



Calendar Girls

By Tim Firth



We're a sell out, three weeks before curtain up, BUT you can still see the dress rehearsal if you ring 323474 asap. You can also buy the charity calendar at the Post Office.

The Cast

Claire Govier plays Chris, feisty florist
Tamsin Blackmore is Annie, Calendar wife
Carol Jones is Celia, glamorous trophy wife
Debbie Wright is Ruth, one of life's doormats
Ginny Brown is Jessie, retired schoolteacher
Banger Milton is Cora, single-mother daughter of a vicar
Suzy Wall is Marie, social climbing Chair of the WI
Kate Ansell is Elaine, beautician
Mary McMichael is Brenda, a roving lecturer
Gwenda Bassett is Lady Cravenshire, the WI bigwig



Antony Bartlett is Lawrence, the hospital porter and the photographer
Alan Marks is Rod, a beer-swilling husband
Charlie Blanning is Liam, a film producer
Marion Silverlock and **John Thorogood**, Co-directors
Christine Dubery, Producer **Steve Hall**, Tech Spec,
Sound & Set Simon Williams and Tom Lock
Liz Stanbury Costumes
ASMs Mary Jackson and Debbie Passmore
Backstage and Front of House huge, supportive teams, too many to name = Thankyou all of you!
For more about each of these stars' pedigree see our website.

In January 2012 Dulverton found fame by turning off all its lights for the BBC's "Stargazing Live" programme. Next month the lights in this beautiful Somerset town, often described as the "Gateway to Exmoor", will go up on "Calendar Girls", the stage play from the famous film about the Women's Institute which invented singlehandedly the nude charity calendar.

The Dulverton Players, who this year celebrate their 85th anniversary, are well-known in Somerset for their sell-out performances of plays and pantomimes. "Calendar Girls" will be their third production this year. It's a real community project with the cast and crew drawn from a local school, restaurant, post office, farm, bookshop, riding stable, and dental practice. The age range runs from students to so-called senior citizens.

"Calendar Girls", both film and stage play, are harmlessly notorious for the cast during the action posing nude for the eponymous calendar. The Dulverton Players, however, have gone one step further by producing their own daring calendar to coincide with their performance of the play. The play itself will raise funds for leukaemia research but proceeds from the calendar will be shared between St Margaret's Hospice and Children's Hospice South West.

The Players are fortunate to have enlisted celebrated photographer, Mike Bralowski, who is based in Dulverton, to shoot the calendar. Mike, who has photographed everyone from politicians to page three girls, volunteered his expertise, and the results are witty, warm, sensual, and never less than stunning. No one who hangs this "alternative" calendar on their wall next year will ever see silage bale wrap in quite the same way again.

For The Players' publicity contact Charlie Blanning on 01643 831024, or go to <http://dulvertonplayers-theatre.co.uk> The Players' newly refurbished website.

**The Dulverton Players' 85th Anniversary
Dinner and Ball
November 17th**

Dine and Dance the night away to Sapphire at Dulverton Town Hall to celebrate our 85th Birthday on Saturday, November 17th.
Dinner and live band.
Tickets very limited £25 from the Post Office.



Children and Young People

After the Cinderella success, another sell out, bringing 17 young people to the stage there are conversations already of a musical next year, possibly at the school where pantos were once a tradition.

Coming Soon

Costumes for Hire

The Players have the most remarkable wardrobe department recently catalogued and re-organised by Chris Dubery and Liz Stanbury. Need an outfit for a performance or a period event 01398 323474
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The Adult Nativity
Dulverton by Starlight 2nd December
with a grown-up cast, real sheep and Exmoor ponies progressing through the town.

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

A midsummer open air production with a difference - and umbrellas!



Quiz Question

In next summer's production the women play the male parts and vice versa. Which production are we staging?

The Calendar Girls have dropped everything for a good cause!

Whether you get to **Calendar Girls** or not you can support cancer relief with £5 for **The Players' Charity Calendar** available from The Post Office. The cast have voted to divide the profits between St Margaret's Hospice and Children's Hospice South West.

