



COWDRY Michael Sadly passed away suddenly on 10 April 2013 aged 77. He will be deeply missed. Funeral will take place on 27 April at 10.40 at Charing Crematorium. Family only flowers please, donations if desired to Marie Curie c/o Earl & Co, Albermarle Road, Willesborough, Ashford, TN24 0HL (01233 620522)

Tributes from members of the Charing Guild of Players

As a young energetic 18-year old I played village cricket for Pluckley and Michael was my first ever captain !!! He obviously made more of an impression on me than I did on him because when I joined the Charing Guild he didn't remember me !!! And I don't blame him coz I was rubbish. RIP Michael, you will be sorely missed
Pete Lilley

A really genuine person, will be very much missed in Charing. My Ugly Sister in my first ever panto.
John West

Michael will be sorely missed by us all. Personally I found him a truly reflective, kind, gentle man, helping and advising me in his unique, diplomatic way. I will miss him very much indeed.
Marian White

Being a new member to the players, I did not really know him, but I send my sincere commiserations to his family, friends, and the acting fraternity family of the Charing players who I feel will miss him very much.
John Roberts

He was a rare true gentleman (gentle man). R.I.P Michael. You were quietly spoken but when you spoke, people listened. You'll be missed by us all at the Guild. Love and respect,
Rayner Missing

I got to know Michael and Sheila quite well; they were very good souls who contributed so much to our common life. The idea of a headmaster playing a panto dame always amused me as I suspect it did Michael. R.I.P.
Brian Chalmers

When someone leaves an impression on your life, you know they were special! His Welsh accent as Billy Bones in Treasure Island was decidedly better than mine, my first and last role acting with Michael! I echo the sentiments of others - a true gentlemen, someone who always had the time of day for you no matter what! I'll miss him around the village! Whilst the world tonight is sadder for his loss, it was a markedly better place because of him in it! God bless you Michael! I'm sure you'll take a seat in heaven watching our next performance!!
Nick Hawley

Michael was a lovely person - he had a deep faith & had a kind & gentle nature. We had many impromptu chats: I would be walking to the shops at the time when he was putting newspapers he'd collected in to the recycling bins at the Methodist Church (fund raising). We'd talk about anything & nothing. It's not very often that we find someone who is happy to be a friend to all, is willing & happy to help anyone & yet is happy to remain in the background. Michael was one of those very few people. I'm sure that after Sheila passed away, the Guild helped provide one of a number of crucial supports to him. Michael will be loved & missed by many, many people.
Keith Oram

Very sad to hear Michael has passed away. He was a true gent, and will be missed.
Gareth Brown

Michael was of the old school: a man of principle and integrity. Quietly and without fuss, he contributed a great deal not only to the Guild but also to those other fortunate organisations with which he was involved. Michael was interesting and fun to be around. I had the privilege of knowing him for more than thirty years and I shall indeed miss him.
John Easun

I always admired his ability to combine a serious view of the world with a capacity to find enjoyment in so many aspects of life. He will be much missed by the Guild, and indeed by the village of Charing and beyond. I will remember him with affection.
Michael Headley