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# Fallen Ladies Grace Tuddenham

This Tattler is full of information about various groups that have met up recently. The proposed extension to the Village Hall is big news as the village will have to raise so much money but will get a much improved hall. There is to be a special launch day for the **fund raising on Saturday, 10th July** when all residents are invited to see the plans and celebrate the start of this ambitious project. Do come along and offer your support.

You are warmly invited to take part in this year's **Safari Supper on 26th June.** It is a lovely way to get to know fellow village residents. Oh, and it will raise money for the Village Hall Extension Fund too!

The <u>Church Fete on 12th June</u> will be at Poplar Farm and any offers of help will be greeted with enthusiasm. Fun and frolics are quaranteed!

John Violet Banks and were welcomed back to Tuddenham Chapel for two visits recently. Best wishes to you both. Our front cover photo was taken at the Chapel Victorian Evening. Terry and Beryl Green hosted and the spirit of the evening was wonderful. Neither are fallen ladies! Do you have any photos of Tuddenham events that would grace future issues? Contact our photo editor on photos@tuddenhamtattler.com rina 785588!

Oh and did I mention Broadband?! It is coming to a computer near you on 26th May so the village will soon be buzzing!



Tuddenham Chapel celebrates the Victorian Era under the guidance of Farmer Terence Green.

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#### **TUDDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

#### Chairman's Annual Report May 2004

Another twelve months have passed and here I am again reporting on the activities of your council over the year.

One of the more important issues put forward by your Council during the year was whether the Parish should get involved in the production of a Parish Plan. A public meeting was called in early autumn, at which Annette Gray from Suffolk ACRE, gave us a very helpful insight into what was involved, and then led us through an interesting exercise to identify those areas which could be pursued through the development of a Parish Plan. To successfully produce a plan would involve a considerable amount of work by a group of villagers independent of the Parish Council, and although the general feeling of the meeting was that it was a good idea, sadly the necessary volunteers were not forthcoming. I would like to think that something could come of this at some time in the future. In the meantime the Council will be looking at the results from the meeting to see if there are any areas that we should pursue.

With regard to planning matters, there has been little activity relating to the Ipswich Northern Fringe proposed development, but we maintain a watching brief in this direction. We continue to scrutinise any planning applications received relating to the Parish. The question of a piped gas supply for the village was raised during the year, and thanks to Stuart Hurrell a survey was carried out. Unfortunately the cost to provide a supply was a major deterrent, being £2,500 per household plus individual conversion costs, and as a result the respondents were not prepared to proceed.

Highways issues tend to crop up at virtually every meeting and we continue to badger the relevant County Council department on a regular basis in an attempt to improve or at least maintain our local road network.

For the fifth year running we have been able to hold our precept at £3,500 while maintaining our support for the PCC churchyard grass cutting, and an increase in support for the Village Hall. Proposals to extend the Village Hall are currently being promoted and the Parish Council will be setting aside additional funds for this project.

We continue to receive regular reports from our Police Liaison Officer, County and District Councillors which are much appreciated.

Before concluding, sadly I have to report the death recently of Nancy Pitcher, a member of this council for over thirty years. Nancy was a fountain of knowledge on local issues and we will miss her cheerful presence.

Our Clerk, Arthur Jackson who has been looking after our interests so ably for the last three years, has sadly indicated that he wishes to relinquish the position this September and as a result we are currently looking for a suitable replacement.

And finally, may I thank my fellow Councillors for their efforts and support over the past year, and of course Arthur who has discharged his duties most efficiently and kept us on the straight and narrow.

\*\*Bill Pipe\*\*

Editor.

I was interested in the piece in the Tattler about sightings of Egrets in the Fynn valley. These are fine birds indeed and are a welcome and colourful addition to the bird life in and around Tuddenham.

The birds seen in the valley are Little Egrets (Egretta garzetta) and not Snowy Egrets. The Snowy Egret is a bird of the new world and can be readily seen in America so watch out for it on those trips to Disney World! The Little Egret is very similar and is now widespread in Britain having first bred here in Dorset in 1996. Numbers have been steadily building up in southern England since the seventies and eighties and it can now be regularly seen along Suffolk's coasts and estuaries. Maybe this is a sign of climate change with milder winters encouraging the Egrets to extend their range. It first bred in Suffolk in 2002 and birds can usually be found in Martlesham Creek where our River Fynn runs into the Deben.

