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From: Johnny Guitar Scott. Alan worked on behalf of one of my bands – Next of Kin

Date: Wed Dec 13 19:08:14 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Alan,

Glad things are going well for you. Sounds like you had a great 50th bash. Belated happy returns. Things still going well at this end. The last 20 years have been pretty good. I got to play with just about everyone I set out to play with. It's a long list but some of them: Bono, Elvis Costello, Van Morrison, Tom Jones, Kris Kristofferson, Nanci Griffith, Dr. John, Ian Dury.... blah, blah.. It's a bit unbelievable. I'm always looking for the next gig. Don't know what to expect in 2007.

I hope things continue to go well for you. I assume you still have the record label.

Best wishes for the future.
Kind Regards,
Johnny

From: Hi! My name is Stephen Houston. I know Alan from when I worked with him in the Christian Music scene 1983-1985. This included three extensive UK tours which included an LP "The Power and the Preacher", a Greenbelt mainstage appearance 1984, and even gigs in the Shetland Islands of all places.

Date: Wed Dec 13 19:05:54 2006

URL:

Message: Happy Burfday Alun! Hoppy Beg Fiive OH!
Seriously, I am so sorry that I didn't know about the party and you didn't know where I was living. Anyway, all I can say is that I remember Alan with the fondness and the highest regard. Much of the time that I spent with Alan was spent laughing with the exception of one certain Saturday in his old house, where, with Kenny Spence and his good self we got emotional at the startup of Geldof's Live Aid concert and as we watched Status Quo we just couldn't believe that it was left to the musicians to get it together to deal with the world poverty problem. Alan. Happy Birthday, belated, but nevertheless meant from the heart. Happy Birthday my friend!

From: Stan Robinson LCC Sweet Street

Date: Wed Dec 13 09:38:09 2006

URL: ni9eofse7en@hotmail.com

Message: On behalf of Stan.

Thanks for the invite, sorry could not make it. Received your cd/dvd so just thought I would say thanks. All is reasonably well in the Robinson household, save me having a senior moment and tripping over a step and breaking a few bones in my hand in the process.

Have a good Christmas all.

Stan

From: Bob Oldfield concert promoter, sometime musician and proud scouser now living in Canada Oldfield

Date: Sat Dec 9 20:40:12 2006

URL: boboldfield@shaw.ca

Message: Alan - CONGRATULATIONS!!!

I am so glad to get this belated opportunity to celebrate your birthday milestone with you! After all these years it's great to make contact with you again and even though our connections were fairly minimal, somehow I feel like I know you well. and thanks to the wonders of the modern technological age I'm

looking forward to getting to know you a whole lot better!
So - I missed your party...RATS! Judging by the names of the folks on this message board I'm sure it was a great 'DO'! Some names there from my past also...
So - young Mr Alan - now that you've achieved your half century, may the next fifty be just as notorious and even more blessed!! Looking forward to meeting up with you on my next visit to old 'Blighty. Stay in touch!
Blessings
Bob

From: Leeds City Council
Date: Wed Sep 20 14:41:09 2006
URL: simon.dvali@ntlworld.com
Message: Alan

Just found this mate. Many apologies for missing your bash, hope you had a good one.

I have just been appointed Principal Engineer for Bradford Highways North Division. Daunting but looking forward to the challenge. Are you still at Leeds? How is everyone?

Anyway, hope your health is good my friend. Thank you for the invite and good luck for the future.

Kind regards

Simon D'Vali

From: Mum Gibson - Just for You, Son
Date: Thu Aug 10 15:58:37 2006
URL:
Message: Alan

I have bought you a plant for your 50th birthday so that when it blooms each year you will think of me!

Have a brilliant birthday!

Love
Mum xx

From: Nigel and Sue Holleran
Date: Thu Aug 10 15:20:35 2006
URL:
Message: Hi Alan,

Thanks for a great party, and also thanks to Bernice for putting on some superb food.

It was great to catch up with you and a lot of folks we haven't seen for years!

It's my 50th next year so you've got me thinking now!

Best regards,
Nigel

From: John Hebden
Date: Thu Aug 10 14:28:06 2006
URL:
Message: Hello Alan,

Michael & I really enjoyed the day and Sue & I love writing songs.

I've never experienced anything quite like your party before. You deserved good weather for the whole afternoon. It just felt as though the Big Al Stories were hitting their stride when the rains came. Shame that it wasn't possible for more people to hear Big Al Stories part 2. The whole thing was very well put together.

Hope you have / had a great holiday ...

John H

From: Slawko
Date: Thu Aug 10 11:27:00 2006

URL:

Message: U have a good hol as u deserve it after that fab party u gave.

Have fun

Slawko

From: Nobby Taylor - N Ireland

Date: Thu Aug 10 10:20:59 2006

URL:

Message: Happy Birthday Big Al and have a brilliant day.

Sorry I couldn't make the party cause I had to work but hope 2 c u when u come over again.

Nobby - the penalty king!

From: Sabby Khaira

Date: Thu Aug 10 08:54:46 2006

URL:

Message: Big Al,

Thanks for a brilliant party, myself and Kally thoroughly enjoyed it - it was a good laugh.

I hope my speech was oright for you? (You made me 1st up - I didn't believe it, stitched up or what!) I didn't mind really you know my high life on the world stages, not!

Thanks again,
Sabby

From: Sunil Bali

Date: Thu Aug 10 08:29:16 2006

URL:

Message: Hope you had a good time only got back last night from Ukraine ... I will save your present for when I see you!

All the best

Sunil

From: David Todd
Date: Thu Aug 10 07:55:54 2006
URL:
Message: Thanks for a brilliant w/e.

Have a great holiday.

Thanks again
DT

From: Dave Bushell
Date: Thu Aug 10 00:54:16 2006
URL:
Message: Happy Birthday!

I hope you're "fat n flourishing" (Psalm 92) for another 50 years.

DB

From: Adrian Greaves
Date: Thu Aug 10 00:35:42 2006
URL:
Message: Five reasons to be cheerful @ 50

1 cheaper car insurance..!
2 people will give their seat up for you on the bus!
3 fifteen years to retirement!
4 fifty candles means a hell of a cake!
5 still young!

Ad, Mel, Ruby & Ben

From: Lance Bernard
Date: Wed Aug 9 22:54:35 2006

URL:

Message: So sorry Alan that I couldn't make the party.

Have a good "FIVE - 0" birthday.

