## Soham at the Time of the Abolition 'Olaudah'



The Life Story of Olaudah Equiano

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Re-enactment of Olaudah's Marriage at Soham 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 by Stage Chance youth theatre group, Soham Village College

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2007 was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in England. Soham Action 4 Youth and Soham Community History Museum applied for a Heritage Lottery Grant to fund a project which recognised Soham's connection to the Abolition movement. Olaudah Equiano, known as Gustavus Vassa, *The African*, married a spinster of the Parish, Susannah Cullen, in St Andrews Church, Soham on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1792. His life story, *The Interesting Narrative*... created mass interest in the plight of slaves in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and helped to persuade influential people to join the abolition movement. This book is an accessible retelling of his amazing life story.





