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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Having attended all the British Ring Conventions since it was founded by Oswald Rae, I recollect we had very successful Conventions at Southport in 1939, 1949 and 1955 and here we are again in 1963 returning to Southport for the fourth time.

Looking back over those years, reminds us of the kindness we received from the Mayor and Corporation of this fashionable seaside resort.

Our hard working Convention Committee headed by Wm. G. Stickland are out to make this another outstanding Convention as you can see from the Bill of Fare within.

I am particularly delighted to welcome our Overseas Visitors especially the large American contingent headed by our International President Arnold Drennen

This is the first time we have had the honour of a visit from the reigning President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and I feel it a great honour to be President of the British Ring at this time.

To newcomers: remember you are part of a Brotherhood, and I'm sure older members will see that you are part and parcel of "The Ring".

I sincerely hope that those magicians unable to attend our Convention through illness will have a speedy recovery to health.

A warm welcome to all at our Twenty-seventh Annual Convention at Southport.

DONALD G. CROMBIE.



MAYOR'S PARLOUR, SOUTHPORT.



It gives me very great pleasure to extend a sincere welcome to all those attending the 27th Annual Convention of the British Ring in Southport in September, especially those visiting the town for the first time.

I do hope that all your Meetings and Social Functions will be successful, and that you will all retain happy memories of a pleasant Convention, held in an ideal setting.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Soldberg Mayor.

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



The centre symbol of our I.B.M. emblem is two acorns and an oak leaf, the oak denoting STRENGTH and the two acorns representing the Eastern and Western Hemisphere. They are joined, and this represents UNITED IN THE GOOD FELLOWSHIP OF MAGIC.

The annual British Ring Conventions have done much to spread this good fellowship of magic. The 27th Convention with its "International Gala" carries on in grand style this international fellowship.

To the committee which has worked so hard to make this convention a success and to promote the brotherhood of magic my congratulations on a job well done.

To the Officers of the British Ring my congratulations on building the annual convention to a position where it is annually one of the largest conventions in the world and one renowned for its good magic and good fellowship.

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and myself, I extend greetings to all in attendance, confident that this will be a memorable convention to you for years to come.

Mrs. Drennen and I hope to be present. We do hope to meet each of you and thereby add to our treasure chest that greatest of all treasures, more friends.

ARNOLD DRENNEN, International President, International Brotherhood of Magicians.



WM. G. STICKLAND Hon. Secretary, British Ring and Organising Convention Secretary.

JEFFERY ATKINS
Hon. Treasurer.



Bizhvenue a Nos Amis Suisse

Bienvenue a Nos Amis Belges

Velkommen Til Vore Damske Venner

THE **BRITISH** RING

extends

GREETINGS

and a

HEARTY WELCOME

TO OUR

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Welkom Hollandse Vrienden

Bienvenue a Nos Amis Français

Wir Heissen Unser Deutschen Besucher

AUSTRALIA



Neville Finney
President Australian Society of Magicians (Victoria Section)



Charles Wicks

AUSTRIA

Trudy and Rudy Niemand

BELGIUM



Stewart Revers



Walter Muller Vice-President Belgium Ring I.B.M.

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BULGARIA



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DENMARK



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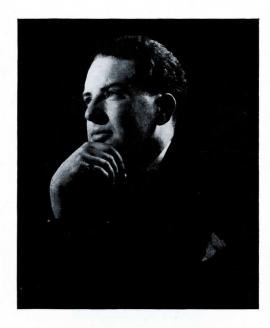


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Christopher Woodward (President Irish Ring I.B.M.)

EIRE



Albert Le Bas

John C. Reddin

Michael Rogers
President Society of Irish Magicians

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GERMANY

Ronny Rex



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INDIA



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SWITZERLAND



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International President I.B.M.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Isadore Bromfield



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I.B.M. Past President S.A.M.



DE LAGE



and

MARGARET

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Tom Hawbecker

I.B.M. Past President, Parent Assembly S.A.M.



Ace Gorham
Territorial Vice-President I.B.M.

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS—PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

The events will be announced on the fixture boards at the Registration Office. Convention H.Q., and a blackboard will be provided for any alterations or special announcements.

