SETTLEMENT PLAYERS NEWSLETTER

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“Calendar Girls” was a resounding success both theatrically and, I am sure, financially, so well done everyone, but especially to Cliff for all his effort and enthusiasm. Congratulations too, of course, to all the cast, and where would we be without such a sterling back stage crew. It was a wonderful joint effort and proves what a remarkably high standard The Players can achieve when everyone pulls together. I believe we sold approx. 340 seats, surpassing a record dating back to 2008 (“Seasons Greeting”). My records go back to 2002 when “An Ideal Husband” sold 439 seats! We really did cram them in then! We actually put out a few less seats now so that sight lines and leg room is better.

As some of you will already know, I have stepped down from the role of Chairman but seeing so many Players involved with Calendar Girls I am sure that the future is bright for the group and hope that you will all continue to be involved with productions – as will I. I have been with The Players for too many years to want to stop being involved completely and hope to see all of you over the coming seasons. It has been a pleasure over the years to see so many of you come in as complete beginners and now taking on demanding roles with such success. It was also very encouraging seeing new faces on stage, something that is happening more and more often because we are such a good company to be with! I hope that everyone will do all they can to continue to support The Players, whether you are in a production or not, whether you are on the Committee or not. I would especially thank everyone who has been on the Committee over the years I have Chaired for their support and enthusiasm.

I am actually quite chuffed at being asked to sit on the Management Committee of the Settlement and have taken up that offer today. So my involvement, about 25 years so far, will continue not just with The Players but the Settlement itself.

We still have lots to come in the 2013/14 season and Caro has already cast the February production “Ten Times Table” by Alan Ayckbourne. Cast as follows in order of appearance:-

##### Ray: Ian Mutton Helen: [Claire Hogan](https://www.facebook.com/ClaireHogan01?directed_target_id=160839227261499) Donald: Vince Cook Audrey: Patsy Hudson Eric: Stephen Charles Phillipa: [Lisa Cooper](https://www.facebook.com/lisa.cooper.376043?directed_target_id=160839227261499) Sophie: Crystal Anderson Tim: Adrian Laycock Lawrence: Dave Smith

Look out for a Newsletter in the new year with details of readings for Jenn Groves’ production of “Neville’s Island” (June) and the March/April one act plays.

Best wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you soon.

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