

PRESS RELEASE



Relatives and Cast Remember Paul and Doreen

Oldbury Rep's 500th Main House Production, Noel Coward's classic comedy 'Private Lives,' ended its run on Saturday 14th May with many performances selling out and high critical praise from our audiences. The play was dedicated to two of our most long standing members who sadly passed away recently. Our past Chairman, Doreen Bastable, who died in November 2015 and gave 73 years of service to Oldbury Rep a remarkable lady who was totally dedicated to Oldbury Rep and secondly Paul Spilsbury, whose sudden death in March was a shock to everyone who knew him. He had been a member since the late 70's and played an active role in so many productions both on stage, as a fine actor, and also assisting and costuming plays where he was an exceptional talent. We shall miss them both very much. Members and friends of both Doreen's and Paul's family were invited to the final performance of the play and after the show met the cast and directors and presented Chairman, Chris Smith, with donations amounting to over £1,000 made in memory of Paul and Doreen, to whom Oldbury Rep meant so much*.

This promises to be one of our most successful seasons, and Oldbury Rep would like to thank audiences for their continued support of its productions and film shows.

***Pictured...Remembering Doreen and Paul : The cast of 'Private Lives' together with friends and relatives of Doreen Bastable and Paul Spilsbury (l-r):**

Back row: John Tyler, Janet Grant, Emma Francis, Helen Spragg, Garry Cooper, Chris Stanton, Karen Walker, Robert Spilsbury, Guy Radforth (Director)

Front row: Alan Bastable, Rosemary Tyler, Margaret Spilsbury, Mark Spilsbury

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