

Opinion

Dramatic

RECENTLY I visited The Blakehay Theatre, in Weston to see 'Spend Spend Spend' performed by The Worle Operatic and Dramatic Society.

The musical is about the dramatic story of football pools winner Viv Nicholson who in 1961 more than £152,000 (equivalent to about £5million today).

It was satisfying to see the society tackling another musical that obviously did not get the recognition it deserved. When it premiered in 1998 at The West Yorkshire Playhouse it won the Barclays Theatre Award for the Best Musical Of The Year and has since had a West End run and recently also toured to theatres all over the country.

The cast was led by the excellent Ann Bond who played Viv and was on stage virtually throughout the whole show. Kirsty Davis as young Viv also gave a stunning performance. There were great supporting roles played by Andy Williams as George and Ollie Martin who played the husband of the young Viv.

Obviously when a society tackles a musical

that the majority of the theatregoing public had not heard much about then it is difficult to get the audience involved though there were some lovely and poignant songs that had the audience applauding. Well done once again to the society for pulling off a great performance and I look forward to seeing them later this year for their next show, the ever-popular Oklahoma which plays at The Playhouse November 15-17.

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