For anyone who wants to see more of these birds, try Loompit Lake at Trimley where there is a large roost, particularly from late summer onwards. This can be reached by parking at Levington Marina and walking east towards Felixstowe.

> Regards Philip Harvey

# 'tgirl©tuddenhamtattler.com or kttsm2@hotmail.com IT Girl's Utterances...

this site is full of gerkins, games, puzzles and bad humour! A good way to 1. www.themostannoyingsiteintheworld.co.uk/games.asp waste half an hour...



to Sonny Whitman who is poorly.

Dear Editor,

We would be grateful if you would kindly announce in the next edition of the 'Tattler' the birth of our baby daughter Laura. She was born on 26 April weighing in at 8 lbs 12 oz.

Luke is delighted to have a baby sister to play with and we are equally delighted that she has arrived safely and is settling down well into family life.

Many thanks to everyone in the village for their kind wishes.

Jo and Sean Tickle.

*Ed:* Sorry no time to get that picture—will try for the next issue.....



A website with every kind of joke possible listed on it, there is not

2. http://www.jokeswarehouse.com/

one subject left untouched. The ultimate resource!

a collection of the random and the hilarious, various sites on the web brought ogether originally designed to entertain bored people at work! 3. http://www.boredatwork.com/

### Parish Council Annual Meeting

This meeting was attended by both the District and County Councillor but sadly no village residents.

Bill Pipe was re elected as Chair, with Jo Kelm as Responsible Financial Officer and John Lambert was coopted as a Parish Councillor.

The accounts were reported as healthy with a rise in the balance despite there being no rise in the precept for some years. Steve Hudson reported on the County Council's year along with their move to Endeavour House. There is to be a 40 mph limit from Tuddenham to Bealings, hopefully reducing both speeds as well as the amount of cars using this route rather than the A1214. Sadly the Park and Ride in Martlesham has not helped to reduce traffic significantly as yet.

John Leggatt reported that the new Local Plan for the District Council is still available for residents to comment upon. Low cost housing was

#### **MOBILE POLICE STATION**

At 7.45 p.m. on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> The Fountain pub had a hedge set alight along its Fynn Lane boundary. This was right next to a calor gas tank of the bungalow next door! Two youths were seen who were responsible for setting light to the hedge. They are described as a male of mixed race, 12/13 years, wearing a blue sweatshirt, and a white male aged about 15 years wearing light beige trousers. **DO YOU KNOW THEM?** We certainly would like to identify them. There was a dog walker, who must also have seen the two youths, was this you? I need to speak with you so please contact me on the number below as you could have some vital evidence to assist in tracking these offenders down.

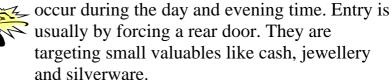
There had been quite a lot of activity in the village over the previous week by youths causing problems in and around the area of the Waterworks and Rosemary Bridge. The use of mopeds on the footpaths caused some concern for safety.

If you have any idea who they were please call me on the numbers below.

01473 613500 Police Headquarters

01473 613555 for voicemail. Dial at the voice prompts #2 then 9830 to leave a message

There have been a spate of house burglaries recently which



P.C. Bob Nice

a primary consideration.

The playground lease comes to an end in 2005 and Bill suggested we look into what plans the District Council have for the land. Is it to continue in present use or might it be used for housing? The Parish Council have donated £2000 to the Village Hall Extension Fund and will monitor progress on the attempt to raise the rest of the funds required.

Planning issues include acceptance of the extension for The Willows, as well as a draft of the Village Hall extension, the proposed new bungalow next to Joan Smy's house in Keightley Way, and the

revised use of the Bransons Site in Playford for residential flats, and 1 and 2 bed houses.

The next meeting is on 7th September.



#### **VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION**

The Village Hall Committee met to discuss the proposed extension and how to raise the necessary funds. It was decided that at least £15,000 would be needed along with various grants that the Committee would have to apply for.

It is intended that the Committee contact all the various village groups to seek their ideas on how the hall could be improved as well as seeking their financial support. Estimates are being assessed by several builders at present.

At the meeting David Lugo started off the collection by giving

£200 raised by his aluminium can collection along with other recycling projects such as car batteries.

There will be an official launch to the fund raising on 10th July at the Village Hall when the plans will be available for residents to examine and the Committee will discuss their plans. There will be various stalls and activities appealing to all ages. Cakes, Tombola, games, are just some of the ideas. Do contact Gill Cruickshank on 785415 for details or if you would like to be involved.

And come along with plenty of money!

