



## MORE NEWS OF FUND RAISING



A very successful Safari Supper was held in October and raised just under £1,000. Many thanks to Andrew and Maggie Russell for their excellent organisation and also to the Christies for letting us start and finish the evening at the George and Dragon.

The Betteridges have just hosted a Chilli Jazz Party (full report next month) and we have lots of ideas for 2011, including another popular Quiz Evening

### Any ideas for next year? ring

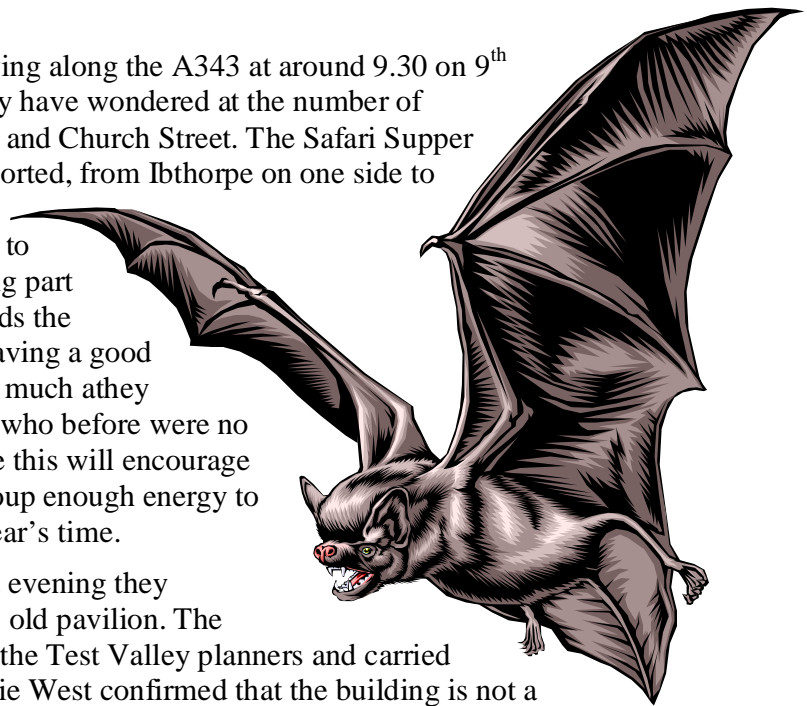
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There weren't many people driving along the A343 at around 9.30 on 9<sup>th</sup> October but those who were may have wondered at the number of torches criss-crossing The Dene and Church Street. The Safari Supper that evening was very well supported, from Ibthorpe on one side to the extremities of Hurstbourne Tarrant on the other, and thanks to the generosity of everyone taking part we were able to add £901 towards the community centre fund while having a good time. Many commented on how much they enjoyed getting to know people who before were no more than familiar faces. Maybe this will encourage others to take part when we recoup enough energy to organise a rerun, in perhaps a year's time.

If there were bats in the sky that evening they considerably stayed clear of the old pavilion. The additional surveys called for by the Test Valley planners and carried out for us by bat expert Stephanie West confirmed that the building is not a significant bat roost and that has cleared the way for us to resubmit the planning application for the new building – and at no additional fee. Grateful thanks to Steph and her husband for the hours spent on a purely voluntary basis with bat recorder in hand to achieve this outcome for us.



*Anthony Russell.*