

## PRESS RELEASE



### **“Conjugal Rites”**

by  
**Roger Hall**

Oldbury Rep’s new Season begins with the popular comedy ‘Conjugal Rites’ by Roger Hall.

This amusing and insightful look at marriage, focuses on one middle aged couple in whose relationship it is possible to see most of the agony and the ecstasy of the institution.

Barry, a dentist, and his wife Gen are in bed when the comedy begins. They are about to celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary and we see the couple discussing their marriage, their grown-up children and their work.

Barry, for example, has difficulty accepting that Gen wants to have a career and, indeed, an identity of her own. It is clear that a major shift has occurred in the power balance between the two of them, since Gen has studied for a law degree in later life, and has recently become a practising solicitor. She wants to be more than merely Mrs. Barry and many unexpected revelations are uncovered during the course of the play.

Conjugal Rites was first performed in the United Kingdom at the Watford Palace Theatre on 24 January 1991. It starred Nicky Henson and Gwen Taylor. Conjugal Rites was adapted as a situation comedy for ITV made by Granada Television which ran to 13 episodes over two series in 1993 and 1994. The lead roles were taken by Gwen Taylor and Michael Williams. Oldbury Rep’s production features real life married couple Sally and Andy Worley as Gen and Barry.

The production runs in our Main House from Saturday 8th September until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 every night of the production from 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £11.00 with the usual concessions at £10.00 with a special price on Monday and Tuesday evenings of £9.00 (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)**

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

Our New Season of special screenings will begin with ‘The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society’, starring Tom Courtney on 28th September further titles and dates are in preparation and will be announced shortly.

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

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