

Calendar Girls bare all for Author...

Great excitement abounded in Lagoa on the evening of Tuesday 9 April when Tim Firth, the award winning author of *Calendar Girls*, dropped into a rehearsal of the upcoming Algarveans Experimental Theatre Group's production of his show.

The cast could not believe it when Sam Black, Assistant Director of the show found out that Tim was on holiday in the Algarve and had heard about the show and wanted to come along to see how it was all going.

Tim sat and watched as Sam and Director Chris Winstanley put the *Calendar Girls* cast through their paces and was even seen to laugh at some of the many jokes that the show has.

After this Tim took timeout to explain how he came to write the show, what his inspirations were and what he thinks it takes to make the show work. The cast and crew then had the opportunity to have a Q and A with him which everyone found extremely useful.

Cast member Boe Williams said after Tim's visit "He came, he saw, he inspired us!"

Tim Firth is now off to Sheffield to put the finish touches to his new show 'This is My Family' musical comedy starring Sian Phillips which opens on 19 June.

Calendar Girls is opening at Lagoa Auditorium on 27 to 29 June at 8pm. Details of ticket sales will appear soon



Tim Firth with the Calendar Girls (Photo Supplied)

The Imaginary Beings show in Loulé



On Saturday 27 April at 8pm an innovative show of art, music, video and dance named 'Transformation: Transcendence' will take place in Loulé's CECAL Centre (Centro de Experimentação e Criação Artística), in the municipal park, put on by a collective known as The Imaginary Beings.

The Imaginary Beings are a group of artists, sculptors, performers, musicians, dancers, choreographers, videographers and poets who have joined forces to enable audiences to appreciate and experience art in a very different way.

The highly creative and skilled group of individuals produce artistic events involving contemporary dance, videography, performance art and live art presented against a background of fine art, sculpture and music.

Although already popular in cities such as London, Berlin and New York, this type of artistic presentation has never before been presented to the Algarve. Their repertoire of art-

ists and performers are hand picked for each event and hail from around the globe, throughout Portugal as well as the local Algarve community.

The main part of The Imaginary Beings' work is commercial and non-commercial art projects on which they collaborate.

The last project they worked on was furnishing the new Conrad Hotel in Quinta do Lago with over 30 pieces of artwork, including sculptures and paintings.

Sculptor Toin Adams (www.toinadams.com) was the lead artist on the project, but the lead artist varies from project to project.

On transformation: transcendence the lead artists are sculptor Toin Adams, painter Carolina Maggio (<http://invisible.blogspot.pt/>) and Marco Cristovam, musician.

The show promises to offer a 'truly illuminating experience'.

For more information, see website: www.theimaginarybeings.com.

Crime Prevention Seminar 23 April, 2013



The Albufeira Safe Summer Crime Prevention Seminar held on 10 April was very successful with around 63 people attending. The event commenced with a welcoming address by the Mayor of Albufeira Dr. Carlos Rolo. Following the six presentations there was a panel question time at the end with questions concerning the Safe Residence Programme; Neighbourhood Watch schemes; reporting of suspicious activities, the Night Guard Service and many others.

The next Safe Summer Crime Prevention Seminar for Golden Triangle residents will be held at the Conrad Hotel Quinta do Lago on Tuesday 23 April 2013 from 4pm to 6pm and is being organised by the Safe Communities Algarve in collaboration with the GNR Loulé.

The Mayor of Loulé - Dr Seruca Emidio will deliver a welcoming address and presenters will include Captain Adriano - Commander of the GNR Loulé, whose area includes the Golden Triangle; Clive Jewell - the British Consul and David Thomas - President of Safe Communities Algarve.

The seminar is in English and

is aimed at helping residents have a greater understanding of the organisations involved and services they provide, the Safe Residence Programme, household crime prevention, crime trends and policing programmes. This will be followed by a question and answer session with the panel of speakers.

Although aimed at those living in the Golden Triangle, those living in other areas of Loulé are very welcome to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to raise any matters concerning crime, crime prevention advice etc with those concerned.

The Conrad hotel is located at Estrada da Quinta do Lago opposite Quinta Shopping on the Quinta do Lago Vale do Loborod.

Please register by contacting Safe Communities Algarve at: 913045093 or by email at: info@safecomunitiesalgarve.com. Details on: www.safecomunitiesalgarve.com/Eventspage.

