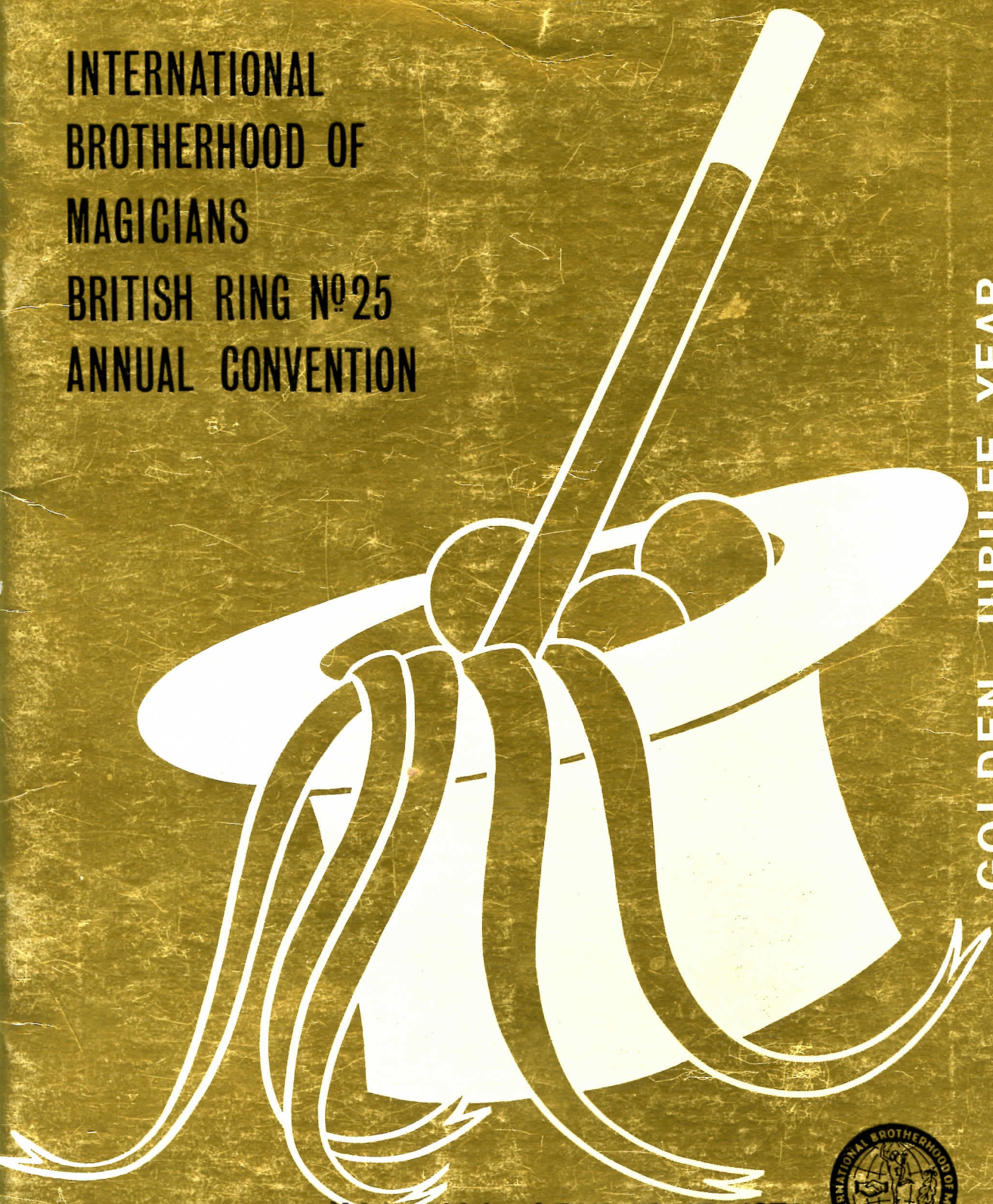


**INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF
MAGICIANS
BRITISH RING No 25
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR



HASTINGS · SEPT · 13-17 · 1978



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From the President

EDWIN HOOPER, Esq.



This year is the **GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR** of the British Ring No. 25 of the L.B.M., for the Ring was founded in 1928, (this is our 42nd Annual Convention).

I am thus *especially* delighted to have this opportunity of extending a most cordial welcome to all our members at this time, to their loved ones and to our guests, especially those who have travelled from overseas to be with us.

I hope you enjoy every magical moment, every succulent second, of the next few fun-packed days, and take back home with you many lingering happy memories of wonderful days in Hastings.

Hastings has always held a very special place in my heart as a Convention venue, for I attended one of my early Conventions here, and indeed took part in the Children's Show then . . . goodness, that would be about 28 years ago !

Since then I have been back many times and have always been impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the hospitality of the town itself and of the Civil authorities in particular. Indeed, one of the high-spots we look forward to is the Civic Reception, graced by their Worships, the Mayor and Mayoress. I thank them sincerely for honouring us with their presence.

I know that there will be some young magicians present attending their first Convention. **WE WANT TO MEET YOU !** I know that you will soon strike-up friendships here which will remain with you for the rest of your lives.

To those who through sickness or through ill-fortune are unable to be with us I do hope that you will be joining us next year.