Best Wishes

Lance

From: George & Dorothy Ashcroft

Date: Wed Aug 9 22:34:19 2006

URL:

Message: Alan

Trust you are keeping well.

Now that you have reached the "Big 50" the next one is mere testing.

I still recall many of the "old times" at primary school, Sunday school, the "last century", the fields at Lower Coagh, the Ballinderry River as children!!

Remember the "Riley Elf" and its sudden stops!! Yes we have good memories of the "good old days" when we were young and reckless!! But the best is yet to be when we trust in our Wonderful Saviour. You are welcome to call in when in NI!

Regards to all
George & Dorothy

From: Jane Ray

Date: Wed Aug 9 15:57:23 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan,

It was a real privilege and a pleasure!

You'd prepared the day so beautifully and I was totally impressed by the way everything had been organised while still leaving room for the fun and the craic. The rain just gave us something

to talk about and a reason to get closer. I was honoured to meet your Mum and am so glad you mentioned Tim at the end.

I hope you and your wonderful family have a brilliant and RESTFUL holiday. Boy, you deserve it.

If you ever decide to make a go of party planning as a professional venture can I send you my CV?

With love
God bless
Jane Ray
BBC Worldwide

From: Joseph & Gloria Gibson - USA

Date: Wed Aug 9 13:28:50 2006

URL:

Message: I hope you had a very special and memorable day to look back on and say when I was a young man I had a very special birthday party with all of my friends.

Happy Birthday

Your cousin
Joseph & Gloria Gibson

From: Corder & Rudolph

Date: Wed Aug 9 10:25:53 2006

URL:

Message: Alan

Life begins @ 50 - so I say! From here on in enjoy every day.

Big big thanks for having us, we both really enjoyed the day and the crack was mighty.

Thanks for all you've done for me. Happy Birthday.

Have a great holiday.

Rod

From: Jinder Singh - Harehills Place FC

Date: Tue Aug 8 21:11:02 2006

URL:

Message: It was a pleasure and an honour to be at your party. I could tell by all the warmth, love and good naturedness of everyone that they also were pleased to be there.

All the best for your 'real' birthday and keep in touch.

I really enjoyed myself and it was a shame I had to go so soon. Have a good un.

Jinder

From: Mum Gibson, Anne & Geoffrey (surprise visitors)

Date: Tue Aug 8 20:03:45 2006

URL:

Message: Thanks for the great party, it was nice meeting up with all your Irish friends again after so many years. Hearing all those funny stories was very entertaining. The food was tasty and the craic was good!
Hope the surprise visit wasn't too much of a shock for you, mind you I never saw you stuck for words before whenever you opened the door and found us standing there. Sure, was a party to remember!!!

From: Steve Paxton

Date: Tue Aug 8 19:56:14 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Alan, we had a great day - we hope you did

too!

Enjoy!

Steve

From: David & Dorothy Stephens

Date: Tue Aug 8 18:50:12 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

David and I and so sad that we couldn't come to celebrate your 50th with you.

Love all those very handsome pictures of you!

Much love to you.

David & Dorothy xx

PS Love to Bernice

From: Ian & Sally Hampshire - Manchester United Supporters Club

Date: Tue Aug 8 18:10:44 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Alan

Thanks for your invite but I'm sorry we couldn't make your party. Hope you had a great time.

It sounds like you had a busy day.

Congratulations on your half century - hope to see you this season.

Cheers

Ian & Sally Hampshire

Manchester United Supporters Club

From: Kath & Chris Finn

Date: Tue Aug 8 17:49:38 2006

URL:

Message: Hope you had a good birthday, we really enjoyed it, even with the rain, Bradley & Ryan needed a hot bath when they got in. The food was fantastic it puts our BBQs to shame, and I must get the recipe for that Rum Punch! Thanks again for the invite.

Kath & Chris .

Ps That 1961 picture of you could be Samuel.

From: Fergus Pearson

Date: Tue Aug 8 08:51:48 2006

URL:

Message: Alan,

A big big thank you for a great party and evening and next day. We had a great time, and it was really nice to hear all the big Al stories. I was very glad to have been a part of your life - and still to be! And to see you mother and family was a nice treat as well.

Do make sure you say a big thankyou to Bernice for all her cooking and hosting and putting up with everything!

Well done, and thank you!

Gus

From: David Gibson - Big Al's Brother

Date: Fri Aug 4 19:23:27 2006

URL:

Message: On behalf of my wife Lynnette and daughters Nicole and Chloe I would like to thank you and Bernice for a wonderful six days spent at your house, leading up to and beyond your big 50 party.
It was great to meet so many of your friends and to hear all those big Al stories which I had never heard before.
A good time was had by all and we look forward

to meeting you and your family again in a few weeks' time in Donegal.
Thanks again for everything.

From: Ali Phelps, friend from Harehills Lane Baptist Church
Date: Tue Aug 1 15:05:58 2006
URL: ali_phelps@fish.co.uk
Message: Many thanks Alan, from Bill and me for including us in your amazing party - I loved hearing stories from your mum, and am very pleased to have discovered her name from this virtual party website. It was great meeting and eating, and the melodramatic weather will just make the event extra memorable! You and Bernice are ace at the old hospitality - do you remember you cooked Christmas dinner for 50 or so at church one Christmas Day - one of my most favourite Christmases because it was a whole community thing. Carry on being a great dad and multitalented Kingdom man (though I never did get the football thing) Lots of love Ali

From: Larry Norman
Date: Sat Jul 22 01:19:33 2006
URL:
Message: Hi Alan, It's Larry Norman. Happy Birthday, brother.

I've been glad to have known you for many decades now and I cannot imagine how you ever managed to actually grow up. You've always been full of enthusiasm and much younger in heart than you really are. So, if FIFTY is the halfway point, it will take you SEVENTY more years to finish the other half.

Thanks for all of your ideas and support. I'm sorry I can't be there to join the fun. God bless you greatly at this special time, brother. You're a wonderful friend.

Here's a song for you.

Happy Birthday you would look so cute
on your birthday, in your birthday . . .

That's as far as I've gotten.

From: Shabir Hussain: Al taught me "how to look busy" whilst working at Leeds City

Date: Wed Jul 19 20:01:11 2006

URL: ipml@hotmail.co.uk

Message: Alan, great to hear from you and all the best for 50. I am looking forward to coming to the party.
I recall our "meaningful input" at NALGO Union Equal Opps meetings and the very unavoidable time that we had to spend away from the work desk.

