



**COMEDY CASTING** The Panic Stations' cast, standing from left, Brian Haworth, Kella Bowers, Annie Wildman, Tom Garner, Bob Cleeve, with Wendy Watson and Jean Pells, seated

# Country caper to end a 'perfect' day



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**A** DAY out in the country is the 'perfect' preparation for an evening's comedy, according to village players Stage Two.

The Downham-based theatre company is staging Derek Benfield's 'hilarious' country comedy Panic Stations at the Village Hall.

Chester Dreadnought has bought a country cottage

for his first home with wife Patricia - but far from the country idyll, his life is about to get more complicated as he is the kind of person for whom life never runs smoothly.

A spokesman said: "The weather is awful, the cottage is in a state of disarray and Chester's 'handyman', Abel Bounty has allowed the soaking wet and dangerously attractive Carol in.

"Chester is unaware of the potential disaster that awaits him. His attempts to

avoid getting into terrible trouble with his wife, Patricia and her parents, Lady Elrood and her trigger happy husband, Lord Elrood, and some potentially 'explosive' bad news, should have the audiences in fits of laughter."

Enticing audiences to the Stage Two production, he said: "Downham is a beautiful, unspoilt village and well worth seeing, so why not visit, enjoy the views and a drink or a meal in the local hostelry and finish off the day

being entertained by Stage Two Downham in the Village Hall. Perfect!"

Panic Stations is directed by Lesley Haworth and the cast includes Brian Haworth, Bob Cleeve, Wendy Watson, Kella Bowers, Annie Wildman, Tom Garner, Jean Pells, Kenny Entwistle and Stella Barnes.

■ Panic Stations, Stage Two Downham, Downham Village Hall, April 17 to 20, 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6 from Clitheroe Tourist Information Centre on 01200 425566 or Fran Osborne on 01200 423301.