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THE MUSICAL

BY GARY BARLOW AND TIM FIRTH



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PRESIDENT'S *welcome*

This funny, moving and quintessentially British musical is inspired not just by the famous film, but more importantly, by the true story of a group of gutsy Yorkshire WI ladies trying to raise a small amount of money for a better visitor's sofa in the local hospital... Well, we all know the results – the 1999 'Calendar Girls' became a fundraising phenomenon that ultimately raised over £3million for Leukaemia Research (now Blood Cancer UK).



WMOS are delighted to greet a new production team for this inspiring show, Olivia Conroy (Director) and Alison Benton (Musical Director).

Up on this exquisite Edwardian stage there are a few familiar faces (in fact, you may easily see more than just their faces in this performance – you have been warned!) and they are joined by Katharine Stothert, Katie Jacobs and Edward Masterson-Cox whom we are so pleased to welcome to WMOS.

I am sure there is not a person in this audience who has not been touched by the subject of this show – they each live on in our lives and our memories and we would like to dedicate this week to the remembrance of Clive Hilton.

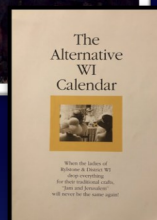
In 2024 we return with two amazing toe-tapping shows *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *Kiss Me Kate*, be sure to look out for details - but meanwhile sit back and take in all the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales...

IAIN STEEL, PRESIDENT

FROM THE *dales...* TO THE *stage!*

- **Rylstone, 2000**

*The original 'Calendar Girls' of
Rylstone & District W.I.*



- **Film, 2003**

*Starring Helen Mirren and
Julie Walters*



- **Play, 2008**

*Written by Tim Firth, after touring it
transferred to the West End in 2009*



- **Musical, 2015**

*Opening as 'The Girls' in Leeds, it
transferred to the West End in 2017*



- **Winchester, 2023**

*WMOS presents 'Calendar Girls
The Musical'*





OLIVIA conroy

DIRECTOR

Olivia is making her directorial debut after five years with WMOS. Born and raised in Winchester, she is a primary school teacher and regularly co-directs pupil productions, advocating the antithesis of the phrase "never work with children or animals"! With WMOS, she has notably performed as Sally Smith in *Me and My Girl* and Rita O'Grady in *Made in Dagenham*, as well as appearing in *The Producers*, *A Chorus of Disapproval* and *Singin' in the Rain*. Her love of WMOS is paramount; she resides on the committee in charge of social media and enjoys being behind the camera, aiming to capture the perfect production shots. In her spare time, she loves to travel and spend far too much time cuddling her nephew and newborn niece.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

ALISON benton



Alison is a freelance musician and lives in Ropley. This is her debut as MD for WMOS having recently been repeteur and played in the band for *Me and My Girl* and *The Producers*. In a varied musical career she has been MD of *Oliver!*, *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* and *Noye's Fludde* and played in the pit for *A Wizard called Oz*, *The Rake's Progress*, *Master Peter's Puppet Show* and *Orpheus in the Underworld*. She achieved a bucket-list ambition by playing the organ in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall in 2007 and is currently the conductor of the Ropley King's Singers and St Peter's Choir and a long-standing member of acclaimed chamber choir The Vasari Singers.

CALENDAR *girls* THE MUSICAL

A Musical by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth

Originally Produced by David Pugh & Dafydd Rogers and The Shubert Organisation

Based on the play CALENDAR GIRLS written by Tim Firth and on the motion picture CALENDAR GIRLS written by Tim Firth and Juliette Towhidi

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FEBRUARY

RACHEL wells ANNIE

Rachel is a shopkeeper from Swanmore. She has previously performed with WMOS in *The Witches of Eastwick* and this year's concert series *The Sound of Musicals—Part 2*. A regular at West Meon Theatre, she has appeared in *Toad*, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, *Still Life* and *The Cherry Orchard* but most notably 10 years ago, alongside Katie Jacobs (Celia) and Suzanne Hall (Ruth), she played *Chris* in the play version of *Calendar Girls*. She sings with a local covers band called *The Boost Button* who perform at private functions and local pubs.

Her favourite flower is the Lisianthus (she had them in her wedding bouquet).

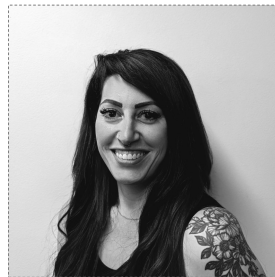


OCTOBER

KATIE hickson CHRIS

Katie is a singing teacher living in Andover. A regular with WMOS, she has starred in *High Society*, *Sweeney Todd*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Oklahoma*, *Ruddigore*, *Made in Dagenham*, *Oh! What a Lovely War*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She has also been Musical Director for WMOS's outdoor summer shows *The Pirates of Penzance* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*. In her spare time she enjoys baking.

