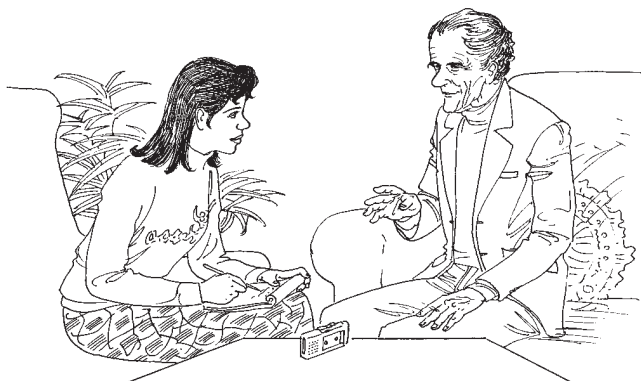


Local history group



Retelling our stories or experiences makes us a part of our family and community groups. Maggy loves hearing these stories. Maggy belongs to a local history group that collects people's stories to add to the history of a community.

Understanding history is like doing a jigsaw puzzle: each story is a 'piece' of the whole picture. By talking to older people and sharing their photographs and special objects from the past, Maggy's group sort the 'pieces' of history and see how the local community has developed and changed over time.

Older people in the community meet several times a year on 'memory afternoons' to share and record their stories. People have lots of fun, talking, eating and making new friends.

After the sharing time, they all visit special places in the community. These walks also uncover exciting parts of local history. For instance, they visit the houses which belonged to special people of the past.

People who take part in the memory afternoons are happy to be an important part of their community and like to be a part of local history.

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