From: Kamal "one eye" Bora

Date: Wed Jul 19 19:38:10 2006

URL: ipml@hotmail.co.uk

Message: i am being surfing the computer internetwork and i am seeing the Big Al story and i am interesting in the come to the party and make up the numbers.
i have the special diet food needs and i will be requiring the sloping way or the lift to get in.
also please can you be send me the 50 pounds for the taxi fare from the Birmingham (USA) and a sae. i will be write back to thanking you very much as soon as i can get a lift home out of the Beirut.
i am look to see you very sooner than later.

From: Dave Bainbridge - worked with Alan on producing studio albums

Date: Wed Jul 19 09:12:00 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Alan,

happy 50 birthday!!!! hope you have a really great time.

Would love to be there, but unfortunately, I'll

be up in Darlington at my cousin's wedding.

Do pass on my greetings to anyone there who may remember me!

BTW Iona are playing in Leeds on 17th November in case you can make it along (and bring loads of people with you!). Ticket details on the Iona website Gig Guide (www.iona.uk.com).

All the best & hope to meet up with you again soon,

Dave

ps - coming soon..... www.davebainbridge.com

From: Steve Kilburn - football teammate

Date: Wed Jul 19 08:46:05 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Gibbo,

We won't be able to make the bash on Saturday but I really hope you have a great time mate and say high to the guys for me. As I spookily mentioned before when I said we might have adoption things going on I would definitely like to meet up with the old team again so if you're up for it I think things should have settled down around September/October time.

I'll be in touch, all the best!!

Steve (daddy) K'.

From: Richard Crowther - a LCC and football colleague

Date: Tue Jul 18 23:49:58 2006

URL:

Message: Just to wish you a happy 50th and many more to come.

Sorry i can't be there (playing golf with Ole Gunner). Seriously though, I am captain of a cricket team. We have a big match and with many on holiday, I cannot afford to miss the game.

I am sure others from the football scene will recall you looking like Michelin man in your goalkeeping gear, so, I will not say any more. But how many from Assett Management days can remember the awful pong that came from your vicinity the week we left a milk bottle on the radiator pipe behind your desk. You changed your deodorant as I recall.

Best Wishes Al
Rich

From: Ray Hill

Date: Tue Jul 18 22:24:35 2006

URL: circlemaster@hotmail.co.uk

Message: Well congratulations Alan on reaching 50 years of age. I never doubted your ability to make it even though you seemed to have spent the last 20 years looking for something to die of!

I remember when we worked for Main Drainage that every 3 years or so we all went off for a health check-up to pass us fit to go underground. You had been suffering from the dreaded ME for a couple of years and were looking a little grey around the gills. I was playing football, running, going to the gym and was a picture of health. When we came out of the doctor's room you had recorded the best lung capacity and exhalation strength of any of us and were declared exceptionally fit by the doctor!

Keep those big lungs working Alan, I'm sure there are a few more stories to tell us yet.

Best wishes
Ray Hill

From: Recardo Patrick - business friend

Date: Tue Jul 18 17:06:49 2006

URL:

Message: Alan my friend I cannot come as I am in Majorca doing a big event with Paris Hilton and the King of Spain sorry ... but have a good one.

<http://www.epcint.com>

From: Colin Jordan - Alan's Cousin

Date: Tue Jul 18 11:36:09 2006

URL: coljordan@aol.com

Message: Hi Alan,

It was really great to hear from you recently after all this time. The last time we met was in May 1998 when your father died and we haven't actually spoken since that time until this month – far too long! Where does the time go? As I explained to you on the phone I am unable to attend your party this coming Saturday but I promise you I will arrange to call with you the next time I am in your area. I hope you have a great day. I have been trying to remember some of the incidents, skirmishes and scrapes that us kids got into as we were growing up and I would like to recall some of these for the benefit of the readers:

.....like the time Alan was fishing in the Ballinderry River and miraculously hooked quite a substantial sized trout (well, a couple of pounds, maybe). He was unsure as to how he was going to land this “monster” (probably using brute force and a lot of luck) when Willie Jeffers, who was in the vicinity, offered to land this fish. Now, Willie Jeffers was a neighbour who we kids looked up to as some sort of icon as an angler due to his prowess with a fishing rod. We regarded Willie as a grown-up but he probably was only around 16 at the time and Alan and I were probably about 11 or 12. Alan, however, would have none of this as he suspected that Willie had an ulterior motive, that is, to steal his trophy trout. I do not remember if that fish ever got landed!!!

.....or the time that we found ourselves at a

Twelfth of July demonstration which on that particular “twelfth” was being held at Stewartstown, County Tyrone. The field where the participants availed of refreshments and listened to speeches was about a mile or so outside, near the Brigh Church. At that particular event, the Rev. Ian Paisley was a guest speaker and, as the organisers were clearing up at the end of the day, Alan said to me, “Let’s go up and touch his jacket” as if this was the dare of the year. So, with Alan duly leading the way, we waltzed off and, each in turn, we touched the hem of the big man’s jacket coat. We were probably around the same age as the previous incident. I don’t recall what transport we actually used to get there or how we travelled home again but we probably didn’t have permission from our parents to be there. I know I gave my parents a few headaches over the years. That incident more than likely was one of Alan’s first forays into the world of politics!!!

.....then there was the time that a group of us kids (Alan, Robin, David, maybe Keith but I don’t think so (sorry, Keith – too young!), John (Ashcroft) and myself) broke into one of the old Nissen Huts that were on Jim’s (Jim Gibson – Alan’s uncle and my neighbour at that time) land. We were convinced that we would be able to convert it into an indoor 5-a-side football arena. So we set about clearing this hut of all the rubbish that was within it. The hut was absolutely filthy inside and, if I remember correctly, had been used previously as a hen-house and you can imagine how unhygienic it would have been. I am also pretty sure that several large rodents were living there too. That, however, did not deter our merry band of adventurers and we were only stopped abruptly in our tracks when Jim found out about our escapade and gave us our marching orders.

.....or all the times that we used to swim in the river, usually at the location at the bottom of “Fred’s field”. Never mind how treacherous that the river could be at times!! I remember being so cold once that my lips turned dark blue but I just shrugged it off. Ahhh, us kids, we

were invincible!!!

Have a wonderful birthday and a great party and I will speak to you soon.

Colin

PS I will be watching the "Party Memoirs" space with interest.

From: Garth Hewitt: know Alan via concerts in Ireland

Date: Tue Jul 18 07:00:17 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan,

Thank you very much for your e-mail re: your 50th party. Congratulations! Fifty sounds really young to me! Sorry I can't be with you as I am away on holiday, but have a wonderful evening and do pass on my greetings to Corder & Rudolph.