Throughout the year, I have stressed that the British Ring is a great **TEAM** and their dedication and sheer hard work is reflected in the superb organisation of this, our year's major event.

I MUST SINCERELY THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE the artistes and backstage staff . . . indeed **ALL** those who have contributed to this event . . . our **GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION** which I hope will always have **GOLDEN MEMORIES** for you.

Here's to Happy days at Hastings !

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

EDWIN HOOPER President of The British Ring No. 25
The International Brotherhood of Magicians

**To
The Members of the British Ring
and Delegates of the Convention**



It is with extreme pleasure that I extend to each of you fraternal greetings !

The British Ring is the largest Ring within the International Brotherhood of Magicians — and a reading of its membership list, past and present, represents a “Who’s Who” in Magic.

Margaret and I are very excited about our visit to Great Britain and your wonderful convention. This is a most memorable occasion and one which will remain with us — always.

On behalf of all the officers of the I.B.M., please accept our sincere best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely and fraternally,

BILL PITTS

International President,
International Brotherhood of Magicians



THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR
COUNCIL OFFICES
HASTINGS

The International Brotherhood of Magicians Conference last took place in Hastings in 1974 and prior to that the Conference has regularly visited the resort. In fact, our association with the Brotherhood of Magicians has been established over a period of many years and we now come to regard members of the Brotherhood as our friends rather than conference delegates.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I welcome you to Hastings for your 42nd Annual Convention and wish the event every possible success.

I hope to meet many of you during your stay and despite the full Agenda, trust you will be in a position to look around our delightful town.

JOHN HODGSON
Mayor.

TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 20.30

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

NIGHT BEFORE PARTY

including

'Ring up the Curtain' the 'Night Before' Show

Organised and presented by **ALFRED GABRIEL** with **MICHAEL SYMES**,
SAN YEN, **MOIRA**, **JOHN ALBOROUGH**, **PETER SCARLETT**, and
ANDREW MILLER and **TRICIA**.

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 11.00

HASTINGS PIER

PHIL GOLDSTEIN

will present his

'HUMAN DECK OF CARDS'

followed by **ERIC WARD'S**

daring attempt to beat the Hastings' **JINX**

THE CIRCULAR SAW ESCAPE

Shackled to a moving belt **ERIC WARD** will be in the path
of a fearsome Electric Saw.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THIS ESCAPOLOGIST TO ESCAPE
IN TIME ?

COME ALONG AND SEE ! ! !

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 14.45

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

By the President

EDWIN HOOPER, Esq.

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 15.00

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

MAGIC INTERNATIONAL

1. **DIMITRI ANDERSSOHN (France)**
With his Blazing Torches
2. **Introducing our Compere :—**
PETER GREENWOOD
3. **ROBERT THRASHER (U.S.A.)**
4. **L. L. HENRY (U.S.A.)**
with his 'Fantastic Fans'
5. **PERINO (Norway)**
6. **GEORGE JOHNSTONE (U.S.A.)**
7. **DIMITRI ANDERSSOHN presents :—**
'Creation'

At the Organ — **Keith Hurford**

At the Drums — **Horace Jeffery**

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 20.00

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

CIVIC RECEPTION BALL AND CABARET

given by

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF HASTINGS

Councillor John Hodgson and the Mayoress

With the permission
of the Mayor and Mayoress
our Overseas Visitors
will be introduced.

Dancing to Music of
GORDON RIDER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

CABARET

Compere — **IAN KENT**

THE PLUMMERS — Vocal and Multi-Instrumental Stars

Dress — Dinner Jacket or Dark Lounge Suit.

TOMBOLA STAND

HELENE STRACHAN AND LILIAN LEES

Look forward to meeting you all at the Tombola Stand.
Please come along and give us your support. All the
proceeds are for our BENEVOLENT FUND.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the
Members who have given Gifts and help in any way, and
it is so encouraging to be able to count on so many
generous friends.

Yours sincerely,

HELEN AND LILIAN



DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Organised by **Johnny Neptune**

Assisted by **Bill Scott**

WEDNESDAY	09.30—19.30
THURSDAY	12.00—18.30
FRIDAY	11.30—18.30
SATURDAY	09.30—18.30
SUNDAY	09.30—12.00

Held in the PIER BALLROOM (opposite The White Rock Pavilion)

The following Magical Dealers will be represented

THE ACE PLACE
ANVERDI
KEN BROOKE'S MAGIC PLACE
CAMTRYX (MAGIC) LIMITED
CLAUDE EDWARDS & PARTNER
DAVID HEMINGWAY
HOCUS POCUS MAGIC
JACK HUGHES
INTERNATIONAL MAGIC STUDIO
HAMILTON KAYE & CO.
KLINGSOR MAGIC SHOP
KOVARI MAGIC PRODUCTIONS
LIMITED
CLIFF LOUNT'S BRADFORD MAGIC
STUDIO
LUNA MAGIC
ELIZABETH McMILLAN—
BOOKSELLER

MAGIC BOOKS BY POST
THE MAGICAL MART
MAGICASSETTES—Martin Breese
MAGICTRIX HOUSE OF MAGIC
MINI MAGIC—Alan Warner
MURRAY'S MAGIC MART
TOM OWEN'S UNIVERSAL MAGIC
PLAYTIME BALLOONS
PRACTICAL MAGIC
PROPS—Ian & Bernice Ogily
R A R MAGIC
REPRO 71
JOE RIDING
THE SUPREME MAGIC COMPANY LTD
TAURUS MAGIC SUPPLY CO.
TERRY & NORMA
MISS TERRY

Refreshments available adjacent to Exhibition Hall.