SCA are planning a Safe Summer and Community Safety Seminar in Tavira on 15 May. Details will be published on the SCA website shortly.

A Note from Peta Birch's family

On 27 March Peta Birch tragically lost her life in a car accident on the EN 125. Peta was an outstanding and inspiring individual who dedicated her time to charitable work with children and animals. Her loss is felt greatly by those closest to her, especially her husband of 41 years, Athol Birch; her children Robson, Samantha, Charlotte and Daniel; and her sisters Caroline and Lesley, brother-in-law Nigel and all of their children.

Her family would like to thank everyone who has sent their condolences and attended the funeral. Their support and kindness at this difficult time has been greatly appreciated. You can gauge if a life has been well lived by looking at the reaction of family, friends and acquaintances when they hear of their passing. From the number of tributes received, it is clear that Peta's life was lived to the full. The guidance, advice, respect and love given by her will continue to guide the people closest to her as their lives go on.

It is the family's intention to continue Peta's charitable work, including working with the Santa Casa de Misericórdia, SOS Al-

garve Animals, and ARCH Horse Welfare. If you would like to make a memorial donation in Peta's name to the charities she actively supported, please go to www.petabirch.com.

Peta's family are approaching the authorities with the aim of making the EN 125 in front of Makro and Algarve Shopping safer, not only for car users but also pedestrians. It would therefore be helpful if anyone who witnessed the accident, or who themselves have seen or been in any other accidents in the same vicinity, could contact them through the above web link.



Tickets on sale for 'Absolute Hell'

An outrageous comedy, 'Absolute Hell' is set in 1945, during an extraordinary period of British history when the Labour Party swept to victory at the General Election

Presented by 'A Portada Theatre Group' the play is written by celebrated playwright Rodney Ackland whose script and detailed stage directions successfully recreate the atmosphere of 'La Vie en Rose', a private members drinking club. Based in the centre of blitz-damaged London, 20 widely varied characters entertain the audience with biting wit and often-farcical behaviour.

Fast moving and well polished, 'A Portada's' interpretation of the script is highly entertaining, creating moments of explosive laughter and thought provoking paths

Under the direction of Priscilla Morgan the theatre group's last two productions - 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'

and 'Twelfth Night' - were received with critical acclaim. The production of 'Absolute Hell' includes actors already well known to Algarve audiences - Nicky Moran, Simon Tubb and Thomas Hartmann - with many new faces bringing fresh enthusiasm to the stage.

Wonderfully costumed, the colourful assortment of Bohemians, deviants, highbrows, service personnel and society darlings will provide audiences with a memorable night out.

The play is being staged at Cine Theatre Loulé on 26 and 27 April at 8pm and on 28 April at 5pm and is also being staged at Lagos Cultural Centre on 23 and 24 May at 8pm.

Tickets priced at €12 are available by telephoning: 911941378, by emailing: aportadatheatre@yahoocom or at the door. (There is a reduction for students. The play is unsuitable for children)

Carolyn Kain



L to R - Simon Tubb, Nicky Moran, Sally Ricciardi and Miguel Cosme act in 'Absolute Hell' (Photo: Peter Cain)

The Lisbon Players Presents

The Lisbon Players will be staging a new play by Dan Davies 'When Were You Happiest?' on 25, 26 and 27 April at 9pm. There will also be further performances on 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11th May at 9pm and

a Matinee at 4pm on 5 May. The play contains scenes and language that may offend the sensibilities of some people.

Bookings can be made online at www.lisbonplayers.com.pt or by phone on 213 961 946

Obituary

Janet Bridger 1919 - 2013

Janet passed away peacefully in her sleep aged 93 on 10 April in the Algarve that she so loved and had lived in happily for 28 years. Prior to coming here Janet started life in Newcastle, later joining the Land Army. After marrying John, they travelled the world, living in Jamaica, Nigeria, Thailand and South Africa. But the Algarve was where her heart belonged. Janet arrived here after the death of her husband and lived in cottage outside Silves that she fondly called her "hovel on the hill". She was well known for hosting her weekly darts nights and being a founder member of the 'Yes'



Club. Janet was a vibrant, extremely gregarious and very generous person whose passing will be a sad loss to her many friends and family. She will be hugely missed by her children, Susie, Jonathan and Charlotte, her son-in-law Keith, and her grandchildren Daniel and Jennifer. God speed her.