Very best wishes,
Garth.

From: Dave - Bowlers Computer Show

Date: Sat Jul 15 21:34:02 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Al,

Have a great birthday, me & Shelley will be there. Even though the computer shows are not busy as they once were Alan is still always smiling and laughing.

Mind you the poker club he started for the traders might have something to do with it. Happy birthday Al, see you on Saturday.
Dave & Shelley

From: Barry Bynum - Liberation Suite guitarist

Date: Wed Jul 12 19:59:50 2006

URL:

Message: great to hear from you Alan

Happy 50th (you're just a kid!) it is a milestone but I passed it and I am still OK. I'm watching guys that are 60 still rockin on TV and some of them look almost as ugly as me!~ (ha)

May you be blessed and aware of the ongoing and boundless grace of God!

BB

From: Mandy Spencer - Unison Department Negotiator

Date: Mon Jul 10 09:48:39 2006

URL:

Message: Alan,

Sorry for not replying sooner but how wonderful to hear from you. I cannot believe it is SIX years since you left. The old Highways & Transportation is no more and we are now the Development Dept although some of the maintenance staff went to City Services.

I am now based at Middleton in Design Services as Feasibility was disbanded in May. I am still a trade union rep for my sins and we are still arguing over the big and the silly issues.

I'm afraid I will be unable to attend your party as it is my sister-in-laws 40th birthday on the Sunday and she is having a bit of a do on the Saturday. Sorry for such a short reply but it was great to hear from you and I am glad you seem to be enjoying life.

Have a wonderful birthday and garden party and all the best.

Mandy

From: Steve Cooper - former boss at Leeds CC; now enjoying life in New Zealand!

Date: Sun Jul 9 13:21:19 2006

URL:

Message: Thought you might like to cast your mind back to the times in the penthouse suite in the now demolished Sweet Street complex, with the music gently playing in the background, tomato plants blossoming on the veranda and cucumbers on the window sill. Then there were those offers that appeared in the local papers every now and then for Pizza hut, we'd all wonder off into town ready for a bit of a feast from the 'eat as much as you can' pizza bar. I recall most times you'd soon give up on the pizza crusts as they were too filling and had no topping, so the crusts went into your pocket. I can't remember the pizza slice record, but I do know you always got back to the office with loads of crusts to nibble on all afternoon when you started to feel hungry again!!!! hope you've allowed for your appetite in the party food calculations.

You have a great time, they say that now-a-days 50 is like the old 40, so long live the "life begins at 50" brigade. Say hi to the old team from the distant Leeds Main Drainage team member.

Keep in touch
Steve

From: Nigel & Sue Holleran

Date: Sun Jul 9 13:16:47 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Big Al,

Great to get your invite out of the blue.
The big five-oh huh? -

Been reading your guest book and we think we know who that person was in the Ken Garner story, and we think the venue was the Aagrah in Pudsey ...

Look forward to seeing you all again on the day, and think we should warn you that we've acquired

a couple of teenagers since we last saw you ...

Best Regards,
Nigel & Sue

From: George Gibson - Sunday School teacher in Coagh Baptist Church

Date: Sun Jul 9 08:54:48 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to your party on 22nd July (dv). Unfortunately, we will be away on holiday.

May I congratulate you on reaching the ripe old age of 50 in the near future. It seems a short time ago when you were coming to Sunday School and I look fondly back to those times we spent in God's House. As the years pass by don't forget to think back on the greatest message ever taught in those Sunday School days and cherish the message and love the Lord with all your heart.

Best Regards for the future.

George

From: John Boyd - I worked in Roads Service while Alan watched me

Date: Sat Jul 8 18:10:59 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Big Man (always were Gibby to me). Like most of your Norn Ireland friends I can't make the party but don't let that spoil it! Breezemount House has been cleaned up after you left it, look at it now (www.breezemount.co.uk) Car repair business has also dropped since you left these shores - did you ever find out who the young lady in the short dress was who caused you to look round and crash into the bridge in Swatragh?

Hope you have a good party, and if you ever across here drop into the Co Hall for a bit of a

gossip.
Regards
JB

From: Rob Dunsire

Date: Sat Jul 8 16:47:39 2006

URL:

Message: The first time I went to Gibby's house - I went to collect a record ordered through Buzz Magazine. I did not want a job packing and posting albums. I did not want to make a new Irish friend. I did not expect to meet one of the funniest guys this side of Belfast. He's hurt me so many times - not in a cruel way - he's just sooooo funny I laugh 'til it hurts my chest and I gasp for air. He introduced me to an unknown band called U2 and to the stunning album 'Zionic Bonds' by Andy McCarroll. I count myself very fortunate to be considered one of Alan's friends!

From: Aubrey Sims - Body Builder and Sewerman

Date: Fri Jul 7 16:58:08 2006

URL: silver.fox@hairtodaygonetomorrow.com

Message: Alan,

I can't decide on the best route to the party. I've had a look on the plans and the next manhole downstream is in No.13's garden, but that's looking a bit tight, now I've put on all this muscle. I don't think rodding or jetting is going to help.

So, could you just flush a few sandwiches down your toilet, around 4:00pm, and I'll catch them on their way.

.. just had a call from John Barrows, can you flush him a couple of cheese and pickle, and a tin of beer? Maaarnholes indeed.

Happy birthday.
TTFN

From: Les Thompson – Becks Inspector (Main Drainage)
Date: Fri Jul 7 15:36:23 2006
URL: mr.grumpy@stumped.com
Message: Alan Gibson .. Alan Gibson .. ?? .. No, sorry,
never heard of you!

How did you get my email address? Did that David Beckham give you it, or was it the brewery?

I can't waste any more time now, I got another crate of Becks to inspect. Webby and Sharon send their love!

From: Phil Lockwood
Date: Fri Jul 7 15:02:02 2006
URL: phil.lockwood@arseholes.com
Message: Hi Alan,

It's great to hear from you again. I think the last time I saw you was when I followed you into the toilets at Leeds City Council. What memories! .. and aromas.

I hope I can make it on Saturday .. it will be a good opportunity to see my old friend Keith Ferguson again, and follow him around all day .. just like the old days.

Must dash now Alan, I've got a few technicians to persecute .. the devil's work is never done.

