

Z60, Northampton, 8 October 2016



Friday evening, and Lewis Jukes (white jacket) has volunteered to help hand out name badges and the like. Behind are some of the organising committee, including Alex Gaffikin (striped sweater) and Stuart McMillan (blue shirt), the “chief executive” .



In the bar area, from left to right: Dave Hollas, Alan Etchells, Wendy Bowra, Dick Worsfold, Jo Worsfold.



Tony Baker and Dick Worsfold in the bar area.



Left to right, Phil Cotton, Wendy Cotton, Wendy Bowra, Jo Worsfold.



Saturday morning, with the talks about to start. James Westwood in foreground, paper in hand, then along the row are Phil Cotton, Wendy Cotton, Wendy Bowra, Dick Worsfold.



The first talk was on the project to move the Halley 6 structures farther inland. Will they make it before the crack cuts off their escape?



There were displays in some of the smaller rooms nearby. Here Andy Champness checks the artwork.



Some items were for sale. Old Fid sweater, anyone?



Or even an anorak with matching windproofs?



Some interest in the display boards on 1964 and 65 prepared by Lewis Jukes, some using photos by Munro Sievwright. Those boards are held up with string and clothes pegs!



Hwfa Jones had asked people to send him photos of dog teams that had operated from Halley Bay, for a display. This was part of it. Bottom right photo showed the Beatles in April 1965, at Bob-Pi Hut in the Bob-Pi Crossing, with Dai Wild on the left and Tony Baker on the right. (Simon Russell is also there, but behind Tony and certainly not visible in this picture-of-a-picture.)



Hwfa's second board, including more shots from 64-5. Top left shows Lewis Jukes with the Hairybreeks in January 1965 setting off from Sembberget, an isolated mountain to the east of Heimefrontjella, and the farthest east ever reached by BAS with surface travel. Below that we have the same driver and dogs in March 1965, returning from the Tottans at the end of the season. The last mountain visible behind the sledge, showing refraction, is what we called Mt Krone (the official name is now Worsfoldfjellet).



More displays, these by Martin Winterton, including his panorama of the view from above the main hut in January 1964.



More of Martin's souvenirs.



Display space was limited and some posters had to be laid out on the floor. Above them, paintings by Mike Skidmore.



A break in the talks, and time for smoko!



Cakes from Alan Wearden - they were delicious. I gather he decorated them, not sure whether he made them. One for each of the Halley (Bay) sites. Why is there not a great big crack stretching across the icing of the last one?



Brian Dorsett-Bailey, brother of Jeremy Bailey, with Phil Cotton.



Left to right, Andy Champness, Simon Russell, and Alan Etchells. This was just after the official photograph had been taken (photographer in background, wearing waistcoat).



The big dinner, Saturday evening. Left to right, “Ceeje” Gostick (66, 67, 69), Lewis Jukes (64, 65), Dave “Fanny” Hill (67). Lewis finds himself on a table with no one else from either of his years – but it’s a great source of tales and gossip. At last he tracked down a tale he been hunting unsuccessfully for several recent reunions!

Tale goes as follows. The Halley 2 huts had been linked by covered passages that would later become tunnels. Until then, they were on the surface and during a blow it was draughty and the

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drift would find its way in through the tiniest of cracks in the walls. Could anything be done? Apparently Nick Mathys went there during a blow, with a bucket of hot water and some strips of torn newspaper. Wherever he saw drift blowing in, he would dip a strip into the water and plaster it over the gap. It froze and formed an instant seal. Fiddling ingenuity and improvisation!



Breakfast time, Sunday morning: from the left, Simon Russell, Laurie Dicken, Lewis Jukes.

And then home. Dare we dream of Z70?