

# DENTIST'S DRILL



## Introduction

Dentistry has been an essential part of the NHS since it began in 1948. The dentist has always been one of the most feared medical practitioners, even with the breakthroughs of modern dentistry. As we see from the comments below they are still seen by many as a necessary evil.

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I still remember my visits to the dentist's at the school clinic with horror. I can still remember the smell of the belt driven drill, the smell of rubber from the masks they used to give you gas and the lack of any pain control. It started with "open



wide", the prodding around with sharp instruments and then the "zzzzzzzzzz" of the drill. Modern torture!!!

## Jim

I still remember my father telling me that he hated the dentist so much he actually pulled his own teeth with pliers.

## Chris Sutton

"I dreaded going to the dentists and that was really all because of the drill, especially the sound of it. Then the film the "Marathon Man" came out with Laurence Olivier as the Nazi who uses his drill on Dustin Hoffman - I thought of that every time I went to the dentist and I know lots of other people did too".

## Ann Lewis

"I didn't mind the drill so much but I hated extractions because of the rubber face mask, it smelt and felt awful".

## Harry Richards

"The dentist used to tell you off for eating sweets but which kid didn't?"



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