



**Press Release**

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**Godalming Man Assists The National Archives in Resurrection of BBC Domesday**

Local Man, Andy Finney of Godalming-based consultancy ATSF has been involved with The National Archives in its quest to make the 1986 BBC Domesday project available to the public. Finney supervised the resurrection of the Domesday video images and was also a founder-member and producer on the original project in the mid-1980s. A new DVD version of BBC Domesday has recently been made available for visitors to view free in the library at The National Archives.

“Domesday Community”, as it is provisionally known, offers a rich multimedia survey of life in the 1980s and has a number of additional features that were not available on the original system

Andy Finney said “The BBC Domesday Project was a ground-breaking piece of interactive media in its day and there has been nothing to touch it since. I hope that the initiative by The National Archives will be just the first step in bringing this wonderful resource out into the light once more”

“Domesday Community” was developed by Adrian Pearce, of LongLife Data Ltd, in collaboration with The National Archives, ATSF and the BBC. At present the DVD is only available at TNA, Kew, although there are plans to release it as a commercial product.

Further information can be found on The National Archives website at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/preservation/research/domesday.htm/>

*Notes for Editors:*

- The National Archives was created on the 2 April 2003 when the Public Record Office, the national archive of England, Wales and the United Kingdom and the Historic Manuscripts Commission came together to form one organisation. The National Archives are open to the public to carry out research 6 days a week. They hold over 1000 years of documents including sources for family history research.
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