
Subject: Re: David Stern Leaves RSI

Posted by [Jeff Payne](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2001 09:48:49 GMT

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William Thompson wrote:

>
> All of us IDL old-timers will miss him,
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I'll echo that a thousand times Bill.

I recall his visits to RAL in the UK, to install IDL, or to add new image display drivers and then afterwards enjoying a few beers with him, down at the Anchor Inn in Abingdon.

I still have a copy of David's SOL manual, dated October 1 1975, sitting

on the desk. SOL you will recall ran on a PDP 11 under RSX11/M and was the precursor to IDL, using those still familiar commands like READI, PLOT,

OPLOT, FFT, to analyse the data from the OSO range of spacecraft.

Thanks for IDL, David
Jeff Payne.
