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JOHN BLATCHLY

For over 40 years, Suffolk history and the Suffolk Record Office had a powerful champion in Dr John Blatchly (1932-2015).

From his appointment at Ipswich School in 1972, his interest in historical studies blossomed, focusing first on the topographers of Suffolk, who unlocked for him countless



doors to further subjects. He went on to publish widely on heraldry, ecclesiology and bibliography.

As Chairman of the Suffolk Records Society, he saw over 30 books through the press. He was President of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History for 26 years. A founder member of the Friends of the Suffolk Record Office he spearheaded the campaign to acquire the nationally important Iveagh collection of Suffolk manuscripts.

He helped the Friends acquire many archives for the Record Office which might otherwise have been lost to Suffolk. Over the years he supported and encouraged Record Office staff and Friends in many ways, always giving generously of his time, immense knowledge and intellect.

Befitting his keen interest in Cardinal Wolsey and his College in Ipswich John was elected honorary Wolsey Professor at the University of Suffolk in 2014.



Suffolk:
**A great history
with a great
future**

**Help us fulfil
the vision**

For 43 years the Suffolk Record Office has been carefully building a collection of books and archives reflecting 900 years of our county's history. Today it is the memory-house of that proud past, used by people of all ages to explore their roots, remember their past, and plan their future.

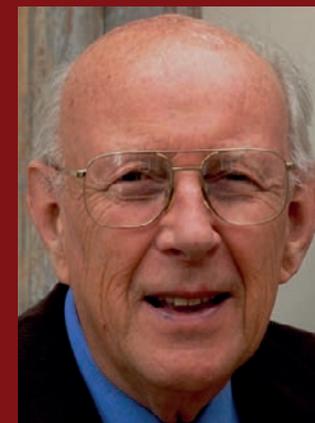


Now it is entering a new era. Its heritage of over nine miles of archives is relocating into a new building, *The Hold*, an exciting new heritage venue which will allow many more users, particularly children and young people, to access the archives. *The Hold* will be a purpose-built storage and educational facility within Ipswich's transformed Waterfront. We need funds to complete this transformation and keep Suffolk's past safe and of service to the county.

To play their part, the Friends of the Suffolk Record Office have stepped in to help create one key aspect of the vision – a library of Suffolk books, bringing together the printed history of the county in all its aspects, published across many centuries; a library open to all and housed within a comfortable and inviting space, welcoming learners of all ages navigating Suffolk's rich history

With your help, we intend to create this major asset for all who live in, love and support the county. We see it also as a tribute to Suffolk's long gallery of historians and in particular to one who contributed so much to our understanding of the county's past: the late Dr John Blatchly.

'The John Blatchly Local Studies Library' will have, at its heart, space for the special collections he left to Suffolk on his death, including his stunning collections on book plates and monumental brasses.



PLEASE help us to realise our vision of a Suffolk book collection housed in a library worthy of Suffolk's past historians and fit for all who love Suffolk and its past, today and in the future.

Our target is £100,000 to build and fit out The John Blatchly Local Studies Library

Your donation to the Suffolk Archives Foundation – with whom we have partnered for this campaign - will help make this vision a reality

To donate, please fill in the form overleaf, tear off this donation slip and post your donation (or deliver in person) to:

**The Suffolk Archives Foundation
c/o Suffolk Record Office
Gatacre Road
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IP1 2LQ**

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