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The Organisers would like to thank all Dealers for appearing at this **BRITISH RING CONVENTION**. It is hoped that conventioners will do their utmost to support the Dealers in their efforts.

THE CRAIG TROPHY — Present Holders : **Peter Diamond and Co.**

This will be awarded to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display at the Exhibition. The adjudication will take place on Wednesday at 17.00.

Adjudicator : R. A. Dennett, Esq., M.I.P.R.

Entry to The Dealers' Trade Fair will be by Convention Badge ONLY and this rule will be strictly enforced by the commissionaires.

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 09.30

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

Arranged by **JOHNNY NEPTUNE**

Times and order of appearance

1. 09.30 THE ACE PLACE
2. 09.37 THE MAGICAL MART
3. 09.44 TAURUS MAGIC
4. 09.51 KOVARI MAGIC PRODUCTIONS LIMITED
5. 09.58 HAMILTON KAYE AND CO.
6. 10.05 HOCUS POCUS MAGIC
7. 10.12 R A R MAGIC
8. 10.19 TERRY AND NORMA
9. 10.26 DAVID HEMINGWAY
10. 10.33 LUNA MAGIC CO.
11. 10.40 KLINGSOR MAGIC SHOP
12. 10.47 MAGICTRIX HOUSE OF MAGIC
13. 10.54 JOE RIDING
14. 11.01 PLAYTIME BALLOONS
15. 11.08 THE SUPREME MAGIC COMPANY LIMITED
16. 11.15 MURRAY'S MAGIC MART
17. 11.22 INTERNATIONAL MAGIC STUDIO
18. 11.29 MINI MAGIC—Alan Warner
19. 11.36 PRACTICAL MAGIC
20. 11.43 JACK HUGHES
21. 11.50 CLIFF LOUNT'S BRADFORD MAGIC STUDIO
22. 11.57 REPRO 71
23. 12.04 PROPS—Ian and Bernice Ogilvy
24. 12.11 TOM OWEN'S UNIVERSAL MAGIC
25. 12.18 MAGIC BOOKS BY POST
26. 12.25 CLAUDE EDWARDS AND PARTNER
27. 12.32 RINGS AND THINGS
28. 12.39 CAMTRYX (MAGIC) LIMITED

Timekeeper—**Doug Jones**

Dealer Liaison—**Bill Scott, Eric McDonald, Bill Haggarty**

Stage Staff—**Arthur Settington, David Haggerty, Hugh Gillies**

Your Convention Committee take this opportunity of extending thanks to our Member Dealers who are giving up this morning in order to present for our enjoyment, their latest in magic.

Owing to the very large numbers of Demonstrations and in the interest of all, the above times will be strictly adhered to. This is a Mammoth Demonstration and in fairness to the first Artiste, **please be seated in good time.** The curtain will rise at 09.30 **promptly.**

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 14.30

QUEENS HOTEL

THE LADIES' AFTERNOON

A talk and demonstration

"THE MYSTERY OF FASHION AND THE FASHIONS OF MYSTERY"

By Mrs. E. A. Dawes

**To complete the occasion there will be TEA
followed by a RAFFLE for the Welfare Fund
and BINGO**

THE STEWARDS

**LES AINSWORTH
MIKE BEARD
PERCY LE-BARROW
CYRIL CAPON
SISSIE ENTWISTLE
GEORGE HATTON
DOUG JONES
BARRY LAYMOND
Dr. Mc KEE
H. C. SOLOMON
LES WILSON**



**JACK GRIGGS
Chief Steward**

3 STAR LECTURES

Chairman — PETER WARLOCK



THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 14.15
WHITE ROCK PAVILION

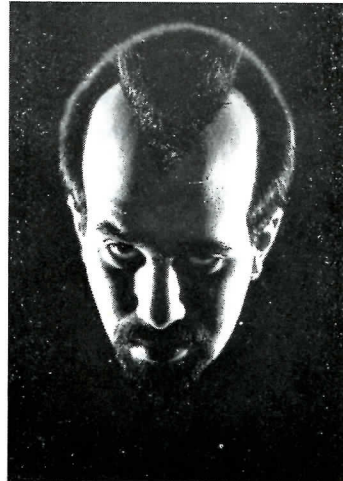
ELIZABETH WARLOCK

The first woman to lecture at
Hollywood's famous Magic Castle
'THE WARLOCK'S WAY'

At 15.45

PHIL GOLDSTEIN

Nominated Magical Academy Lecturer
of the Year
'TRANSATLANTIC LECTURE'



SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 14.15.
WHITE ROCK PAVILION

KARRELL (CLEVER AS A) FOX

One of America's Top Ideas Men
with Magic for all

'SECRETS FROM THE FOX'S LAIR'

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 16.00

HOSPITALS/HOMES SHOWS

HASTINGS 1978

The allocation of venues are as follows. All shows commence at 16.30 sharp. Those in the competitions the same evening should arrange with the compere of their particular show to be placed early on in their programme. This year we would ask all those concerned in these shows to arrange their own transport to the venues. It is increasingly difficult to make provision for this because of parking arrangements. However, if anyone is really "stuck" and will have a word with me, I will do my best to fix something, though I hope the requests will be few. Maps will be available as per usual on the Thursday morning immediately after the "Dealers Dem" Show. I shall be available in the auditorium at this time to deal with any queries.

