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The latest from Streatham's award-winning, volunteer-run, open-access, non-profit theatre company. Please pass on to your contacts and followers.
After an amazing 2025, there's a lot to look forward to:

Reading of Alan Ayckbourn's 'secret' play for children, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*

An events programme though until May, including movement, set design, and, for those of us who want to channel our inner intellectual, T.S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*

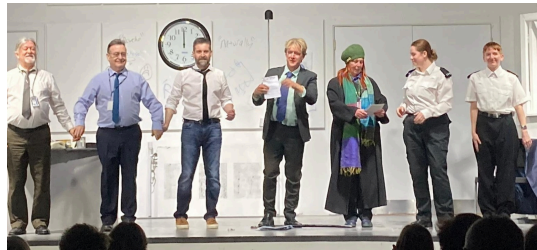
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A Look Back at 2025

We don't spend a lot of time looking back, but before the usual 'onwards and upwards', let's take a minute to reflect on a very successful year, with two sell out shows and some amazing events.



In April, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, by Dario Fo, adapted and translated by Tom Basden. directed by Helen Mason.

In October/November, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, by sir Arthur Conan Doyle, adapted for the stage by Steven Canny and John Nicholson, directed by Lizzie Hartree.



Some Popular Events

Streatham Shorts finally took place in November and was very well received. Shout-outs in particular to writers Leo Kitay, Mark Keegan and Lizzie Hartree, and also to Yasmin Smith who organised with military precision!

Streatham's Got Talent proved once again, in the capable hands of Alan our compere, that talent still hasn't slipped entirely out of our clutches, and finally, a personal favourite, May's *Clowning Workshop*, led by Sandra Villani, allowed a number of our adult masks to slip!

Looking for Proposals for Shows in 2026

We have three slots for possible shows next year. We looking at roughly Spring/Summer, early Autumn and Christmas.

Anyone interested in either directing or producing (Project managing) a show is invited to contact us at info@streathamtheatre.co.uk or 0203 255 1111.

January Event - Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

We're kicking off 2026 with a reading on January 13th of an very early Alan Ayckbourn play for children, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*.

Young Ernie has been worrying his parents by his "illucinations", as they call them. They take him to a doctor, and as Ernie describes these illucinations, soldiers invading his home, or his dad rescuing a famous mountaineer, they are enacted before the audience. When his dad swears to the sceptical doctor that the events actually happened, his dad asks Ernie to convince the doctor by imagining something then and there, and Ernie does so, with amazing results! This is a treat for all those Ayckbourn fans who feel there is nothing more to discover. It's so secret I can't find an illustration!

This is a short play, so after we've read it, we'll have a discussion on possible ways to stage it.

Tuesday January 13th at 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm).

Members Free, others £5 at the door.

Vinters Studio 2, 1b Sunnyhill Road, SW16 2UG

For more information see our [website](#).

Our regular events take place on the second Tuesday of every month. Save the dates in your diary. Keep a lookout for our next newsletter, or check our [website](#) for details of upcoming events to kick off 2026!

Events Programme for 2026

As you see from this brilliant graphic created by Helen, our Events Secretary, we have finalised all our events up until May next year! More information will follow on each event as we get nearer the time.



And finally.....A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS!





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