

## PRESS RELEASE



### **“Charley’s Aunt” by Brandon Thomas**

Oldbury Rep’s final production is the evergreen comedy, ‘Charley’s Aunt’ by Brandon Thomas. Jack Chesney loves Kitty Verdun and Charley loves Miss Amy Spettigue. They invite the ladies to meet Charley's wealthy aunt from Brazil, "where the nuts come from". Cancelling her visit at the last minute, the millionaire aunt sends the boys into cataclysmic confusion. What do they do now? The problem is solved by drafting their feckless Oxford undergrad pal, Fancourt Babberley, into a black satin skirt, bloomers and wig and posing as the as the widowed millionaires. Things become even more complicated when Jack’s father and Amy’s uncle arrive. Both men take a keen interest in Charley’s Aunt and when the real aunt turns up, classic comic confusion ensues. Comical farce at it’s very best.

Charley’s Aunt broke all historic records for plays of any kind, with an original London run of 1,466 performances. It was first performed at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds in February 1892 and was produced by former D'Oyly Carte Opera Company actor W. S. Penley, a friend of author Brandon Thomas, who also appeared in the principal role of Lord Fancourt Babberley. The play was a great success, and it then opened in London at the Royalty Theatre on 21 December 1892 and quickly transferred to the larger Globe Theatre on 30 January 1893 to complete its record-breaking run.

The production runs from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, and performances start at 7.30pm. Tickets can be obtained by phone or in person from the box office on Monday evenings from 7.30pm, and on the Friday prior to opening night from 7.30pm, and every night of the production from 7.00pm . Tickets are priced at £10.00 with the usual concessions at £9.00 with a special price on Monday and Tuesday evenings of £8.00 (no concessions) box office can be contacted on 0121 552 2761. **And you can now book online at [www.oldburyrep.org](http://www.oldburyrep.org)**

### **Sounds of Summer with Langley Band:**

The Band’s annual Summer Concerts will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 8.00pm and on the 22nd at 7.30pm with a programme of band favourites. For tickets phone 01384 918547

### **Films at Oldbury Rep on the ‘Screen on the Green’**

Our Summer screenings continue on June 30<sup>th</sup> with the BAFTA Award winning film ‘Lion’ and on July 28<sup>th</sup> Natalie Portman stars as Jackie Kennedy in the acclaimed bio pic ‘Jackie’.

All films are shown on our 16ft screen with high quality Digital projection in our 170 seat auditorium. All tickets are still just £4.00 and the performance starts at 7.30pm