

Introduction to Terry Barclay's Interactive Talk Friday, 17th October 2025
Good afternoon! Housekeeping / Fire exits

We are the Hadleigh & Thundersley Community Archive which a group of volunteers set up 14 years ago (2010 - 2011.)

Your and our community archive is digital; it is on a web-site; AND FREE for you TO USE! Search Hadleigh History or use www.hadleighhistory.org.uk

Thanks for coming to see some of the Echo's archive of images relating to the Hadleigh of FIFTY YEARS ago.

As many of you seem to be under 30 years old; I will explain that Echo photographers used film stored as negatives, 35 millimetres (or 1.4 inch) or 55 millimetres (2.2 inch.)

Today, you will be pleased to hear, we will only see the scans of negatives; scans which have been converted into normal pictures.

Our first view of the Echo archive room in Basildon was in a trip organised by Andrew Hurrell in June 2011. Stored in boxes & cabinets, the full collection was about 300 cubic feet or roughly 10 cubic metres. Rayleigh Town Museum removed some for their use.

We estimated two to three million negatives were stored in Basildon, they ranged over the whole area where the Echo was sold; selection is the key.

We are very grateful that Castle Point Council offices currently host the Echo film archive physically.

We are also delighted that they made £5K of SPF funds available so we could acquire scanning and related devices during 2024 and earlier this year.

Your speaker today, Terry Barclay, has led the effort to scan locally relevant pictures.

SPF- did I hear you ask? is Shared Prosperity Funding coming via CPBC from the Government and previously known as levelling up.

Part of the project depends on you; we welcome feedback, and will attempt to capture any information about the images that you can contribute. Please tell us if you recognise anyone in a picture.

Holding this meeting is part of the project, part of the archive's rationale and also our thank you to the community for supporting us. Support for our archive is measured in book sales and this is the ideal time of the year to buy local history seasonal gifts!

In various ways, many of us have contributed to the project, and we may chip in from time to time. Without more ado, let me hand over to Terry Barclay.