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into their seventies or later.

RAF engineering officer Sir Frank Whittle, sitting

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'Archers villain' escapes a spell in the stocks

ORGANISERS of a church fete to be opened by *Archers* villain Rob Titchener have vetoed a plan to put him in the village stocks over fears he could be hurt by angry fans of the radio soap.

Actor Tim Watson who plays Helen's nasty husband Rob, has agreed to open the traditional fete in an Ambridge-like village next month but locals fear a backlash and hefty officials in high-visibility jackets will be on patrol.

Bullying Rob has become the most



Tim Watson, who plays the bully Rob Titchener in *The Archers*, will get extra protection at a village fete

hated man on radio in the latest plot which is currently drawing more than five million listeners with its storyline

of domestic violence, revenge and attempted murder.

On June 4 the actor will open the annual fete in Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, and judge several competitions.

Fete committee member Nicola Gooch said: "Tim Watson is not actually Rob - he's a rather fabulous actor. Rob is a fictional character and I am sure *Archers* listeners will be able to tell the difference. But just in case we will have some burly men standing by."