This group of Victorian Tuddenham Residents were photographed in April, 2004!

A "Bangers and Mash" evening at Tuddenham Chapel was transformed into a special event by adding the Victorian theme. The food was good and plenteous but the entertainment was something else. Victorian melodrama,

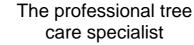


enthusiastic singing, readings and a local "bumpkin" telling us all about the Tuddenham of those days. A German Professor showed us the wonders of science and two "ladies" talked of their downfall. A chronological list of time-changing events from those years reminded us how much change the Victorian era brought to the world as well as Tuddenham. Our thanks to Beryl and Terry Green for organising the evening and to the Sally Army couple at the front of the photo for inspiring the fellowship. No wonder there's a smile on everyone's face!

#### **TUDDENHAM CHURCH FETE**

Poplar Farm Sat. 12th June, 2.00 pm

Any offers of help or contributions most welcome. 🛭 Gill Cruickshank 785415.



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#### A walk round Woodbridge and Melton

#### **Synopsis**

#### Start/End: Woodbridge Station

This is well served by Anglia Railways, making the walk available to all. It is a very pleasant journey between Ipswich or Westerfield and Woodbridge. The return train starts at Lowestoft and passes through Melton

The railway station is at the side of the B1438 which passes right through Woodbridge and Melton. There are several parking places in Woodbridge. A convenient car park is mentioned in the detail below.

#### Terrain: easy

The walk is mostly flat with just a few gentle hills. There are no stiles.

This walk can be done in trainers or similar footwear. Boots or stout shoes will be required only if there has been recent significant rain.

The Wilford Bridge public house at Melton is almost half way and provides sandwiches and meals at lunch time. The last half mile of the walk is through Woodbridge town where there are many cafes, pubs, tea-rooms and toilets.

#### Distance: 4.5 miles.

One way of making the walk less than half the distance is to follow the walk to Melton and then catch the train or bus from Melton Station back to Woodbridge.

#### **Points of Interest:**

This walk is intended to be fun. Although some history has been included for interest, there are walks available specifically covering the history of the area from the Tourist Information Centre at Woodbridge station.

- Varied riverside scenery
- Light industry and residential suburban scenery.
- Attractive, historic Suffolk town.

Archeological evidence suggests that Woodbridge has been

the site of habitation as far back as the Neolithic times (2500-1700BC). There seems to be two opinions regarding the derivation of the name. Firstly, that the name comes from the Saxon 'Woden Brigg' which means Woden's town, and secondly from a wooden bridge over Steyning Brook that linked an ancient settlement at Kyson Point with one in the area of the present Woodbridge.

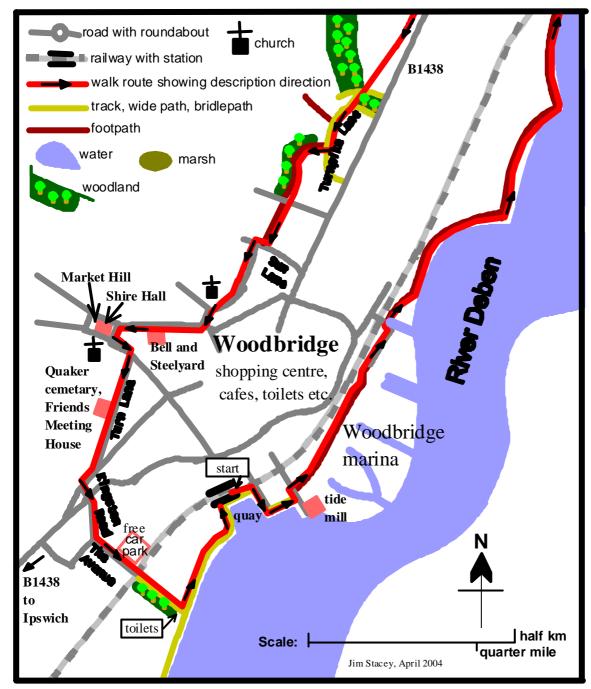


#### **Detail**

#### From the station to Wilford Bridge

Refer to the Woodbridge map. (Please note that the colour version of the maps, which are much easier to understand, can be downloaded from www.tuddenhamtattler.com)

If you arrive at the station from the Ipswich direction, it will be necessary to cross the footbridge and then double back under the footbridge to leave the platform. Go down the ramp to the level crossing, turn right and go straight forward onto the quay. At the end turn left, keeping close to the waters edge, to arrive at a road that goes down to the Tide Mill. This is the majestic white towering building standing on its own on the river side.