WILFRED TYLER

NEW MORETON CONVALESCENT HOME (Adults)

Boscobel Road, St. Leonards on Sea.

Peter Zeniffe
Johnny Geddes
Michael Brettall
De Jay
Brian Miller and Audrey
Keno

Compere : Freddie Firth

Stage Manager : Bob Hayden

Pianist : Michael Dillon

LONDON TRANSPORT (Central Road Service) FRIENDLY SOCIETY CONVALESCENT HOME (Adult Close-up)

Michael Seacombe
Francis Haxton
Christopher Pratt
Rovi
Fred Castle
Donald Crombie
Host : Dr. Eddie Dawes
Stage Manager : Brian Barnes

"PINEHILL" ADULTS HOME 185 The Ridge, Hastings

Duncan Fletcher and Olive
Ken Savage
Granville Anstey and June
Tony Thursby
Fred Buttress
Tudor Brock
Barry Rutherford
Compere : Clem Bailey
Pianist : David Hatfields

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

**Malmesbury House, 125 Westhill Road,
St. Leonards on Sea**

Peter Stedman
Harry Rugg
Len Jennings
Fred Castiller (U.S.A.)
David Haggerty
Sol

Compere : Les Nottle

Stage Manager : Mel Collings

Pianist : Norman Thomas

Dr. BARNARDOS HOME FOR BOYS Old Roar Road, St. Leonards on Sea

Jerry Szczesneak (U.S.A.)
Richard Stupple
Sly Smith
Paul Ducaine
Arthur Settrington
Percy Best
Compere : Rex Taylor
Stage Manager : Tony Barnard
Pianist : Hilda Best

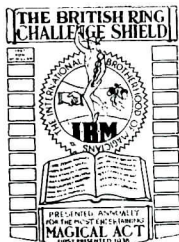
ELPHINSTONE CHILDREN'S HOME 211 Elphinstone Road, St. Leonards on Sea

Lou Flynn and Dorothy
Jack Stephenson
Douglas Gregg and June
Mo Howarth
Michael Rogers
Bill Warn
IBM Troupe of Clowns under Smokey
Compere : Joe Scoble
Stage Manager : Ted Beal
Pianist : Charles Wilson

Members who would like to see these shows will be most welcome at the venue . . . and in fact their numbers are growing each year. But own transport must be arranged.

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

WHITE ROCK PAVILION, 20.00



ALASTAIR

has organised and will introduce
the competitors in the Competition for the

NEW SILVER

BRITISH RING SHIELD

Judges : Tommy Rowe (Chairman), Ren Clark (U.S.A.), Roger Dennett,
Bobby Bernard, Tudor Brock, Fred Castle, Alf Moore,
Christopher Pratt.

Musical Director : Alfred Gabriel.

Timekeeper : Jack Potter.

RULES AND AWARDS

Rules relating to the Competition the awards of which are

1. THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize.

This will be awarded for the most entertaining magical act and is held for one year.

2. THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY.

The greatest originality shown in effect, method or presentation and is held for one year.

3. THE CRAIG TROPHY

For the performance by a lady magician who, in the opinion of the judges is worthy of this prize, and is held for one year.

THEO. SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize for runner-up.

To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE—Cash Prize and Silver Wand presented by ALASTAIR

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) (donated by Tom Harris) Together with Cash Prize

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)

1. These Competitions shall be open to all members of The British Ring providing (i) that they are fully paid up and accepted member or (ii) that application for membership shall have been received by the Secretary by the last day of May preceding the Competition.
2. The Management Committee of the Society shall appoint five Judges, including at the discretion of the Committee prominent visiting Magicians, together with a Chairman, who is also a member of the Society, and they will be responsible for the adjudication of the various awards. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
3. If any member of the panel of Judges has been responsible for the production, tuition or guidance by way of advice to any competitor or feels that his personal relationship with any competitor may embarrass him, he must inform the Hon. Secretary and stand down and allow for a replacement to be made.
4. There is no bar upon the number of awards that a competitor can win; it is possible for a male entrant to win the British Ring Shield, the Conventioneers' Trophy, the Dittia Shield and the Tom Harris Cup, whilst a lady entrant could win the British Ring Shield, also the Conventioneers' Trophy, Tom Harris Cup, Dittia Shield and Craig Trophy.
5. The length of a competitor's act should not exceed ten minutes. A yellow warning light and buzzer will indicate nine minutes and a red light ten minutes. At ten and a half minutes the competitor will automatically be disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage before the appearance of the next act.
6. Competitors who wish to be judged for manipulative skill, comedy or originality shall, when completing the necessary entry form, give notice of such intention and will be marked accordingly. Further, such intention shall be shown in the published list of competitors.
7. The Judges shall have power to withhold any award if, in their opinion, the act or acts do not reach the required standard.
8. A previous British Ring Shield winner shall not be allowed to enter and present the same act. There is, however, no bar to the presentation of a different act.
9. Any competitor who has taken part in the Competition for three successive years and failed to qualify for an award shall, unless the Committee of Management deem otherwise, have a waiting period of two years before entering again.
10. The ballot for order of appearance shall take place publicly not less than 24 hours preceding the competition.
11. The presentation of every act should be considered as family entertainment and should be in good taste.
12. Closing date for entries shall be notified in "The Budget."
13. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
14. All trophy winners shall hold their award for a period of one year and such award must be returned to the Hon. Secretary in a presentable condition at least 2 days prior to the day scheduled for the competition.

