

## STC Events Report for 2015 AGM (AGM 2) – 18/6/15

During the last year we've continued to run our regular monthly Second Tuesday workshops which continue to prove popular.

While we have run a number of workshops ourselves, a significant number have been run by local theatre practitioners who have generously contributed their time and expertise. Highlights from our second year include:

- A site-specific workshop, led by Heini Vahtera, an inspirational Finnish drama practitioner, who sadly has left Streatham to return home. This workshop took the form of a self-guided tour of Streatham and ideas developed in the workshop led directly to our Halloween show, 'Access All Eras'.
- Visits to the New Wimbledon Theatre for a guided tour and seats for the pantomime 'Cinderella' in January 2015 and to the National Theatre for a backstage tour arranged by committee member Pip Robinson in March 2015. These were paying events, where attendees paid us and we passed those payments on to the theatres.
- A workshop on Acting Skills led by Matthew Parker in June 2014 and on Musical Theatre, by Mhairi Grealis in August 2014, to begin our preparation for our panto!

The average number of attendees for workshops this year is 13 and again script readings have proved popular. The most popular event last year was 'Streatham's Got Talent', when 22 people attended an impromptu revue/concert downstairs in the Vinyl Bar of the Hamlet, followed by a disco and karaoke afterwards. On several occasions members have joined us after attending an event.

You can read the full list of events held last year at the end of the report to be included in the Minutes.

Following our last AGM in September 2014 we have been charging non-members £3 for admission to events, except for theatre visits. This has raised £45 to the end of March.

Our calendar is full for the rest of this year and we have some exciting events in the offing, beginning with our Comedy Workshop led by Jo Ostrowska at Vinters, exceptionally on the First Tuesday in July, July 7<sup>th</sup>, to coincide with the Streatham Festival. Other events include

- August 11<sup>th</sup> – A workshop by Matthew Parker – topic to be arranged.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> - Workshop by Frances Bruce (topic to be arranged, but she has run improvisation workshops before)
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Backstage workshop (sound lighting etc.) to be led by David Harvey at Network Theatre.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - Workshop on Directing, led by Lesley Strachan of Putney Theatre.

We also have three more definite offers of workshops for next year. Events is in a very healthy state at the moment and is in a very good place for a hand-over if anyone would like to offer!



Liz Burton

### STC Events List, April 2014 to March 2015

Month	Date	Year	Workshop Title	Type	Venue	Led By:	Number of	Feedback
April		2014	Pantomime Script Reading	Script Reading	Vinter's	Committee		Very Positive
May	13th	2014	Reading of 'Neighbourhood Watch'	Script Reading	Vinter's	Jo Ostrowska	12 (8 members, 4 friends)	Positive
May	30th	2014	Barnets and Greasepaint	Stagecraft	Funky Medusa	Donna (Funky Medusa)	5 (4 committee, 1 friend)	Very Positive
June	8th	2014	Approaching Character Through Text	Acting Skills	Vinter's	Matthew Parker		Very Positive
July	27th	2014	Site Specific Performance	Staging/Devising	Vinter's and outside around Streatham	Heini Vahtera	7 (5 committee, 2 members)	Very positive
August	12th	2014	Making Musical Theatre	Staging/Singing	Vinter's	Mhairi Grealis	12 (5 committee, 7 members)	Very positive
September	9th	2014	AGM and Discussion re Pantomime	Social	Vinter's	Committee	17 (7 committee, 10 members)	Positive
October	14th	2014	Comedy Workshop	Comedy	Vinter's	Jo Ostrowska	10 (9 members)	Positive
November	11th	2014	Pantomime Read-through	Script Reading	Vinter's	Nigel Haynes	16 (14 members)	Positive
December	9th	2014	Streatham's Got Talent'	Social	Vinyl Bar at 'The Hamlet'	Committee	22 (14 members)	Very positive
January	5th	2015	New Wimbledon Theatre Tour and Panto	Theatre Visit	New Wimbledon Theatre	Liz Burton	11 (7 members)	Very positive
February	10th	2015	Breaking the Code' Reading	Script Reading	Vinter's	Helen Mason	12 (7 members)	Very positive
March	3rd	2015	National Theatre Tour	Theatre Visit	National Theatre	Liz Burton	10 (8 members)	Very positive