

The Suffolk Local History Society is an umbrella group for all the local history societies in the county.

We are seeking your help to find a responsible person in the parish of Peasenhall to collect and record today's history and take on the role of Village Recorder. It is not an onerous job with back-up and advice supplied, if required.

Basically we ask for the collection of any parish magazine, leaflets of what's on, list the organisations in the village, cut out relevant newspaper cuttings and note any changes such as closure/opening of shops, new buildings etc. Last year, for instance, the Jubilee celebrations featured heavily.

We ask only two things, that the Recorders are on-line to aid communication and that they submit a short report each year. This can just be one side of A4 summarising the activities in the village, and should be sent to us electronically (contact via the SLHC website) or via snail mail. The reports are then deposited in the Suffolk Record Office. Over a period of time the reports make extremely interesting reading enabling a researcher to see the changes to a village. Anything collected such as parish magazines, leaflets, scrap books should also be deposited into the SRO but we ask the Recorder to do that.

I should emphasise that being a Village Recorder does not involve research in the history of the parish or doing other people's family history, it is merely to collect and record the history of the parish today, for tomorrow.

A Starter's Pack is available on the SLHC website - www.slhc.org.uk, click on 'Recorders' and then click 'Recorder's Pack' within the text on the left hand side to read exactly what is involved. No two parishes are the same and therefore the amount of work varies.

In return the Recorder would receive the SLHC Newsletter free of charge. They do not need to join our organisation but we would encourage them to do so and become a full member. We do, however, organise an annual conference for the Village Recorders that gives the opportunity to meet other recorders and hear relevant lectures.