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 10.00.

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED

Chairman

EDWIN HOOPER, Esq.

NOTE—Printed Agenda will be handed to each Member.

Voting Papers must be left at the Reception Desk
not later than 16.00, THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

Returning Officer: Rex Reader, Esq.

ORGANISERS

THE GALA SHOW	William (Bill) G. Stickland
REGISTRATION	Jeffery Atkins
BANQUET	Francis Haxton
COLLECTORS' SEMINAR	Professor E. A. Dawes
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	Johnny Neptune
DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION	Johnny Neptune
OUTSIDE ATTRACTION	Phil Goldstein and Eric Ward
THE LECTURES AND ' THE HASTINGS SYNDROME '	Peter Warlock
AFTER BANQUET SHOW	Geoffrey Robinson and William G. Stickland
LADIES' AFTERNOON	The Ladies' Committee
SHIELD COMPETITION	Alastair Oliphant
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME AND HOSPITAL SHOWS	Wilfred Tyler
CLOSE-UP COMPETITION AND CLOSE-UP	Mike Gancia
COCKTAIL PARTY	Ted and Irene Whebell
STAGE DIRECTION	Paul Graham
STEWARDS	Jack Griggs
FILMS	Lewis Ganson
THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME	Peter Warlock and Peter Scarlett
FILM PROJECTION	Mr. and Mrs. Colin Hughes

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 14.45.

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

PETER WARLOCK

presents

THE HASTINGS SYNDROME

Those taking part will be—

DOUG ALKER

CLEM BAILEY

FRANK BOYNETT

GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM

MIKE GANCIA

AL GLENNAN

JAY MARSHALL

MAX MAVEN

GEOFFREY ROBINSON

PETER SCARLETT

ELIZABETH WARLOCK

Syndrome 'A concurrence of Phenomena ' O.E.D.

Appearances to the mind are of four kinds. Things are either what they appear to be; or they neither are, nor appear to be; or they are, and do not appear to be; or they are not, and yet appear to be. Rightly to aim in these cases is the wise man's (magician's) task.

Epictetus

At the Organ—KEITH HURFORD

At the Drums—HORACE JEFFERY

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 14.30.

WHITEROCK PAVILION

THE SHIELD COMPETITION AWARDS

will be presented by the President, **EDWIN HOOPER, Esq.**

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER
19.00 for 19.30.

QUEENS HOTEL

CONVENTION BANQUET

MENU

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Mushroom Soup

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Haddock with Shrimp Sauce

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*Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
and Horseradish Sauce*

Roast Potatoes

Brussels Sprouts

Baby Carrots

Garden Peas

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Strawberry Surprise

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Coffee

TOASTS

* * *

THE BOROUGH OF HASTINGS
Proposed by Dr. Bernard Juby,
P.R.O. British Ring I.B.M.

Response by The Right Worshipful
the Mayor of Hastings,
Councillor J. Hodgson

THE BRITISH RING
Proposed by Bill Pitts, Esq.,
International President, I.B.M.

Response by The President
Edwin Hooper, Esq.,

who will also propose the Toast to
THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by Earl Christenbury, Esq.,
Past International President, I.B.M.

*Toastmaster—*Leslie Finch

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 22.30.

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

THE AFTER BANQUET SHOW

MAGIC AND MUSIC OF YORE

(Your What ? You may ask)

A mind boggling distillation of mementos of the Music Hall — with gags to match.

Those taking part (Engagements, weather and public transport permitting) include—

BOBBY BERNARD

ARTHUR COOK

MIKE GANCIA

BRUCE POSGATE

MARK ROBERTSON

FRANCIS WHITE

with, as guest artistes, members of **ABA DABA MUSIC HALL COMPANY**
including it's resident Chairman **MR. GEOFFREY ROBINSON**

At the Organ—**Keith Hurford**

At the Drums—**Horace Jeffery**

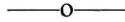
The same evening at 20.30 in the Lower Hall, White Rock Pavilion.

