

Calendar Girls

The Windlesham Drama Group's May production was 'Calendar Girls' by Tim Firth. It was directed by Sue White and produced by John Stillwell and Kevin Benstead.

The play, a poignant mix of humour and sadness.....with a few feisty moments, was based on the true story of a small group of WI ladies from Yorkshire who were determined to help Angela Baker (Anne in the story), to raise funds for cancer charities in memory of her husband John.



The success of the 'bare all' Calendar Girls is legendary and has led to a film followed by a stage play....which has been granted world wide rights to allow it to be performed by amateur groups for a limited period.



Our Calendar Girls were played by Doreen Hoggins, Maggie Kwaan, Toni Lewendon, Harriet Padina,

Jan Rook and Natalie White, with Colin Brady as John....the victim of the 'cheating, sly, conniving, silent, bloody disease' that cancer is.

The story followed their ups and downs with their calendar idea, the shocked reactions of the more senior WI members, and a bit of a set to at the AGM in London!





Of course it all ended happily..... at least in fundraising terms.....both in the play and for real, with the profit from the show of £1,250 going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, and the proceeds of the raffle and other donations amounting to £560 going to the local Macmillan Cancer Support Team.



It was a 'full house' for every performanceeven at the dress rehearsal, which, I feel, is a fitting accolade for all the cast and backstage team for their weeks of hard work, with so many costume changes, scenery shuffles and props, which included the evocative



sunflowers that Anne's John loved and were so much part of the story.



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