee on a very memorable and unforgettable party. Everyone there enjoyed themselves and were impressed by the level of detail with everything going so well. The hotel was perfect and the food excellent, particularly the dinner. Not a Fids gripe did I hear and this must must be a first!! Please pass on my appreciation to all those who made it possible. Best wishes.

Edwin Thornton

Please congratulate yourself and everyone else associated with the organising of the Z50 reunion. It was extremely well done. Thanks.

Mike Thurston

Very many thanks again for all your hard work in organizing Z-50. It really was a most splendid occasion, and what support, too. I reckon that well over 40% of all living wintering Zfids turned up. Magnificent! My only regret was how quickly time went: I could have done with another day or two to catch up with everyone!

Roger Tiffin

Thanks for a great weekend, the effort you all put in was much appreciated.

John Tooze

Thanks for a very enjoyable weekend.

Martin Varley

Well done on the whole 50th anniversary do. Hope you feel that all the effort was worthwhile.

Bob Wells

388 people have possibly already done so but I really would like to add my personal thanks for all your efforts with the Reunion. Well done ! What's next ? ! Bob

Kevan White

I would like to thank you for the most enjoyable time I had at the Halley reunion and appreciate all the hard work that you have put into the organising this. It was so nice to see my fellow winterers again and meet other winterers of different years. So once again thank you for fantastic time.

Stephen Williams

Well done to you and all the committee for making the reunion a great success.

John Withers (2006 Base Commander)

It was a fantastic night for us as well and we're glad that it all worked well. I can well imagine the technology being a surprise for the recent winterers. My first winter was only 2003 and that was e-mail only, plus you were charged extra for sending big files! (Photos) This is still very recent/new technology for BAS stations down here, but of course a big change to the days of a 100 words a month.

Thanks for including us in the evening. Cheers, John W

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