

FIODA presents...

panic stations

a farce by Derek Benfield



Thursday 19, Friday 20 & Friday 21
March 2009

Town Hall, Stanley
7.30pm

DIRECTED BY

Wayne Thompson

R/CUL/DRA/1#32

CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Abel Bounty	Nick Barrett
Chester Dreadnought	Elliott Taylforth
Carol	Pia Schuchert
Patricia	Deborah Scott
Lady Elrood	Lidda Luxton
Miss Partridge	Corina Bishop
Lord Elrood	David Lang
Sergeant Everest	Clifford Mace
Mrs Bounty	Barbara Booth

Set in an old country cottage in the Spring...

Act 1
Afternoon

Act 2

19th April 2010



CREW

Producer	Nick Barrett
Prompt	Kathleen Bree
Stage Manager	Richard Fogerty
Set Construction	Willie Bowles Chris Bell
Sound & Lighting	Dave Roberts Jason Lewis
Costumes	Theresa Lang
Make up	Farrah Peck
Front of House	Alison Inglis Graham France
Props	Geoff Pring

Programme, Poster & Ticket Design
Roxanne King



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Derek Benfield (born 11 March 1926) is a British playwright and actor. He was born in Bradford, Yorkshire. He is the author of *Running Riot* and the second actor who played Patricia Routledge's character's husband in *Hetty Wainthropp Investigates* (1996 - 1998). He also appears with Colin Baker as John Hallam in the *Doctor Who* audio play *Catch-1782*.



Arguably Benfield's best known character portrayal was as transport company forman Bill Riley in the UK television series *The Brothers* in the early 1970s. Prior to this, he starred as Frank Skinner in the 1970 cult sci-fi series *Timeslip*. Some of his other television roles include Walter Greenhalgh from *Coronation Street* (1961-1969), Albert the Clerk from *Rumpole of the Bailey* (1978-1980), *Breakway* (1980) and *First of the Summer Wine* (1988).

His other plays include the farces *Post Horn Gallop* and *Wild Goose Chase*, both following the fictional exploits of the eccentric Lord and Lady Elrood and visitors to their castle.