



# 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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' 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dinner and Ball  
November 17th**

Dine and Dance the night away to Sapphire  
at Dulverton Town Hall to celebrate our  
85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.  
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  
[DuberyC@aol.com](mailto:DuberyC@aol.com)    [elizabeth.stanbury456@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.stanbury456@btinternet.com)



**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.



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