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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.

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Helen, Director

Speed Dating Improv, this Tuesday!

**Second Tuesday is this Tuesday! If You Don't Come,
You're a Plonker!**



What happens when a selection of current celebrities and/or historical characters meet at an STC 'speed date' event? It promises to be a night to remember. Bring along your favourite character. **Each 'date' is only three minutes long, just like real speed dating!**

The important thing is that you know enough about the character to make it clear to the audience that this is *not* the same character as the one in the previous scene.

rest of us who he/she is. Someone with a recognisable catchphrase maybe??

Speed dating is an easy format for an introduction to improvisation. Even if you've never tried it before, come along, give it a go, and enjoy your free drink! Just think of all those lines you won't have to learn!

Here are some suggestions from Helen, with her Events secretary hat on, to whet your appetites! Doctor Who (any), Queen Elizabeth I, Charles Darwin, any of The Beatles, William Shakespeare, any of the Bake Off team, Florence Nightingale, Sir Alan Ayckbourn, ...

And here are some of mine (Liz, Treasurer and newsletter creator): Any of the Munsters or the Addams Family, Dracula, Catherine the Great of Russia, any Strictly or Britain's Got Talent judge, Hunchback of Notre Dame...

Tuesday February 11th 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](#).

Licensed bar. Free glass of Prosecco for all speed-daters!

Dame Judi on Monologues! March 11th

We're SPRINGing back to basics! Perform your favourite monologue, as simple as that. It can be your own writing or anyone else's.

Dame Judi Dench on monologues:

"My old drama teacher used to say that "a monologue is a duologue where the other person happens to not say anything."

I think that's very good. Because in order to make somebody hear, you regard what *they're* doing, and it's *their* behaviour that makes you change. People think listening is what you do when you have nothing to say, but you're often listening and observing whilst you are speaking - gauging the other person's reactions to see if you need to carry on urging them."

(from *SHAKESPEARE the Man who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench with Brendan O'Hea 2023)

Please let us [know](#) in advance what you want to bring, and give an estimated run time.

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Take Part in Events Throughout the Year!

We welcome all members' suggestions for events, and are very happy to consider offers from members to facilitate events. We will always offer help and support to potential facilitators, if required. Please note that we don't normally pay fees, as we are all volunteers.

As well as providing interesting readings, workshops and talks, our events are a great way of keeping in touch with others from STC. They are usually free to members and only £5 to others, so please do come along.

Keep a look out for our emails or check our [website](#) for details of planned events coming up next year.

These events are kindly run by volunteers from STC or our friends in show business.

You can [join us](#) or renew your subscriptions at events too - at only £10 a year to subscribe, it quickly pays itself back due to free admission to events and discount performance tickets, and helps us keep theatre in Streatham.

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