Love and kisses, PL

From: Matthew McKeown
Date: Fri Jul 7 13:05:43 2006
URL:
Message: Thanks for the invite but I will be unable to

attend. Best wishes anyway. Matthew. 070706

From: Karl Walker - worked with Alan doing PA for his concerts

Date: Fri Jul 7 07:58:51 2006

URL:

Message: Still not sure due to the summer festivals that I'm recording- the Who and Red Hot Chillie Peppers next weekend - all on MTV - but still hoping.

Be in touch
Karl

From: Martyn Joseph - know Alan via Larry Norman work

Date: Thu Jul 6 09:12:58 2006

URL:

Message: will be on tour in USA/Canada mate but hope it goes great..happy 50th!!!!

best
martyn
www.martynjoseph.com

From: George Balfour - former pastor of HLBC

Date: Wed Jul 5 21:34:31 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

What a surprise to receive your invitation to your coming of age! The event sounds delightful and if we were nearer, we would have love to have been there. We do wish you well and God's blessing upon you.

Harehills remains very much in our hearts. You were part of that and we remember you with great affection.

Our love to you
George and Gill

From: Stuart Bell of Ground Level Network

Date: Tue Jul 4 10:34:45 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

Sorry that I am unable to attend the Big 50 gathering but I will be dreaming and dancing on holiday on the 22nd. All the best for the years ahead.

Stuart Bell

From: Pete "Memory" Banks from After The Fire

Date: Mon Jul 3 09:28:09 2006

URL:

Message: Morning Alan

Many thanks for your invitation, would love to have come as we have relatives in Leeds but will be on the Isle of Wight for a wedding that very day....

Regardless, wish you all the very best, sounds like it will be a splendid day!

Peter Banks

From: Norman Barratt - we know each other through music.

Date: Sun Jul 2 14:42:50 2006

URL: nb@davalmusic.co.uk

Message: Alan, as much as I enjoy partying at other people's expense, I'm afraid that due to recording commitments I will be unable to come to your birthday bash. As a man of advancing years myself however, I would counsel you to slow down somewhat during the festivities, especially when you are in the company of the enigmatic Mr Rodney Cordner – a man for whom we both have a great affection for.

I wish you a happy 50th birthday and a great time with all your friends.

Norman

From: Gerald Coates - know Alan via his work with Larry Norman

Date: Sat Jul 1 22:18:44 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to your party on Saturday 22nd. Alas I have one appointment on Friday 21st at Lambeth Palace (late) and another large public event in Surrey on 23rd. And then I am off to Nashville for a week, so I am going to need a day to sort myself out and that will be the day.

Have a wonderful time.

With appreciation
Gerald Coates

From: Melody Green and friends at Last Days Ministries

Date: Sat Jul 1 19:17:15 2006

URL:

Message: Dear Alan

Greetings from Melody Green and the staff at Last Days Ministries!

Received your kind invitation but Melody is unable to attend.

We do wish you a joyous birthday celebration.

Blessings
Melody and friends at Last Days Ministries

From: Eddie Raven - a fellow LCC employee

Date: Sat Jul 1 15:49:19 2006

URL:

Message: My Dear Gibson (et al)

It behoves us to recognise the special relation between us and to acknowledge receipt of your recent epistle signifying your elevation to the ranks of the elderly; much to our surprise!

We are jointly and severally pleased to receive your photograph album and to deign to honour you with our presence on Saturday the 22nd July.

All the staff are searching the cellars for the bottle of Guinness you brought back from the Emerald Isle.

Your ob. servant
Edwardus Reximus

From: John Moxen Project Evangelism - Alan worked with our Portrush outreaches during 1970s

Date: Fri Jun 30 21:06:39 2006

URL:

Message: Oh what memories! Oh that hair!

What a privilege it is to hear from you. I would love to be with you on 22 July but I am extremely busy with teams from the USA at that time.

I hope to catch up with you again some time. Please come and visit us the next time you are in Ireland.

Every blessing for your 50th Birthday.

John Moxen

From: Fabian Hamilton, MP for Leeds NE - Alan is one of our best Party Workers in the Labour Party

Date: Fri Jun 30 19:49:37 2006

URL: fabian@leedsne.co.uk

Message: Alan, you have always been so supportive and hard-working for the Labour Party. At a time when so many others seem to have lost faith and enthusiasm, you have not. It's not that you're uncritical or blind, just that as a wonderful person you realise that politics is not just about the headlines and the personalities, it's about a whole political philosophy. Whilst we are all imperfect human beings, our desire to improve the lives of others, whether in Chapel Allerton, the UK or in the poorest parts of the world is so strong that we will stick to our view about how best to achieve these ends. You are the embodiment of this philosophy – I've never heard you complain about Blair, the leadership or anyone else because you realise that our ideas and aims are much higher.

Thank you for all your loyalty and commitment over the fifteen years I have known you.

Best wishes
Fabian

From: Wolfgang Blaschke, Monaco - know Alan from business deals

Date: Fri Jun 30 16:31:32 2006

URL:

Message: Hello Alan

As you might have guessed - I am unable to attend your Birthday celebration on July 22nd.

I will however not forget to get in touch with you on a regular base, especially that I am now know your age (just slightly younger than me) - an age requiring more and more funds to keep the "bodyworks" running ...

Do enjoy that very special day !

all the best
Wolfgang

From: Brian McAllister - I know Alan from working with him in the Road Service design office in Coleraine in the mid 1970s

Date: Fri Jun 30 15:54:38 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Gibby, Joe here, those were the days. good to hear from you.

Did you ever leave the Bay City Rollers and go solo. I can still picture your BCR trousers, shirt and headband playing a scale rule. Its never been the same since. It appears that you haven't got any wiser in old age.

By the way you never finished measuring those cross sections. Joe Alcorn wants to speak to you when you come in.

sorry I can't make the bash

best wishes
Brian / Joe

From: David Stark - former Leeds City Council work colleague

Date: Fri Jun 30 00:01:17 2006

URL:

Message: Thank you so much for inviting me to your Birthday Celebrations.

Unfortunately I will not be able to come. However, I will always remember your happy smile and cheerful disposition and our office banter.

My very best wishes to you on your 50th birthday and I hope you have a very happy day with old friends and colleagues. I hope you are in good health and no doubt you are very busy with all sorts of things.

From: David McKeown

Date: Wed Jun 21 21:00:34 2006

URL: david@damckeown.wanadoo.co.uk

Message: Alan

Many thanks for the kind invitation to your 50th birthday party. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend, as I will be in Austria at that time, DV.

Hope you have a good party and congratulations on reaching the half century! I'm following close behind!