A SHOWING OF FILMS

by **LEWIS GANSON**

50 MAGICAL YEARS

By WM. G. STICKLAND



I have before me as I write, the 20-page programme, produced by Archie Byford, of the first British Ring Convention held in June 1931 at the home of our first Vice-President, Professor Bofeys, at Charlton Kings, Gloucester. The British Ring had been formed three years earlier by Oswald Rae, and at the time of the Convention our Membership was 51. Of these I regret to say only nine are still with us, George Blake, Donald Crombie, Eric Lewis, Maurice Crossland, Tom Chislett, T. Morley, Gus Ryde, myself and Joe Rendell, the sole surviving Founder Member, to whom at this time we extend our affectionate greetings and regrets that he is unable to be with us. I think Tom Waterman could give more information on the great Publicity Stunt which resulted in pictures in the London Press of Professor Bofeys performing the Indian Rope Trick in his garden. The programme set the pattern for today's Conventions with Children's and Adults' Shows which included George Blake, Donald Crombie, Tom Chislett, Oscar Paulson and myself, Competitions, Dinner and General Meeting. I had joined the I.B.M. a year before the Convention — shortly after the resignation of Dleisfen, I agreed to act as Honorary Secretary TEMPORARILY (you now know the true meaning of this word) — Harry Kaye and I were on the Convention Committee and later undertook the organisation of the Conventions. Guests at the Convention included Ellis Stanyon, Lewis and George Davenport, Leo Tree, Stanley Collins, Will Blyth, John Ramsay and John Gambling. The following year we returned to CHARLTON KINGS with Max Sterling presenting his famous Egg Trick, on the bill, and I remember Ted Beal was among the visitors.

The British Convention had now become an established thing and in 1933 we were at NORTH-AMPTON, which town we revisited in 1936 with Archie Tear as organiser. It was at NORTH-AMPTON that Paul Graham undertook to play tennis blindfolded and they selected as his opponent the Captain of the County Team. Poor Paul would not have seen the services without a blindfold. This feat was equalled by Paul's hazardous blindfold walk along the narrow parapet of the highest building at LEAMINGTON SPA, which town we visited in 1934 and 1935, with Milton Woodward as organiser of the Conventions. I have vivid recollections of Levante's underwater escape in the River Leam which had more mud than water. Levante was the star of the Gala Show as he was of the many following Galas and the programme also included Francis White.

In 1937 we visited Buxton and at the A.G.M. it was agreed to print the "Budget" under the Editorship of Les Levante. This would be an appropriate time to express our sincere thanks to all the subsequent Editors including our present Editor, Bayard, for their wonderful services. We returned to Buxton in 1947 and 1959, when Wilf Tyler presented for the first time "Children's Playtime," which he has repeated at each Convention since. It was some years later that Wilfred commenced organising shows for the hospitals and homes in the Convention towns. 1938 found us at Great Malvern — I remember Levante's "Where have the ducks gone?" for they escaped and we had to chase them through the Festival Gardens. John Ramsey was the first winner of the British Ring Shield.

SOUTHPORT, in 1939, is memorable for this is where I first met Eddie and Mollie Dexter, who were to organise no less than six Conventions in their home town, and I also remember Lenz's death defying "Living Burial." After being entombed in wet sand for 30 minutes it was a relief to us all that he was still breathing. Paul Ducaine won the Shield that year. Alas, this was to be our last Convention for seven years, due to the Second World War, but in 1946 we reopened shop at HEREFORD. Here we welcomed our first overseas visitors who were to become regular Convention attendants — Henk Vermeyden, Guy Bert, Jean Poisson and Fritz Olai. Those present will remember we had to combat the elements, for severe flooding made the road to the Garrison Theatre, where the Gala (including Bob Harbin, Peter Waring and Fritz Olai) was held, impassable to normal traffic and we had to lay on a fleet of buses.

1947. BUXTON. Herbert J. Collings succeeds Oswald Rae as President, which office he had held since 1928.

BOURNEMOUTH was visited in 1948 and Poppy and I presented for the first and only time our "Sports Magique" act. Eddie Dexter gave an exhibition of Hypnotism. Visitors included Ren Clark and Arnold Furst.