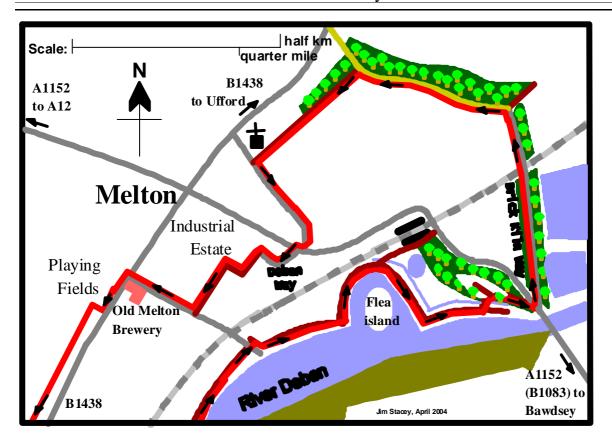


The Tide Mill utilises water draining from a pool upstream to drive a water wheel as the tide ebbs The incoming tide then fills the pool to continue the process. There is evidence that there was a mill on this site in 1436 when the Lord of the Manor granted the "Key and Pool" to the Prior of Woodbridge. However the present mill is thought to have been built in 1793. It is possible to visit the mill between 11.00 - 17.00 at weekends

and bank holidays in April and October and for the same times every day from May to September (according to the notice in the window on 17th April 2004). The wheel turns for two hours each time. Unless you wish to visit the mill, turn left through some iron flood gates and then immediately turn right to go along a narrow path between the buildings. The route soon follows a gravel path which goes along the dyke by the marina. Stay on this path as it bears left off the dyke to go alongside the railway. It then becomes a road that passes some old cottages and a boatyard. The road turns left to go across a level-crossing. Turn right just before the level-crossing to go on the path immediately alongside the railway.

Continue along the path as it climbs onto the dyke and then follows the water's edge. (Refer to the Melton map)

When you come to a boatyard, go straight forward across a concrete road and turn right down a narrow path alongside a low wall. Again continue along the path to a sharp left corner by an old wreck.



After this corner, the path bends round to the right. You will come to a flight of steps on your left which leads off the dyke onto a path. If you wish to return by train or bus from Melton station, take this path and at the road, turn left and cross the level crossing. The station and bus stop are on your left.

To continue the walk, stay on top of the dyke. The isolation of Flea Island that you can now see provides a haven for birds. On a cold, grey day in early March the authors saw redshank, oyster catchers, dunlin, curlew, lapwing and avocet in this area; well worth the freezing fingers holding the binoculars. At a sharp left bend, there is an information board and on your left a drainage channel. Continue along the path to a flight of steps leading down to your left by a notice that says the river path is temporarily rerouted. Take this left turn and then keep right to walk through the trees and arrive at the road almost opposite the Wilford Bridge public house.

Turn right to go towards Wilford bridge built in 1898.

#### **Around Melton**

To continue the walk, cross the road just before Wilford Bridge and turn left to follow the bridleway signpost along Brick Kiln Lane. Cross the railway and continue uphill. At a junction with a footpath, keep left along the bridleway. You will now come to a row of houses on your left. Immediately after the last house, turn left down a narrow path with more houses on the left until you arrive at the road. On your right is the impressive St. Andrew's church of Melton.



#### **Back to Woodbridge**

Turn left down the road and use the footpath on the right side of the road. Follow this as it bends right to join the main road. A very short distance up the main road, cross over into Deben Way. Follow this road as it bends round to the right and keep to the left alongside a high fence with railway sleepers forming its lower part. Pass through the gap between the fence and the buildings and turn sharp left. Follow the path

behind the buildings as it turns first right and then left to come out on a road. Turn right.

Go up the road to the top. The large building on the left corner was once Melton Brewery, owned by the Quilter family. It was Cuthbert Quilter who owned Bawdsey Manor. The section that faces onto the main road is now "The Old Brewery Antiques" shop. This was the stable section of the brewery with the actual brewery itself being at the back. Cross the main road and turn left.

Continue to the entrance into Melton Playing Fields and go in. Turn left to pass the tennis courts and then children's play area. (return to the Woodbridge map). Go towards the far right corner of the field where there is a gap. Go straight forward, crossing a broad gravel track, to go onto a short connecting track that arrives at the corner of another gravel track. This is Turnpike Lane.