Kind regards
David (McKeown)

From: Sarai - Alans daughter

Date: Wed Jun 14 12:45:51 2006

URL:

Message: There are lots of stories about my dad, although the one that stands out is when he was walking home from school in Ireland and had the runs - where no toilets were near by!!! So let it dribble all down his leg leaving a trail all the way home!!! eughhhh, very funny! ps he was wearing shorts!

From: Ken Garner

Date: Mon Jun 12 20:09:38 2006

URL: ken.garner@tesco.net

Message: We were in a Indian Restaurant when someone asked Alan if they would like a taste of their main course curry, Alan misheard and thought they were offering him all of it, he went on to eat someone's full main course (as well as his own), they were too polite to tell him.

From: Peter Cavaciuti

Date: Fri Jun 9 18:08:47 2006

URL: petecava@orange.net

Message: Dear Alan,

Well you have hardly changed! Sorry to say I will

be in Mexico City until September, so I cannot make the Party. Have a great time, hopefully we will meet up again sometime.

regards,

Pete

From: Slawko and Clorinda Wowk - tradesman and friend

Date: Fri Jun 9 12:55:46 2006

URL: jtwowk@hotmail.co.uk

Message: Confirm we will both attend your 50th party. Slawko will help you with the rigging. By the way, Clorinda says you looked splendid in 1983 - very David Cassidy-like. PS can the DJ play a David Cassidy song (Could it be Forever?). If he's feeling generous, a Partridge Family song would be welcome too. Other similarities - 1985 Mark Wahlberg look-a-like and in 1974 - Dennis Waterman look-a-like. Were you a fan of the Sweeney by any chance. Hope you have a super birthday.

From: Gordon & Anne Turner - friends at Harehills Lane Baptist Church in years gone by

Date: Tue Jun 6 20:31:46 2006

URL: gjtabc@bigfoot.com

Message: Hi Alan! It would never have occurred to me that you've nearly reached the ripe old age of 50!! It sounds as if you are going to have a great celebration on 22 July, but sadly we shall not be able to be a part of it. We are already booked to attend a 70th Birthday Celebration elsewhere - what does that say about our age! But we're touched to think that you invited us, and hope that you have a wonderful time - with many more 'special 0' birthdays to follow!

With our love and greetings

Anne & Gordon Turner

From: Elaine Eruenah
Date: Tue Jun 6 19:15:14 2006
URL: eruenah@ntlworld.com

Message: Hi Alan
Happy 50th birthday, let's hope for another 50 (at least)!
I first met Alan when he was trying to settle his young son Samuel down in Sunday school. Samuel was about 18months old then and was not happy about mummy and daddy leaving him to go into the 'big' church. Alan usually stayed with Samuel playing with him or simply sitting by the side encouraging Samuel to play and get used to the environment. Alan did not know that later I would become a friend of the family (nor did I), but I was always impressed by Alan's calm patience that he showed towards Samuel. Samuel took a lot of settling (a few months) before he got used to staying on his own. I have watched various parents settle their very young children into Sunday school and I am still very impressed with Alan's approach.

All the best to you and your family

regards
Elaine Eruenah and family

From: Sue Smith Varoious Gigs
Date: Thu Jun 1 19:17:14 2006
URL: Sue1hpg@aol.com
Message: Happy Birthday, Alan. In the words of the man himself (no, not Van !)

May God's blessing keep you always
May your wishes all come true.....
.....And may you stay.....
Forever young!

From: James Tweed
Date: Thu Jun 1 17:52:00 2006
URL: jtweed97@yahoo.co.uk

Message: I've known the big man for what seems like most of my life - wait a minute, it IS most of my life!

Alan and I first met in a church basement in Coleraine on a Saturday morning back in September 1976. I had heard told from mutual friends about this long-hair who had just been to the Greenbelt Festival, when in through the doors bursts Alan, laughing and joking. That day he was like a burst of glorious technicolor in a black and white and grey world. Thirty years of friendship and laughter later, that's still how I think of him. So happy 50th birthday, big man!

PS And there's still one thing that I can't quite understand - Alan's accent. (And I'm sure I'm not the only one.) How this man can live in England for 28 years and sound like he's still a resident of Coagh amazes me ...

From: leon fadeev

Date: Wed May 31 14:26:50 2006

URL: leonidfadeev@yahoo.co.uk

Message: Yes and maybe i willz bring sum very expensive wine from my last trip 2 spain and if u let me tell a story at ur party i will secretly deal you some lovely cigars with a special price of £13.99 for 35!

From: Leon Fadeev

Date: Tue May 30 17:52:06 2006

URL: leonidfadeev@yahoo.co.uk

Message: Privet Alan, I like to come to party yes I will bring many Vodkas for you and your family, we will drink for Russia and Ireland too yes.

From: Manjinder Rayat

Date: Fri May 26 22:39:24 2006

URL: jindersingh67@ntlworld.com

Message: Another memory of Alan Gibson. When he used to get ready for a football match, he would transform from Dr. Banner into the Incredible Hulk (but without the green colouring) with the amount of padding he would put around his body. He must have been the original 'Michelin Man.' !!!!!

From: Manjinder Rayat

Date: Fri May 26 22:29:42 2006

URL: jindersingh67@ntlworld.com

Message: I remember a cup final at Armley Sports Centre a few years ago against the mighty Samsan Sports. Alan was in goal and for a big fella, he was wobbling more than your finest jelly before the match. Towards the end, I let a harmless shot go past me (it was travelling slower than snail's pace!!) and for some bizarre reason, Alan let it go past him!! He redeemed himself a few minutes later by making a super save from another Samsan attack. We went on to win the match 3-2 and I bet Alan was relieved!! I'll never forget his Bruce Grobbelar impression when he wobbled onto the pitch at the beginning!!

From: Steve Paxton - I know Alan from ALC

Date: Wed May 24 22:36:41 2006

URL:

Message: Alan, many thanks for the invite.

I can't believe you have as many friends as are listed on your website. You are only 50 right?

From: Kingsley Cooper - I know Alan through his music sales from the late 1970s

Date: Sat May 20 13:44:42 2006

URL: k.co@btopenworld.co.uk

Message: Have a terrific birthday bud.

How did I get to know Al? Well, before we met I thought he was a rotten double dealing wide-boy.