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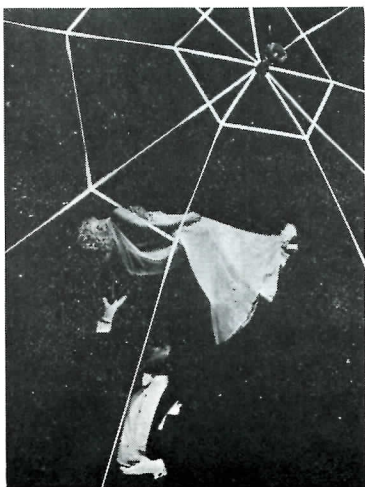
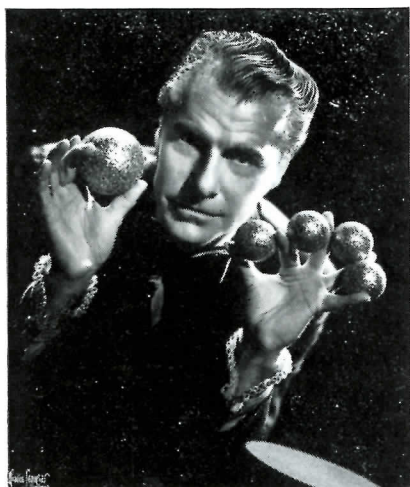
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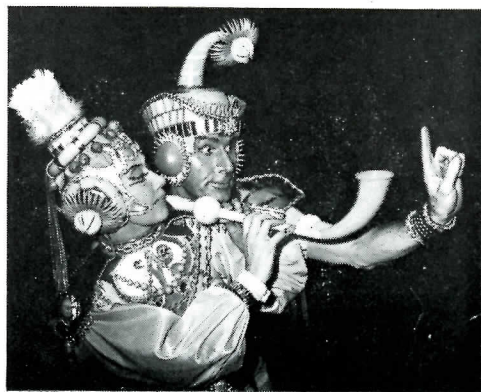
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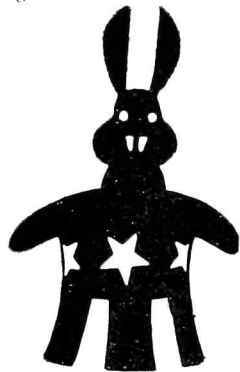
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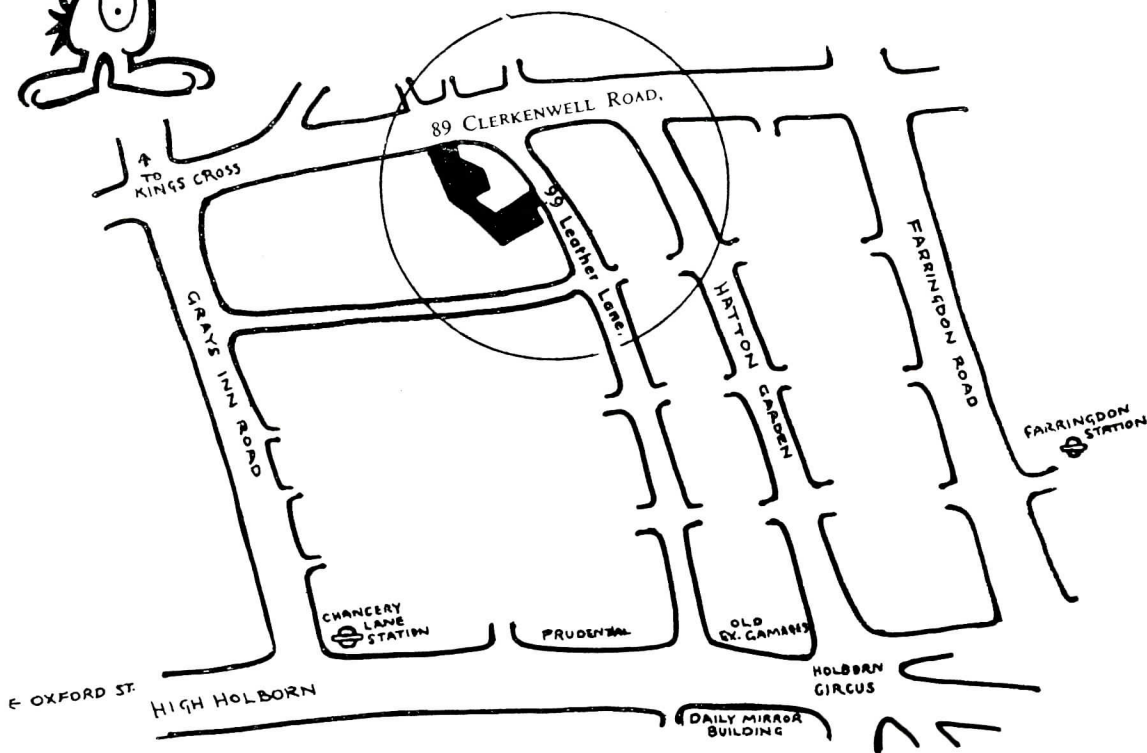
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1950. Our first visit to HARROGATE. By popular vote of the ladies, Oscar Paulson was acclaimed the "Most Handsome Magician."

I was happy that BOURNEMOUTH was again selected as the venue during my 1951 Presidential Year. First visits of Craig and Charles Wicks who, after, were regular visitors. It was a sad year, however, as shortly after his installation as President, Harry Kaye, one of the main strings of our organisation, died and I agreed to serve as President for a second year.

1952. HASTINGS. Suzy Wandas met Zina Bennett. The Fogel Ghost Show was a feature. John Gresham escaped from Burning Box. First demonstration of Close-up Magic per closed circuit T.V. F. C. Cleaver's Flying Saucer a sensation!

1953. We celebrated our Silver Jubilee with our first visit to Scotland — the Lord Provost and City Council of Edinburgh gave us a right royal time but the Usher Hall was not good for the Gala. Elizabeth Warlock first lady to win Shield.

1954. The first of three visits to BRIGHTON. J. F. Orrin lectured. Thirty competitors in the Shield Competition including Charlie Spratt and Dennis Gardner. Jeffery Atkins was appointed Registration Officer, which so efficiently he still carries on.

1955. SOUTHPORT. Spectacular outside publicity stunt by David Berglas. Peter Warlock produced the Souvenir programme and has done so each year since.

1956. BRIGHTON. First visit from Tom Hawbecker and John Giordmaine. June carried out an exercise in telepathy with the Mayor of Brighton.

1957. SCARBOROUGH (return). Fogel's sensational attempt to catch 6 bullets in his teeth.

1958. EASTBOURNE. Les Levante President. Marjorie Waddell second lady to win Shield. Dill Russell's sensational escape from a solid block of ice.

