



West Bridgford Dramatic Society



By
Amelia
Bullmore

Di and **Viv** and **Rose**

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Directed by **Jerome Foley**

20 – 24 February 2024

7:30pm (Sat. Matinee 2:30pm)

The Studio Theatre

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Chair's Welcome



Welcome to the Studio Theatre for the second production this season. It has been great to be involved in, and I'm sure you will enjoy the show. You will likely be engaged and entertained, so welcome to both regular visitors and first timers to the Studio Theatre.

To bring our productions to life takes a lot of hard work by a committed bunch of enthusiasts. If you are interested in joining, please drop in on a Tuesday club night. There is a vast array of roles available. Visit our website www.wbds.co.uk for information.

Our plays for the rest of the season are:

Twelfth Night - 14 to 18 May 2024

Eight - 10 to 13 July 2024.

Check website for details.

Rob Dixon/Chair

 A promotional poster for the play 'EIGHT' by Ella Hickson. The poster features a purple background with a central black rectangular area containing a row of eight actors' faces. The title 'EIGHT' is written in large white letters, with 'ELLA HICKSON' below it. At the top left is the 'WBDS' logo, and at the top center is the text 'West Bridgford Dramatic Society'. At the bottom, it lists the dates '10 - 13 July 2024', the subtitle 'Monologues about life', and contact information: 'The Studio Theatre, Stamford Road West Bridgford NG26LS', 'Tel. 07942 352982', and the website 'www.wbds.co.uk'.

Director's notes—Jerome Foley

I first came across *Di and Viv and Rose* when we went to see it at another theatre a few years ago. It struck me as being a play ideally suited to our group and I felt confident that we'd be able to cast it from some of the wonderful actors we have here.

I absolutely loved it then and I'm happy to say that I still feel the same way after twelve weeks of rehearsals. It's so rare to find a play that focusses solely on the friendship between the characters and it is these relationships that drive the story forward. Realising that a man directing a play entirely based on female relationships might raise one or two questions it has been a real privilege to work with such a talented (hopefully you'll agree) cast.

Of course, no production would happen without the huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes and I'm indebted to everyone who has given up their time and efforts in the realisation of this play.

All good things they say, must come to an end and as the week of the show is now here, I will have to eventually bid farewell to *Di and Viv and Rose*. Before that happens however, I hope you enjoy spending the next few hours in their company.

This amateur production of *Di and Viv and Rose* is presented by arrangement with Nick Hern Books.

Cast

Di - Dawn Cochrane

Viv - Lesley Flounders

Rose - Vic Carr

Act 1

Scene 1: Autumn/Winter 1983

Scene 2: January 1984

Scene 3: April 1984

Scene 4: May 1984

Scene 5: Feb 1986

Scene 6: As previous

Scene 7: Spring 1986

Scene 8: July 1986

Act 2

Scene 1: November 1986

Scene 2: Feb 1987

Scene 3: May 1988

Scene 4: April 1998

Scene 5: June 1998

Scene 6: April 1999

Scene 7: As previous

Scene 8: As previous

Scene 9: August 2010

Scene 10: Somewhere in time

Crew

Director	Jerome Foley
Assistant Director	Calum Sharp
Production Manager	Lynn Burges
Stage Manager	Rosie Farrow
Assistant Stage Manager	Jo Sharpe/Emily Martin
Set Design	Ali Bakewell
Set Construction Manager	Andy Bakewell
Lighting Design	Dom Gaskell
Sound Design	Ritchie Sharpe
Projection Design	Annie Haley
Rehearsal Prompt	Emily Girton
Lighting Operation	Alex Wardle
Sound Operation	Jem Woolley
Props	Jo Sharpe, Charlie Willcox Jan Dizon
Costumes	Anna Hodkin, Carol O'Connor, Jo Sharpe
Front of House Manager	Rob Dixon
Box Office	Jacky Tivers
Set Construction	A variety of members
FOH Staff	A variety of members

The Cast - biogs



Rose - Vic Carr

Since joining WBDS in 2005, Vic has performed in numerous plays including *The 39 Steps*, *A Christmas Carol* and most recently as Dr Armstrong in *And Then There Were None*. Vic has loved being part of *Di and Viv and Rose*, a play which brings back many memories of university life and the lasting friendships forged there.



Di - Dawn Cochrane

Dawn has been a member of WBDS since 2001. This is her first time back on stage for around 10 years, having previously appeared in productions including *Mindgame*, *Time of my Life* and *Perfect Wedding*. She has also been involved in several backstage roles over the years and is regularly the group's treasurer. She is delighted to be back on stage in this wonderful and challenging play. It has brought back some very happy memories of her time at university! She is dedicating this production to Penny Lewin who embodied everything about friendship and would have loved Di and Viv and Rose.



Viv - Lesley Flounders

Lesley has been a member of WBDS for 9 years and has appeared in several productions including *Ten Times Table*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Colder Than Here*, *Salt of the Earth* and most recently *The Thrill of Love* and the one-act play *Close to Croydon*. In addition to her acting roles she directed one act play *Dear Lily*. She is delighted to be a part of this fabulous play and to get to know the intriguing and complex character of Viv.

About the Play and Author (source: Wikipedia and Nick Hern Books)



Amelia Bullmore is an English actress, screenwriter and playwright. She is known for her roles in *Coronation Street*, *I'm Alan Partridge*, *Ashes to Ashes*, *Twenty Twelve* and *Scott & Bailey*.

Bullmore began writing in 1994. Her writing credits include episodes of *This Life*, *Attachments*, *Black Cab*, and *Scott & Bailey*. In 2015, she said in relation to the inspiration for *Di and Viv and Rose*: “I began to think about trying to catch the ardour of female friendship and also to wonder how I might catch the quality of enduring friendship. Thirty-odd years in two hours. “



Tamzin Outhwaite, Samantha Spiro and Jenna Russell in the West End production of *Di and Viv and Rose*, 2015

**TWELFTH
NIGHT**

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Directed by Lane Fferring

14 - 18 May 2024

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Cast in rehearsal - *Di and Viv and Rose*

