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**Victoria County History celebrates 75 years at
Institute of Historical Research**

In 2008 the Victoria County History celebrates 75 years based at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London.

To mark the occasion the VCH is running a special series of seminars at the IHR. Looking at the study of local history from 1933 to present day, the seminars will take place from January to March.

An evening reception in February will also mark the launch of a celebratory title 'The Little Big Red Book'. Beautifully illustrated with images from the VCH volumes, the book includes publication updates, an article by VCH Director Professor John Beckett and a light-hearted delve into the VCH archives. The book will be available to buy from the Boydell & Brewer Ltd website www.boydell.co.uk

An exhibition of specially commissioned photographs will be on display on the VCH website from February.

For further information visit www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk

About the VCH

Established in 1899 and originally dedicated to Queen Victoria, the VCH is an encyclopaedic record of England's places and people from earliest times to the present day. It is without doubt the greatest publishing project in English local history, having built an international reputation for scholarly standards.

Based at the Institute of Historical Research in the University of London since 1933, the VCH is written by historians working in counties across England.