

the legion players present:

the dock brief
by john mortimer

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STEPHEN HOLMES

Morgenhall

An Unsuccessful Barrister



THIS IS STEPHEN'S second performance for The Legion Players; he played Dr. Chumley in Mary Chase's *Harvey* in June 2005. Although a mathematician and computer programmer by qualification, he is presently writing a book about a Leonardo da Vinci painting and has advised Fulcrum TV on a forthcoming Discovery Channel documentary about the lost painting. Never one to be conventional, he once stood in an English court and sang 'Oh Land Of Our Birth', rather well as it happens! He lost the case.

CLIFF CHAPMAN

Fowle

An Unsuccessful Criminal



CLIFF CHAPMAN has been a member of The Legion Players since 2002, appearing in *The Real Inspector Hound* (Tom Stoppard) and *Black Comedy* (Peter Shaffer). In 2003 he took the lead in David Wood's adaptation of *Tom's Midnight Garden*, and he made his directorial debut in 2004 with another Stoppard play, *The Real Thing*. Cliff has also enjoyed performing with other societies; with *Dramatis Personae* in Willis Hall's *The Long & The Short and the Tall* (1999), James McClure's *LoneStar* (2000) and Hugh Whitmore's *Breaking The Code* (2001); with the Service Players, he was one of the four *Bouncers* in the titular John Godbar play (2001). In 2002 he played The Clown in the IOM Arts Council all-island production of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*. In 2004 he narrated his own short story *Spare Hero* for Manx Radio's *Off The Page*, and has written for various fanzines and websites. Cliff has not killed in preparation for the role of Fowle; his criminal activity stretches to still having a school library book from 1989.

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