Her favourite flower is the Clove Pink.



SEPTEMBER

KATHARINE stothert CORA

Katharine is a fashion media student who lives in Winchester. She appeared in several junior productions with Encore Youth Theatre and the Chesil Theatre but "hello Yorkshire", she's a WMOS virgin! Her hobbies include photography, film design, fashion and shopping.

Her favourite flower is the Dahlia.





JANUARY

LIZ petley-jones **JESSIE**

Liz is a retired teacher from Winchester. With WMOS she has had lead roles in *My Fair Lady*, *Calamity Jane*, *Hello, Dolly!* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She has also directed *High Society* and *Calamity Jane* for WMOS, and for the last 10 years has been our set designer and painter. With the Chesil Theatre, she has played *Lady Macbeth* in *Macbeth* and *Viola* in *Twelfth Night*, amongst many other roles. In her spare time she enjoys painting and photography.

Her favourite flower is the Rose.



JULY

KATIE jacobs **CELIA**

Katie lives in Petersfield and owns Forget Me Not dress agency and is also a Pilates teacher. This is Katie's first show with WMOS, but with West Meon Theatre has featured in *Cider With Rosie*, *Nell Gwynn*, *Toad*, *Twelfth Night* and also the play version of *Calendar Girls* alongside Rachel Wells (Annie) and Suzanne Hall (Ruth). She enjoys going to the theatre and cinema, trips to the pub, practicing yoga and reading.

Her favourite flower is the Hydrangea Annabel for nostalgic reasons.



NOVEMBER

SUZANNE hall **RUTH**

Suzanne is a drama teacher and lives in Corhampton. She has played *Ado Annie* in *Oklahoma!*, *Miss Adelaide* in *Guys and Dolls*, *Erma* in *Anything Goes*, Liz in *High Society* with WMOS. Also for WMOS, she has directed *Billy*, *The Pajama Game*, *Oh! What a Lovely War*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *H.M.S. Pinafore* (twice!), *The Pirates of Penzance* and *A Chorus of Disapproval*. She is a member of West Meon Theatre and her favourite roles include *Nell Gwynn*, *Helen* in *Dark Earth* *Light Sky*. She enjoys growing things and cooking them, swimming in the sea and going to the theatre.

Her favourite flower is the Ox-Eye Daisy.



DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Annie Rachel Wells
Chris Katie Hickson
Cora Kat Stothert
Jessie Liz Petley-Jones
Celia Katie Jacobs
Ruth Suzanne Hall
Marie Lisa Atkins
Miss Wilson (Tea) Jess Eades
Miss Wilson (Coffee) Gina Thorley-Hibberd

John Rob Preston
Rod David Tatnall
Colin Max Bullough
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Director

Olivia Conroy

Production Manager

Daniel Williams

Stage Manager

Angie Barks

Lighting & Sound Design

Tony Lawther

Lighting Operator

Peter Liddiard

Costumes

Jo Barker with Pam Jones

Props

Suzanne Hall, Shannon Cronin

Set Design

Liz Petley-Jones, David Freemantle

Set Construction

**David Freemantle, Liz Petley-Jones,
Ian White, Iain Galley, Tim Stanbrooke, Terry
Madden, Kim Barry, Sue Larcombe**

Stage Crew

Jan Baerselman, Cara Ward

Flys

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BAND

Musical Director/Piano

Alison Benton

Keyboard

Martin Poterson

Bass

Ferri Seymour

Percussion

Paul Lovegrove

ACT one

Yorkshire
Mrs. Conventional
Lighting The Sunflowers
Scarborough
Danny-Festo
Who Wants A Silent Night?
After Silent Night
Very Slightly Almost
Spring Fête
Girls
Hello Yorkshire, I'm A Virgin
Time Passing
Sunflower
Dare

ACT two

Girls (Village Green)
Protect Me Less
Kilimanjaro (Village Hall)
So I've Had A Little Work Done
What Age Expects
Drunken Danny
Kilimanjaro
Don't Go Out With Christine Butler
Scarborough (Reprise)
Dare (Conference)
My Russian Friend And I
For One Night Only
Sunflower Of Yorkshire

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have volunteered for Front of
House duties.



LISA *atkins*

MARIE

Lisa is a teaching assistant from Southampton. She's starred in *Sweeney Todd*, *Utopia, Ltd.*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* with WMOS and various shows with Pocket G&S, SOS and EOS, mostly Gilbert and Sullivan! Her favourite flowers are edible ones!

