

DAN'S THE MAN AS HE STARS IN VILLAGE PRODUCTION

According to friends, a stage debut by Dan Bradbury will extract from him every bit of acting ability he possesses.

The cameo role in Stage Two's latest production in Downham Village hall calls on him neither to speak nor move.

In fact, any perambulations he makes around the stage will be done in wheelbarrow. And he will not even have to open his eyes to make sure he does not bump into the scenery.

For Mr. Bradbury is playing the corpse in 'Beyond a joke', the two-act comedy which opens on March 19th. His wife, Mrs Lesley Bradbury, who is one of the eight cast members, said: 'He only has two entrances. In one he appears in a wheelbarrow and in the other he is in a cupboard.

Rehearsals have been exhausting for him.'

Mr Bradbury, who is also stage managing the production in his off-stage moments, said: 'I feel very important. I feel I ought to walk in the theatre on opening night wearing a big black cloak and a floppy hat and smoking a large cigar, just like a real thespian!'

He stresses he has not been typecast in the role.

The play opens on March 19th and runs until March 23rd with the exception of Thursday night. Tickets are available at Clitheroe Tourist Information Office or at The Swan Inn, Whalley.

Our picture shows Mr Bradbury and other cast members, during the rehearsals.