So, I tracked this certain Fagin-like-character down to his residence in Horsforth in Leeds. I was really going to give him a piece of my mind and make him understand that I would personally ensure that his days of trading in music were over, finito, kaput. On parting that day I realised he was not so much wide-boy, rather more a Del-boy, as, because of his charm, instead of succeeding in my intent to close down his fledgling business, within an hour of meeting him, I was actually helping him run it! Rats

From: Terry Fulton - Road Service N Ireland 1970s

Date: Tue May 16 19:38:23 2006

URL:

Message: Hi Gibby,

A distant echo of the past!

What do I remember about Alan Gibson? Well, he was a wild child! Into Christian rock music in a big way.

(Work - that was a mystery!) There are some stories still circulating among old men, regarding you kicking levels and having to redo the survey or trying to pass vehicles by crossing grass areas in a Riley Elf and becoming stuck! I'm sure none of these were actually true as they are systematic of a brain disorder! (It could pass on to later generations!)

Well, Gibby, have a happy birthday and all the best for the future.

From: Sam

Date: Mon May 15 21:33:08 2006

URL: sgardner03@yahoo.com

Message: Hi Alan,

Thanks for the invite to the party. Hope to be

there.

It doesn't seem like yesterday when you were telling me how proud you were to be playing competitive football at the slender age of 40. Thanks for introducing me to the Kirkstall 5-a-side league. I've got many fond memories of playing for Cafe Direct. One of the funniest was when you got a replacement goalkeeper (Ste Wheeler), because you were injured. You watched us lose 13-0 that night with a peach of an own goal from Mark Wheeler. I don't think I've ever seen you laugh so much. Its a shame you're not playing anymore.

Keep your tongue out!

Sam.

From: H.GIBSON (Alans Mum)

Date: Sat May 13 20:58:46 2006

URL:

Message: Alan,

I want to wish you a very happy 50th birthday. I hope you have a nice time meeting old and new friends at you forth coming party. You have been a good son to me, very caring and thoughtful and hope that you will enjoy many more years to come.

I cannot leave without adding a little story or two about you when you were at school. The first being when you refused to go to primary school, finally after a lot of convincing it came out that you didn't know the difference between 6 and 9 and that the teacher was giving you a hard time.

The other story that I recall is when you wanted to be moved from your primary school as the teacher wasn't giving you enough homework. Those who read this birthday message well might ask "is this the same Alan that we know?" yes believe it or not it is.

Lots of love mum.

From: BIG AL himself

Date: Fri May 12 10:30:50 2006

URL:

Message: Great to hear from you again Bob Mansfield and thanks for the message and story. You haven't changed! I just can't let that story of the telly go by without a reply - to keep my name clean of course! Your right, at that time I was able to buy at good trade prices tellies in lots of about 100 pieces from a contract I had with Dixons for their ex-display and manufacturers factory refurbished stock. And I can imagine you got a bargain from me as a good trade union colleague! In fact, it was similar contracts with a few "major brand name" telephone companies that enabled me to set up my retail business at Computer Shows many years later after I left LCC. I hope that gives you peace of mind now?

Now it's my turn for the question. Who was the joker/ex work colleague that put the "Privet Alan, it is me Leonid the Russian!" message on the guestbook page?? None of you have changed - you're all a good laugh!

All the best - Big Al.

From: Leon Fadeev

Date: Thu May 11 21:18:41 2006

URL: leonidfadeev@yahoo.co.uk

Message: Privet Alan, It is me Leonid the russian! I want to ask if you want buy some cigs, I have many kinds, marlbro light, marlbro red, benson and hedges I have all kinds. You tell me what want and we can do a deal I know you like deals!!! I sell for £25 for a carton of 200, Jen Dobri, bye

From: Bob Mansfield, work colleague and fellow t/u rep, oh and a customer.

Date: Thu May 11 20:00:16 2006

URL: BobM@riverbank24.freeserve.co.uk

Message: Congratulations on your 50th b/day Gibbo, It's been fantastic trawling through your website, it's a really nice reminder reading through the montage of friends, colleagues etc brought back some fond memories and one or two not so fond. I remember some of the craic we had at sweet street, particularly about football and who were the better team Man U or Leeds u, almost never ending. But what pleased me the most was when we got together as t/u reps with management and we would give them a verbal battering, still it didn't do me much good, I got shipped off to Yorkshire water as did a few others of our colleagues in Dec 1997. I vividly recall back in about 1993 ish I was desperate for a large screen telly but could not afford a new one, I got chatting to Gary Pick about it and without hesitation he advised me to have a word with Gibbo, which I did and a couple of days later you had the biggest telly I had ever seen in the back of your car covered with a blanket, cost about £20 I often wondered if it had dropped off the back of a lorry, but you assured me you had contacts in the trade, in fact it seemed to me at the time that you had contacts in every tade or maybe fingers in lots of pies. I certainly got my money out of that telly, but will you put me out of my misery and tell me where it really came from?.

At the moment I can't promise to be at your fabulous party cause the mum in law is really poorly and is in n out of hospital all the time, if we get the chance me and tina will pop down to Leeds especially as we love Irish music - FANTASTIC. All the best to you and your family
Bob & Tina

From: Steve and Jane

Date: Thu May 11 07:34:31 2006

URL: sdcoops@yahoo.co.uk

Message: Greetings from the Coopers. Hope all's well!
There has been a lot happening with us, won't go into detail yet and spoil the party atmosphere so, Yes we will be at your party (dv), so hope

to catch up then! Best wishes to all Gibsons
love Steve and Jane xxx

From: Mark Mitchell
Date: Thu May 11 07:45:02 2006
URL: mark.mitchell@yorkshirewater.co.uk
Message: Hi Al

Sorry I can't make your party due to holiday commitments but hope to see you at the main drainage xmas outing.

Thanks, Mark

From: Simon - Alan's Nephew
Date: Wed May 10 10:38:56 2006
URL:
Message: yoooo big man!! happy 50th birthday!! I think I am going 2 ur party, I have to ask dad like but I'm sure we r. shud be good fun. as long as there's a football there, it'll be good!! stories....emmmm... dont reli remember any stories that remind me of u!! sorry uncle I have just forgotten!! haha
p.s. chelsea 3 united 0 EASY EASY EASY

c ye soon

From: Keith Gibson (Wee Bro)
Date: Tue May 9 21:23:16 2006
URL: keith@gibsonic.co.uk
Message: First, may I also wish you a very happy 50th birthday. Boy, that does sound old, cos you never did look your age! A very well planned date, cos as I'll be over in Liverpool (spit) for the Open Championship, I can also be at your party (or should that be the other way round!!!).

