

A night in the lock-up



Now then — just go in quietly, if you please sir.

PC Robin Hutton is pictured assisting Mr Alan Harris to take his punishment — a self-imposed night in the damp darkness of Wheatley's old lock-up.

The former prison, built in 1834, was used for "cooling off" village drunks. But Mr Harris's ten-hour stint inside was a stunt

to raise £100 for the handicapped and to publicise his forthcoming production of the pantomime "Tooth and Claw" in the Wheatley Festival.

Mr Harris, who is head of English at Redefield Upper School, Oxford, said of his night in the cooler: "I found it rather pleasant. Not at all disturbing. But just about two hours before I

went in, somebody told me how two people were decapitated there.

"The greatest impression, greater than the eeriness, was that I was locked up and could not get out. The mere fact of seeing daylight and knowing I could walk out was great."

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