MISS WILSON (TEA)

JESS *eades*

Jess is a Senior Project Officer from Chandler's Ford. With WMOS she's featured in *Made in Dagenham*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Me and My Girl* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* and choreographed *Jekyll and Hyde*. She's also starred in *The Witches of Eastwick* and *Cabaret*. Her favourite flower is the Forget-me-not.



GINA *thorley-hibberd*

MISS WILSON (COFFEE)

Gina is a theatre programmer from Eastleigh. She directed WMOS's *The Producers* and starred in *Made in Dagenham*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Singin' in the Rain*. She also appeared in *My Soulmate's Husband's Soulmate* (Mudlarks Theatre) and *Closer* (yt2 theatre). Her favourite flower is the Orchid.

JOHN

ROB *preston*

Rob is a company director from Brambridge. He's featured in WMOS's productions of *Made in Dagenham*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *A Chorus of Disapproval*. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and cycling, definitely not gardening like John! His favourite flower is the Sunflower.



DAVID *tatnall*

ROD

David is a teacher from Chandler's Ford. He has played Sir Joseph in *H.M.S. Pinafore*, Franz in *The Producers* and the Major General in *The Pirates of Penzance* with WMOS. He has also played Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, Kipps in *Half a Sixpence* and Oliver Warbucks in *Annie*. His favourite flower is the self-raising kind.



MAX bullough COLIN

Max is retired and lives in Colden Common. He has been in way too many WMOS shows to recall and list. Alongside treading the boards with WMOS, he has participated in numerous productions with Hillside Opera and Opera Comique. When he's not performing he likes reading, gardening, music, theatre and travel. His favourite flower is a white Rose.

DENIS

SIMON meanwell-ralph

Simon is a millinery designer who lives in Winchester. With WMOS he has performed in over 20 shows, most recently as *Carmen Ghia* in *The Producers* and *Ted Washbrook* in *A Chorus of Disapproval*.

In his spare time he enjoys gardening, dog walking, visiting historical sites and going to the theatre.

His favourite flower is the Hybrid Tea Rose.



EDWARD masterson-cox

LAWRENCE

Edward is a decarbonisation consultant living in Swanmore. This is his first show with WMOS, and other than performing in *Toad* with West Meon Theatre in June, this is his first show since school. He enjoys snowboarding, playing guitar and camping trips in his down time.

His favourite flower is Lavender.

DANNY

DANIEL williams

Daniel works in research and development and lives in Southampton. With WMOS he has played *Samuel* in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Gerald* in *Me and My Girl*, *Roger De Bris* in *The Producers*. Outside WMOS he loves to perform in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, watch live music and go to the theatre.

His favourite flower is the Dandelion.



HENRY masterson-cox TOMMO

Henry works in dental sales and marketing and lives in Swanmore. He first joined WMOS for *A Chorus of Disapproval* and has also performed in *Grease*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Miss Saigon*, *Les Misérables*, *Legally Blonde* and *The Sound of Music* amongst many others. In his spare time he enjoys playing with Basil the dog. His favourite flower is the Chrysanthemum.

**MOLLY** *moffitt-mcgrath***JENNY**

Molly is a teacher living in Arborfield and has played *Ulla* in *The Producers*, *Jaqueline* in *Me and My Girl* and *Lucy* in *Jekyll and Hyde*. She loves sewing, baking and walking with her dog when she's not working or performing. Her favourite flower is the Peony.

BRENDA HULSE**ELLIE** *eades*

Ellie is an optical assistant and lives in Chandlers Ford. She joined WMOS for this year's *The Sound of Musicals—Part 2* concert series and has since featured in *H.M.S. Pinafore*. At university, she performed in *The Addams Family*, *Our House* and *Rent*. In her spare time she enjoys dog walking. Her favourite flower is the Orchid.

**JULIET** *surridge***LADY CRAVENSHIRE**

Juliet is a retired administrator from Peter Symonds College living in Winchester. She has performed with WMOS many times, notably *42nd Street*, *Anything Goes*, *Billy*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *Made in Dagenham*. She was a professional dancer, appearing on stage, TV, film and cruise ships. She loves looking after her grandson. Her favourite flower is the Lily.

ENSEMBLE**FUNKE** *akiboye*

Funke is a consultant living in Winchester. With WMOS she has appeared in *Made in Dagenham*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Me and My Girl* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*. She has also performed in *The Mikado* and *La Belle Hélène*. When she has free time she does all the singing and dancing she can! Her favourite flower is the Orchid.

**CHARLIE** *amaro***ENSEMBLE**

Charlie is a homemaker and lives in Winchester. She was most recently seen performing with WMOS in this summer's outdoor production of *H.M.S. Pinafore*. She enjoys singing and leads community choirs and workshops and loves hanging out with her husband and two little boys. Her favourite flower is the Rose.



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