Continue forward to pass Turnpike House up the hill to your right. Keep a sharp lookout for a narrow path on your right just before a cottage called Pembertons. Take this right turn and continue along the path to arrive at a road opposite Woodbridge Clinic. Go straight across the road onto another path until you arrive at an attractive row of cottages on Sun Lane. Turn right and then immediately left. After a

short slightly uphill distance, descend the hill to pass St. John's church, built in 1846, on your right. Continue downhill until you come to the T-junction at the bottom. Turn right and walk up the hill.

You will pass The Old Bell and Steelyard on your left which was built between 1500 and 1550. The iron work which you can see was part of a weighing mechanism. Loaded wagons were weighed on the way to the market and then again on their return to calculate the weight of the corn or other produce that had been delivered. You arrive at the square known as Market Hill where you face the Shire Hall, built in 1575, by Thomas Seckford. In the Middle Ages a fair was held at Market Hill on St. Audrey's



Woodbridge Tide Mill

Day, 23rd October. The gaudy, cheap items for sale are thought to have given rise to the word 'tawdry'.

#### **Return to the Station**

Turn left and follow the road round to the left as it descends the hill. Go down the first narrow street on the right called Turn Lane. Watch out for a door on your right giving access to the Quaker burial ground with its small, plain gravestones in keeping with Quaker beliefs. This is managed by the town council. Open the door and you will discover a place of peace and tranquillity. Adjacent to the cemetery, just a little further down the lane, is the old Friends Meeting House which is now a private house. The Friends Meeting House was built in 1678 to seat 300 people.

At the bottom of Turn Lane, turn right and then take the next turn to the left along Kingston Road. Cross the main road at the crossing and continue down Kingston Road. Turn left along The Avenue to pass the free car park on your left. Pass through the pedestrian gates at the level-crossing and continue along the track to reach the riverside. Turn left and walk along the promenade back to the station. Cross the pedestrian bridge to get to the entrance.

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The 26th of May has now arrived and the delights of Broadband beckon. I have now ordered my Belkin ADSL router with wireless capability for £74. This will enable me to connect multiple PCs and Laptops to the internet at the same time, either connected directly to this router or via a wireless connection. The wireless connection is ideal for a Laptop where you might want to work in different rooms or in the garden or to connect a PC located in a different part of the house. A wireless LAN card for your PC or Laptop will cost from under £20, prices have dropped considerably over the last 6 months and will probably drop further during the rest of the year. (Note that not all Broadband servicers support the connection of multiple computers so check before you order.)

#### Some interesting facts from a recent Economist article:

- 20% of travel bookings are now booked on-line
- 5% to 15% of purchases in shops are researched on-line first
- on-line sales grew by 26% last year.
- on-line sales represents only 1.6% of all sales
- Amazon, the book company, has taken \$2m worth of orders worldwide in a single day
- Top sellers over Christmas were (1) Clothing (2) Toys & video games (3) Computers (4) Video DVD
- In Britain women spent more on-line than men (£495 per person versus £470)
- Women's on-line spending increased by 71% last year, 6 times faster than men
- Amazon and ebay are the top 2 most visited WEB sites
- Customer satisfaction for users of on-line shopping is much higher that for purchases at shops
- 4% of clothing sales are done on-line
- Top ebay category for sales is second hand cars
- ebay is the world's fastest growing business growing at 80% per year.
- 24% American households do not have an Internet connection
- 430,000 people in America make their living trading on ebay

NB: These figures are for America unless stated otherwise, but where America is now, we will be shortly!!

Any questions please email me at broadband@tuddenhamtattler.com

Thank you to all contributors and our delivery team. Where would we be without you?!



#### Otley Play Group

are looking for a new play leader. 16.5 hours a week, Mon-Fri, term time, at £6 an hour with all applications due by 14th June. Ring Jane Hall on 785251.

The playgroup have recently celebrated their 20th birthday and received a good report from Ofsted. The job is to



replace one of the two play leaders leaving in July, and involves 4 or 5 morning's work a week.



## St. Martin's News

Won't it be nice when the weather makes up it's mind as to what season we are in. It seems in one week we can have (a mild) winter, spring and summer, but none of it can be relied on. Let us hope that a really good day is being saved for 12th June so you can all have a nice sunny feeling as you empty your pockets at the Fete - 2 pm the time and Poplar Farm the place. The next date to note in your diary is the weekend of 17-18th July, when John Lambert has offered to open his gardens at Lark's Hill, Clopton Road for Church Funds - go up and enjoy a different view of Tuddenham, and possibly see some rabbits (they all seem to live up that end of the village!)

