



The Director

Paul Adams became involved in theatre through the Belgrade Theatre Youth Group in his home city of Coventry. He was offered a job by the Belgrade's Director, Tony Richardson, but decided to become a student instead.

He moved to London, qualified in Theatre Arts and Educational Drama, played the lead roles in productions of Shakespeare's 'Richard II' and Brecht's 'Galileo' before making his West Cumbria stage debut in 'The Lion In Winter' at Rosehill Theatre in 1972. He went on to play the lead in 'Charley's Aunt' for Whitehaven Theatre Group and many other productions with his last big role being The Common Man in the CAD's production of 'A Man For All Seasons'.

Paul spent 5 years working for BBC local radio. He spent some time away from the theatre to pursue music interests and has now retired from acting, but is the Stage Director for Workington Amateur Operatic Society, is one of the lighting team at the Theatre Royal and this is the fourth play he has directed for the Playgoers. As an aside: the first play he ever directed was John Arden's 'Live Like Pigs' in 1969.

The Songs

John Arden was very influenced by Folk songs and some of his plays have overtones of Folk ballads. Throughout this play Arden dotted snatches of Folk songs. It became apparent that there was a Folk song which fitted each scene so it was decided to use songs as introductions to scenes and to cover the scene changes.

The songs have been adapted to fit the play. All are traditional songs except 'The Lockout' which is based on a song by the 19th Century pit poet, Tommy Armstrong, and 'Serjeant Musgrave' which is adapted from Rudyard Kipling's poem 'Danny Deevee' and set to the traditional tune 'Derwentwater's Farewell'. The singers were chosen for the type of voice which suited the song rather than necessarily reflecting the character they play. Additional choruses were supplied by Duncan Wilcox and Paul Adams.

The Cast

Serjeant Musgrave.....	James Shepherd
Sparky.....	Andy Hughes
Pte. Hurst.....	Bob Hallard
Pte. Attercliffe.....	Ben Brinicombe
Joe Bludgeon, The Bargee.....	Gareth Douglas-Brown
Mrs. Hitchcock.....	Francesca Smith
Annie.....	Allix Atherton
Mayor.....	Stuart Evans
Parson.....	Thom Robb
Constable.....	Luke Norendal
Walsh (The Earnest Collier).....	Marc Baillie
Slow Collier.....	Dan Connors
Pugnacious Collier.....	Tony McGee
Colliers.....	Ryan O'Hagan, Daniel O'Hagan
Dragoon Officer.....	Daniel O'Hagan

Production

Director.....	Paul Adams
Stage Director.....	Ian Johnston
Stage Manager.....	Daniel O'Hagan
Deputy Stage Manager.....	Ryan O'Hagan
Lighting.....	Geoff Brinicombe
Sound.....	Oliver Brinicombe
Prompt.....	Val Brown
Wardrobe.....	Jenni Rushton, Helen Earl
Props.....	Anne Chambers, Jennifer Hawley
Set Design.....	Paul Adams
Set Construction.....	Geoff Brinicombe
	Ian Turner
	Gordon Rushton
	Ian Johnston
	Keiran Bromely
	Geoff Hool
	Gwyneth Savage
	Andy Greenwood
	David Brooks
	Sarah Delorme