Being your wee brother, I don't have a lot of memories of you. When I was at primary school, you weren't there; when I went to big school, you

weren't there either; when I went to university, you weren't there either; when I went home; yes, you've guessed it, you weren't there either. You just lived in a different planet to me.

Seriously though, I did see you at times and I'm sure I'll remember some more stories to put up here for your friends to share. One memory that does stand out somewhat is the football matches that we played in our own pitch beside the house at home. We used to play football from we got home from school until we could see the ball through darkness. Only now with 2 sons of my own do I realise the washing, drying and ironing that Mum must have had to do to keep us dressed for school every day. It must have been a nightmare for her.

Being the youngest boy in the family, I was always pushed into doing goals. Not that that was a bad thing, but one day as Alan attacked my goal, I came out to tackle him. As we both got closer, Alan slipped on a cow dung, went flying into the air, and landed on top of me. All I remember was yelling and doing a lap of the pitch while I continued to yell. Next morning I was carried into hospital and came out in plaster. Alan had just broken my leg.

As Davy has already said, he might have been the big lad when we were at home, but now he's 50 and we are young men, if I were you, I'd watch over your shoulder, auld fella.

Good luck for the big day, and make sure you keep me a prime parking space.

From: Meena Bedi
Date: Tue May 9 17:53:45 2006
URL: meenabedi@wanasoo.fr
Message: Hi Big Alan,

Love your website! It was good to see you at CHS reunion last September - I am now living in SW France.. please note my new email address: meenabedi@wanadoo.fr

Sounds like some party!! Don't know yet if I can make it but hope to soon. Love the pix!

Meena x

From: George Mc Michael

Date: Tue May 9 16:18:07 2006

URL: Georgemcmichael@aol.com

Message: Many thanks for the invitation, unfortunately I'm almost sure i will not be able to attend, but one never knows - nearer the time a window may open. Anyway, for now, I wish you all the best for your 50th and the rest. While I never got to know you as well as your brother David (one of the best fellas and most talented sportsmen I have had the pleasure to work with and count as a good friend) I'm sure you're blessed with the same attributes as he.

On the subject of reminiscences do you remember the day Philip Scott (the Divisional Roads Manager's son) got dressed up in the auburn curly wig, long brown duffle coat and spectacles. As he was being escorted around the 4th and 5th floors (causing mayhem on the way) someone phoned security and compounded the hilarity as they tried to find him to chuck him out. Of course, by the time they got to the 5th floor Scotty had discarded the "garb". The fallout being that Mae Workman (Premises Manager) had a whole inquisition to which there was no results. One of the comments which I remember was passed by yourself as Scotty walked past - "hi boys c'mere to you see the shape of this boy".

You may recall you had very long hair at the time and you had a handful of it at the top of your head tied in an elastic band. On a serious note I wish you all the very best for the future and may God bless you with his grace and favour and may you continue to give Him His rightful place in your life.

In closing I would say that even though we were never in the same section you were a joy to meet at all times.

I don't ever remember seeing you lose your temper and I have recollections of situations where I couldn't understand how you managed not to.

All the best George

From: John Turner - know Alan from work.
Date: Tue May 9 16:14:14 2006
URL: john.turner@environment-agency.gov.uk
Message: Happy Birthday Al. 50's an awkward age - now I'm past it (the age of 50 you understand! - not anything else) I can always say at Birthdays that I'm nearer to 50 than to 40, which is true isn't it? But you can't say that when you're just 50. Who's the woman in the 1977 photo? Didn't know you were into drag! Cheers, John

From: nicole (neice)
Date: Mon May 8 19:09:25 2006
URL: nicole-gibson@hotmail.com
Message: uncle alan what can i say?? u r the best uncle any1 can ever ask 4 an im so luckly 2 have u!! remember when i waz little u had ma book an i waz cryin 4 u 2 give it back an minutes later i waz on your knee readin it wif u an it waz realli nice 2 c i finally got round 2 u!! love ya 2 bits nicole xxxx

From: David Gibson Younger Brother
Date: Mon May 8 18:59:58 2006
URL: davy.gibson@virgin.net
Message: Big Al, first of all Congratulations on your big 50 birthday. We thank you for your invite and we hope to be at your party on your big day.

To our family you are just Knockout!

Speaking of knockouts Big Al, do you remember when I was just a little weak 8 years old child and you were a big strong teenager. Remember the boxing gloves we bought and you tried them out

on me, thumping me all round the boxing ring trying to knock me out. Thank goodness our mum saved the day.

Well big Al, the tide has now turned because you are now an old, weak, 50-year-old man and I am a young fit man with rippling muscles..... You never know when I turn up, I might just bring the boxing gloves with me.

From: My uncle Alan

Date: Wed May 3 08:10:57 2006

URL:

Message: when I was little, I learnt how to ride a bike and I also learnt how to swim. he is the best uncle ever. it is like a second home because we visit him every year. from Chloe

From: rebecca kirkpatrick!

Date: Fri Apr 28 23:04:54 2006

URL: [ammm?? i dnt knw!](#)

Message: hey! wel i fot i wuld check dis out cos i only knew it was ere lik now!! wel id lik 2 say happy birthday an hop u hav a great tim!! ohh im lovn findn ou al des fins u got up 2!! sooo it makes me sound sooo good!! xxxx

From: anne kirkpatrick (sister)

Date: Fri Apr 28 14:36:23 2006

URL: kirkpatricka@onetel.net

Message: Alan, my brother had no flies on him as they say over here in N-Ireland (meaning he was crafty)
When he lived in N-Ireland, he worked in Coleraine and sometimes came home at weekends, thats if he wasn't courting!
Me being the youngest, loved my big brother and looked forward to seeing him those weekends he came home. Alan was always a good-natured fellow and I can safely say that we have never had a disagreement or a row in the years that we have

known each other. However, he knew how to pull my strings, as I had always an omelette cooked for him on those Friday nights when he came home and I must say myself, it was pretty good saying that I was only about 9 yrs old. He used to tell me that it was the best omelette he'd ever tasted, trying to butter me up, so that I would do the same for him the next time he'd come home. But there was no flies on me either as I knew what he was at!!

My son Andrew is a dab old hand at making omelettes now, so Alan you can butter him up in time for our family holiday in Donegal. Hope we all have a great time!!!

From: anne kirkpatrick (sister)

Date: Fri Apr 28 13:58:27 2006

URL: kirkpatricka@onetel.net

Message: Happy Birthday!

half a century - boy doesn't that make you seem old!

.....but you know Alan, you're only as old as you feel! I can hear you answering that one!