We have official CONVENTION STEWARDS on duty (distinguished by arm bands) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions who should make themselves known to the Stewards with a view to introductions being effected. The organisers too will be very happy to give information regarding any events. List of Stewards and Organisers on Page 44.

THE REGISTRATIONS DESKS will be open in the headquarters throughout the convention. There are two desks, one for the delegates who have previously registered, the other for those registering at the convention.

Please wear your Convention badge which shows all delegates your name, and the rule "Admission only by badge" will be strictly enforced for convention events. **PROFESSOR E. DUPLOYEN**, Official Interpreter to the British Ring will be present and his services will be at the disposal of any members or visitors requiring same.

WEDNESDAY, 11th September At the Cambridge Hall 3-15 p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

by The President, DONALD CROMBIE, Esq.



RONNY REX and DINAH

3-30 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD OF "MAGIC"

We await the arrival of
Aircraft
with

PILOT JOHN SHEARER

(Scotland)

and

HOSTESS

ELIZABETH WARLOCK

(England)

The Passenger List includes:—

ACE GORHAM (U.S.A.)
CLAUDE RIX (France)
Mr. SENKO (Bulgaria)
RONNY REX & DINAH (Germany)
FRED LOWE & HILARY (Gt. Britain)
ANVERDI (Holland)
Flight Engineer—TOMMY ROWE

Music by THOMAS NIGHTINGALE QUARTET



CLAUDE RIX

WEDNESDAY, 11th September 8-30 p.m. to 12-30 a.m,

Floral Hall

Civic Reception Ball & Cabaret

given by

His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Southport Alderman Sam Goldberg, J.P. and Councillor Mrs. M. Goldberg.

Reception 8-30 p.m. to 8-45 p.m.

With the kind permission of the Mayor and Mayoress our Overseas Visitors will be introduced at this function.

DANCING to the Music of EDWIN HARPER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

CABARET

Compere : ACE GORHAM (U.S.A.)

ROBERT KNIGHT "Looking for the Incredible"

THE FOUR ROBERTIS "Acrobatic Cocktail"



ROBERT KNIGHT

Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Sunday

THE GRAND

DEALERS MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

YOUR SHOP WINDOW

Direction: EDDIE DEXTER

TIMES OF OPENING: Wednesday 12 Noon until 7-30 p.m.

Thursday, 9-30 a.m. until 8-30 p.m.

Friday 11-30 a.m. until 6-30 p.m. (allowing Dealers who wish to attend the A.G.M to do so. This year the Halls will be shut to all delegates. The 6-30 p.m. closing is to allow Banquet attendance where desired).

Saturday 9-30 a.m. until 8 p.m

Sunday 9 a.m. until Mid-day. (Close of Exhibition).

Situation: The Cambridge Hall, Lord Street.

THE GREEN ROOM

Under the Cambrige Hall Stage M.B.C. Magic Studio Corindas Studio of Magic Arnaldo Magic Studio

IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM

Ground Floor L. Davenport & Co. The Wizards Den Kharduni Murray Col. Robinson

IN THE VICTORIA HALL First Floor level

Val Andrews Harry Stanley (Unique Magic) Jack Hughes Marzinni Charles Fitness East London Magical Supplies

George Jenness Premier Magic Cliff Lount Supreme Magic Inzani-Henley Oscar Oswald



Each year dealers go to considerable expense to present their exhibitions at the British Ring Convention, and your attention to their demonstrations is welcomed. All are eager to show you their "latest" and many exclusives will be on show for the first time. Take this opportunity of making a full round of the dealers. You will not regret it. One of the most important features is the Dealers' Trophy presented by MYSTIC CRAIG for the MOST ATTRACTIVE STAND, and this will be awarded during the convention. It is held for one year.

Present Holders: L. Davenport & Co.

WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR?

