

Charles Hawtrey is Innocent!

A jury at Nottingham Law School acquitted a man of burglary in record time recently. Charles Hawtrey had been accused of entering a dwelling house in the south Nottinghamshire village of Keyworth and stealing an iPad from home owner Sidney James. Mr James disturbed an intruder who he claimed he immediately recognised as “Little Charlie Hawtrey” his former newspaper delivery boy. The prosecution relied heavily on supporting evidence in the form of a baseball cap recovered from Hawtrey’s home address which was similar to one worn by the intruder. The jury obviously didn’t attach much weight to it however and found Hawtrey not guilty within 5 minutes of retiring to consider their verdict! Mr Recorder Stephen Lowne said that Hawtrey left the dock having had “a lucky escape”!

After the trial Hawtrey’s defence team from Nottingham University were presented with The Advocacy Cup 2015 having edged out Leicester University by the narrowest of margins.

Starring

<i>Mr Recorder Stephen Lowne.....</i>	<i>Himself</i>
<i>Court Clerk.....</i>	<i>Rob Manning of Counsel (Nottingham Law School)</i>
<i>Sidney James.....</i>	<i>David Outterside of Counsel (1 High Pavement ex NLS BPTC)</i>
<i>Charles Hawtrey.....</i>	<i>Jon Straw of Counsel (1 High Pavement)</i>
<i>Nottingham.....</i>	<i>Mariam Basher, Adeline Goh, Louisa Simpson, Sam Peake</i>
<i>Leicester.....</i>	<i>Elizabeth Ahmad, Alex Pohl, Jeremy Elliot, Clemence Waller</i>
<i>Barrister Mentor 1.....</i>	<i>Clive Stockwell of Counsel (1 High Pavement)</i>
<i>Barrister Mentor 2.....</i>	<i>Jon Straw of Counsel (1 High Pavement)</i>

The Advocacy Cup is an inter-varsity trial advocacy competition devised and organised by Rob Manning who is a senior lecturer on the BPTC at Nottingham Law School. Rob was called to the bar in 1992 and practised as a criminal barrister at 1 High Pavement Chambers before joining the law school. The event is held in Nottingham Law School’s purpose built court and is supported by 1 High Pavement Chambers and KCH Garden Square Chambers.

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