

Slide photos

Two boxes of 55 slides are mixed up chronologically. Some are colour and some black and white. They cover the following subjects at Great Dunmow (no particular order):

- Easton Lodge in 1944/5 and in 1980s/90s
- The airfield and activities in 1944/5
- Aircrew in 1944/5
- Airborne operations
- Reunions 1980s/90s
- Dedication of Memorial Walk in 1997

They have been hand numbered (1-57, 46 and 52 being missing) and labelled on the reverse. Most labels are partially or wholly illegible at the top left hand corner, probably from handling with wet fingers, but separate hand written and typed lists are available in another file, and identify Noel Chaffey as the photographer. Several of the slides are reproduced in *Stirlings in Action with the Airborne Forces* (Dennis Williams, 2008). There is considerably more information in the captions to these than in the lists.

The originals of some of the other pictures in the book, which might also be by Noel Chaffey, are not in the two boxes, and the lists do not include them. They may thus have been provided separately to Dennis Williams, but possibly they were returned by him with the boxed slides and became separated from them. If so, they could have been the photos given by George Weston of The Stag inn to an interested party around 2014. In the book the photo credits are given as '190 and 620 Squadrons Archive'. No such archive is known, and it may just have been a convenient reference to the material held at one time by Noel Chaffey.

Correct viewing of the slides is from the grey side of the mount, not the labelled (white) side. They have been scanned to file to preserve the order in which they are numbered. Each file contains four slides, the numbering running from top to bottom. Each slide has been scanned in both grayscale and colour:

- Grayscale 1200dpi 16 bit
- Colour 1200dpi 48 bit