MYSTIC CRAIG with the Dealers' Trophy

Judging will take place on Wednesday at 5-00 p.m. by L. HAMBLET Esq., Director FORBES KEIR LTD., Incorporated Practitioners in Advertising



THURSDAY, September 12th

MAMMOTH DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

in the

Cambridge Hall

Arranged by EDDIE DEXTER

TIMES and ORDER of APPEARANCE :-

1	9-45 a.m.	EAST LONDON MAGICAL SUPPLIES
2	9-56 a.m	INZANI-HENLEY
3	10-07 a.m.	MARZINNI HOUSE OF MAGIC
4	10-18 a.m.	VAL ANDREWS
5	10-29 a.m.	OSCAR OSWALD
6	10-40 a.m.	DAVENPORTS
7	10-51 a.m.	CLIFF LOUNT
		5 minutes interval only.
8	11-07 a.m.	SUPREME MAGIC
9	11-18 a.m.	CHARLES FITNESS
10	11-29 a.m.	JACK HUGHES
11	11-40 a.m.	PREMIER MAGIC
12	11-51 a.m.	CORINDA'S MAGIC. (Direction John Henley).
13	12-02 p.m.	MURRAY

Announcer: EDDIE DEXTER

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 number of Demonstrations and in the interest of all a Warning **Orange Light** will go on at 9 minutes. At **10 Minutes a Red Light** will be shown and this will be augmented with a Buzzer. The Curtains will be drawn whether the demonstrator is finished or otherwise. We very much regret having to enforce this rule, and do so only in the interests of the Performers.

This is a Mammoth Demonstration and in fairness to the first Artiste please be seated in good time. The curtain will rise at **9-45 a.m. Promptly.**

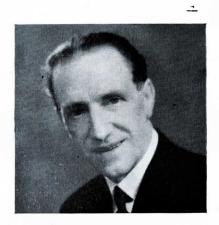
Rex Reader: Stage Manager;

Tony List: Property Master; Jack Potter: Timekeeper.

David Howarth: Runner;

Thursday, 12th September The Cambridge Hall At 2-30 p.m.

Lecture Demonstration introduced by Peter Warlock:



GEORGE BLAKE

"MAGIC AS YOU'LL LIKE IT" - I HOPE!

This is a title that should titilate the appetite of every conventioneer. The items presented will be varied covering a vast field of magical experience and bringing originality and individual touches that are so worthwhile.

Hospital Shows - Southport

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

Arranged by Wilfred Tyler

Bradstock Lockett Special School and Hospital

St. Anne's Road, Marshside, Southport.

At 2-30 p.m.

ALICE McCLAY
BARRY FOSTER
HEDLEY FAWCETT
with CYRO as Compère.

Children's Convalescent Hospital

Hawkshead Street, Southport.

At 2-30 p.m.

ERNEST ADSETTS
SLY SMITH
JACK AMBROSE
KAL ELLIS
with CLAUDE PERRY as Compère.

The Infirmary (Children's Ward)

Scarisbrook Road, Southport

At 2-30 p.m.

TOM HARRIS ARTHUR LEO ROY DARNLEY HELEN STRACHAN JOHN SHEARER

with WILL NORMAN "in charge"

The Hatherlow Homes

Levland Road, Southport

At 2-30 p.m.

KEN DE COURCEY and PAT STANLEY MARELLE SANDY JORDAN DAVID BUDD and RITA ALFRED GABRIEL and CECELIA ROY HARRISON with KEN GREEN as Compere an

with KEN GREEN as Compere and Stage Manager Accompanist ALF TWEMLOW

Salvation Army Children's Home

79, Albert Road, Southport.

At 4-30 p.m. (please note d'fferent time)

SIDNEY STERK STANLEY MARELLE PERCY BEST AUSTIN MITCHELL

with FRED WILES as Compere.

THURSDAY, September 12th 2-30 p.m.

Ballroom Prince of Wales Hotel.

Ladies Afternoon

Demonstration

The Food and Cooking Centre of

T. WALL & SON LTD.

present

"ICE CREAM DISHES FOR ALL OCCASIONS"

At the conclusion of the demonstration Afternoon Tea will be served. BINGO with many valuable prizes.

TEA ENTERTAINMENT BINGO

THURSDAY, 12th September In a Private Room at the at 11-30 p.m.