1959. BUXTON.

1960. HASTINGS. Lectures by Edward Victor and Al Koran. Alastair succeeded Oscar Paulson as organiser of Competition and Peter Warlock presented "Classics in the Modern Manner," the first of what has become a regular and most popular Convention feature.. First visit from the Trasks.

1961. HARROGATE. Dealers' Exhibition held in the splendid new Exhibition Hall.

1962. BRIGHTON. We introduced a novelty in "Le Cirque I.B.M." with magic circus acts and clowns led by Will Norman and Harold Taylor as Ringmaster.

1963. SOUTHPORT. A programme of Gala Artistes televised at B.B.C. Manchester Studios.

1964. EASTBOURNE. Jeff Atkins presented "Illusions of the Masters" which has appeared in each Convention Gala Show since this date. Sandy Powell guest artiste in After Banquet Show.

1965. LLANDUDNO. Our first visit to Wales where we were visited by Past International President Thornton Poole. Fogel's prediction baked in a loaf of bread hit the headlines.

1966. Return to HASTINGS where we repeated "Le Cirque Magique," actually under a big top. Morine the third lady to win the Shield. Dr. John Henry Grossman among the visitors.

1967. SOUTHPORT. Bobby Bernard introduced the "Clinic." Harold Taylor presented the Harold Taylor Show. Syd Brockman among the visitors.

1968. WEYMOUTH. A good Convention marred by bad weather. Closed Circuit T.V. used for Goshman Lecture. Johnny Geddes Giveaway Show. Due to ill health Claude Chandler withdrew as President Elect and Harold Taylor agreed to serve for a second year. Keith Hurford's first appearance as our resident organist.

1969. SCARBOROUGH. Jack Griggs succeeded Dr. McKay who had served for a number of years as Head Steward. Geoffrey Robinson revived the "New Era" Show.

1970. HASTINGS. Harold Taylor compered the Gala for the tenth consecutive year.

1971. Return to LLANDUDNO. The B.B.C. televised the Gala Show.

1972. MARGATE. Opening Show consisted of Scottish and Australian Magic.

1973. HARROGATE. Lectures by Fred Kaps and Lubor Fiedler. Arthur Worsley and the Wychwoods in an excellent Gala Show.

1974. HASTINGS. Eric Ward's courageous and near calamitous escape from blazing inferno. Ali Bongo lectured.

1975. **SOUTHPORT.** Weather dampened the enthusiasm of the Committee in providing the Dealers with a canvas Exhibition Hall.

1976. **BRIGHTON.** Harold Peters' sensational "Ride of Terror" in which he escaped from a boat seconds before it was blown up by a time bomb.

1977. **HARROGATE.** Paul Diamond and Gene Anderson of U.S.A. lectured. Fogel's One Man Show a big success. Mike Gancia succeeded Don Lees as organiser of Close-up Session.

1978. **HASTINGS,** and we hope we have provided a programme to equal the best of the above.

I am probably the only member who has attended all these Conventions — I know Donald Crombie and George Blake have missed very few. I have enjoyed them all. Some were better than others but all had their highlights, and I am pleased that the spirit of camaraderie that permeated that first very intimate Convention still exists in our present mammoth Conventions.

This year saw the deaths of two, who during their years of service to the brotherhood of the 'British Ring,' had done so much for their fellow members: their names, known worldwide, Eddie Dexter and Les. Levante. We shall always remember them!

Over the years we have presented the best in International Magic, introducing for the first time in England many acts that have since become world famous. These include:

Austria. Christian, Hardy Werner, Otto Wesseley, Fred Sherry, Rudy and Trudy.

Australia. Les Levante, Esme Levante, Maurice Rooklyn, Paul Dalton, Alf Hayes.

Belguim. Klingsor, Fred Dery, Suzy Wandas, Stewart Revers, Mister Joe, Monarque.

Canada. Micky Hades.

Czechoslovakia. Mazakians, Vondracek, Milo Trnka, Pavey, Lubor Fiedler.

France. Li King Si, Bramah, Rene Septembre, Andre Arvix, Edernac, Claude Rix, Horace, Les Andreor, Guy Bert.

Denmark. Fritz Olai, Haaken Edeling, Viggo Jahn, Spinoza, Jorgen Samson.

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I cannot end without expressing my sincere thanks to the Committee whose dedicated services over the years is responsible for the success of our Conventions. I have mentioned some above, but there are many others who have contributed so much — Ron Gilbert who year after year has designed our unique programme covers, Alf Gabriel as Musical Director over a long period, Francis Haxton who so splendidly organises the Banquets, Edwin for his generous contributions to our publicity and our P.R.O. Bernard Juby, and his predecessors, Robert Johnson, Paul Graham Tommy Rowe and Gordon Collins. Michael Seacome for his services as Hon. Chaplain and all the stewards, lecturers and artists. We must not forget either the afternoons organised by the Ladies Committee. All this has enabled us to stage a super show at what must without any shadow of doubt be the lowest registration fee. Finally my sincere thanks to the members for the wonderful way in which they support the Convention, which through its profit enables us to keep the present subscription at its present low level.

