

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Aladdin's Cash Boost for Charity**

Oldbury Rep's annual Panto charity collection has raised over £1600 to be divided between two charities, the Stroke Association and Edwards Trust, thanks to the generosity of audiences attending this year's production of 'Aladdin', written by Rep member Ian Thompson. Aladdin ran for ten performances at the Barlow Theatre, Langley, the home of Oldbury Rep, bringing a smile to audiences of all ages. The panto's final performance was on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January and played to 96% of capacity.

This season's chosen charities were **Edward's Trust**, a West Midlands based charity founded by Peter and Hilary Dent in memory of their son, Edward, who died of cancer when he was only seven years old, and offers support to children and families who are facing loss and surviving bereavement.

Our other chosen charity **The Stroke Association** supports stroke survivors to make the best recovery they can, campaigning for better stroke care, and funds research into finding new treatments and ways of preventing strokes.

Further details of these charities can be found at [www.edwardstrust.org.uk](http://www.edwardstrust.org.uk) and [www.stroke.org.uk](http://www.stroke.org.uk)

A spokesperson for Oldbury Rep said that the company is pleased to be able to support both local and national charities throughout the year, thanks to the continued generosity of its audiences, even in these continuing difficult financial times.

*Pictured.....The cast of 'Aladdin' at Oldbury Rep who made the charity collection after performances at the Barlow Theatre.*

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**Films at Oldbury Rep**

Our special screenings resume at the end of February and highlights for our Spring/Summer season will include, **Goodbye Christopher Robin, Murder on the Orient Express, Paddington 2, Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool**. Dates and titles TBC. All performances start at 7.30pm.

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.

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