Services continue at 0930 each Sunday Morning, with Communion on the first and third Sundays each month. Family Service on the second Sunday -great for children of all ages 6 months to over 70's! Also on the second Sunday is an evening service at 1900 hours, entitled Time for God - conducted by the Benefice Ladies and often quite thought provoking - the hymns are good too! On the fourth Sunday there is a service of Holy Communion at 0800 hours followed by Morning Prayer at 0930.

Things are looking up on the work side too. The South wall has been plastered and after a drying out period will be lime washed until (almost) matching the other walls. If you missed seeing the pews out you will have another chance at painting time.

Floodlight Sponsorship is still available at the rate of £5.00/weekend or one weeknight special occasion. 'Phone 785296 or drop in to 'Camforth', Westerfield Lane. The Rev. Sam's next village visit day is 27th May, so if you wish him to call phone the Rectory (254483) the Writer (785296) or Monica (785272).

Please note that grave tenders have until early June to remove artificial flowers from graves in the Churchyard. There are still also several glass jars, some partially buried, which cause a hazard for our grass cutter. This will be the last notice of intent before action for removal is taken, with apologies to those who won't read this! (No, I'm not Irish, even if the statement sounds thus!)

Thanks, and God Bless you and yours.

JimP - 13.05.2004



The Tattler is always interested in your stories of the present or the past as well as drawings and photos. Please contact the editor on 785588.

Do you like plays on words? Matilda, a Chapel supporter, pointed out to me that SILENT is an anagram of LISTEN. Something balanced about that in this racing, chasing world, huh? Do you know of any other similar plays on words? If you know ten give them to me for a quiz round!!!

The Tattler team will be producing a calendar again this year, and offering up some of the profits to the Village Hall Extension Fund. So the calendar will rise to £7 a copy, with at least £1 a calendar going to the fund. If you want one please do contact me on 785588. If you want a photo of your house or garden included at no extra cost then call me when things look at their best and I will call round with the camera...

These calendars make excellent Christmas presents, especially to friends and family who live far away... Why not buy more than one?!

#### Recycling Dates in Tuddenham

The next two "recycling days" are 9th and 23rd June. This applies to paper and garden waste so put out your green boxes and brown bins. Paper and glass can still be deposited at The Fountain Car Park.

#### VILLAGE HALL



Village
Hall bookings
are through
Fiona Woods
who can be
contacted on
785856.

There are still vacancies at the Village Hall for car parking.

#### SAFARI SUPPER IS ON 26TH JUNE.

New to the village? Then don't miss one of the highlights of the Tuddenham year - the Safari Supper on June 26th. The "Safari" part involves visiting a different house in the village for each of the three courses of the supper, followed by a gathering of all involved in one place for coffee afterwards. Groups of hosts provide each of the courses for about six or eight people for the starter and main courses, and for more for the puddings - and all it costs you is £6 per person! Excellent food and good company on a summer's evening - what more could you ask for, at six pounds a head? In all, about 50 or 60 people are involved each year in the Safari Supper, so it's a good chance to meet and get to know others in the village.

So, old-stagers and newcomers, get out your diaries and mark the date now - Saturday, June 26th, 7.30 pm., Safari Supper. And this year, the proceeds will go to the proposed Village Hall Extension Project - hence the small increase in cost - still not much for a good evening out. Application form is overleaf if you would like to complete it and return to Monica Pipe at Poplar Farm.

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# <u>Next Tattler is out in</u> <u>June</u>.

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adverts etc. through my door 5, The Granaries or ring 785588
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OR EMAIL at
"editor@tuddenhamtattler.com"!

Aluminium cans can be delivered to David Lugo at his house. He takes them to be recycled and the funds raised go towards the Village Hall extension Fund.

#### Thanks!

Two of your Tattler team have volunteered to join the Orwell Marathon Walk in June to raise sponsors for the Village Hall Extension Fund. They are hoping to go the whole 26 miles from Ipswich to Felixstowe and back, so how about some support? Any amount per mile would be most welcome so please ring the editor on 785588 with your pledges...

#### SAFARI SUPPER

We would like to take part in this event. There are of us		
We are/are not able to act as hosts for a course.		
We <b>do/do not</b> require special dietary care.		
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Address:		
Telephone number		

Please return this form to Monica
Pipe at Poplar
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All residents are warmly invited to join in the evening....
Please bring glasses and drink with you.