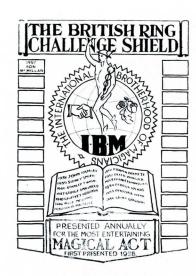
Prince of Wales Hotel

The Five-inch Lecturer

SID LORRAINE'S LECTURE ON TAPE

"A TALK ABOUT PATTER"

Presented by Tommy Rowe



COMPETITION

for the

NEW SILVER

BRITISH RING SHIELD

Conditions Relating to Performance in the British Ring (International Brotherhood of Magicians) Annual Competitions

These competitions shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 THE BRITISH RING. There shall be three main awards as follows:—

1. THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize £10.

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

2. THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY

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

3. THE CRAIG TROPHY

For the best performance by a lady magician and is held for one year. In addition there are the

THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize of £5 for runner up. To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE £3.

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) and Cash Prize of £5.5.0 (kindly donated by Tom Harris).

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)

No bar is placed upon the number of awards that can be obtained by a successful competitor and thus a male winner of the British Ring Shield, could, having presented the most entertaining and at the same time most original act, qualify for two awards.

In the same manner a lady competitor equally successful would be entitled to all three awards.

The length of act submitted by each competitor should not exceed ten minutes playing time, and to assist him or her, a warning light will be flashed at the end of nine minutes. Any Competitor exceeding a time of ten and a half minutes will be automatically disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage immediately before the appearance of the next competitor.

The judges would consist of five members of the Ring, the local Entertainments manager and the Editor of the local paper. This composition might have to be varied according to location. There would be an umpire, a senior official of the Ring, who would have complete powers to accept or reject the judges' decisions. If he rejected them, he would be remained to place his decision and reasons therefore before the Committee.

For additional guidance, the Instructions to Judges are appended.

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

There are three competitions which require your judgment. The first is for the major award, the BRITISH RING SHIELD.

This will be won by the act, which in your opinion constitutes the most entertaining magical act.

In view of this the act should be considered from the point of view of **enter(ainment.** Imagine you are seeing it in a concert, or dinner or other show, either by itself or with a number of other acts of various types. Does it entertain you?

The following points may assist you in judging:

- A. Consider general entertainment first—that is important—then, if you have several acts which you consider equally entertaining give your attention to the following:—
- B. Consider the entrance and exit of the performer, the stage setting and condition of apparatus, his or her dress, deportment and elocution, the nature of the tricks performed and the reaction of the audience. If the act is a silent one rote the effectiveness of the mime.
- C. You will take into account magical ability, but as you are viewing this from the layman's angle of entertainment with magic, your judgment must not be biassed by a display of advanced technical ability which would **only be apparent** to a magician.

The points made above may help you decide. YOU ARE NOT LOOKING FOR NEW TRICKS—and if a performer does old ones very well in an ENTERTAINING MANNER—he deserves your marks. Remember that a layman may not have seen that vast repertoire of tricks that you know so well. Naturally the same remarks apply to patter.

The SECOND AWARD is for ORIGINALITY, and is in the main, the concern of those members of the panel who are magicians.

The merits necessary for this award are:—

- 1. Newness of effect, so far as is known.
- 2. A novel presentation employing twists on standard effects.
- 3. The entertainment value contained in such presentation of effects.
- 4. An adequacy of mystery.

The THIRD AWARD is that given to the best lady performer. This requires no further elucidation, the merits previously stated applying equally in this case.

So as to allow for any disparities in judgement which may arise you are asked to write down the names of what you consider to be the best four acts, adding, if these do not qualify in the first four places, the performers entitled to the second and third awards. Seal your paper in the envelope provided and hand it to the Umpire. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS YOUR DECISION WITH ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE JUDGING PANEL until you have all handed over your envelopes.

THURSDAY, 12th September

The Floral Hall

At 7-30 p.m.

ALASTAIR introduces

The Competition for The British Ring Shield



Organised by ALASTAIR

STAGE STAFF:

Organised by - ALASTAIR

Stage Manager — GEORGE SMALLWOOD

Assisted by — ROY CURRIE
BILLY RUSSELL
JESSE HUMPHRYS

Musical Director — ALFRED GABRIEL Timekeeper — JACK POTTER

JUDGES:

GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM (Chairman)
STANLEY THOMAS
HAROLD MORTON
DE VEGA
ARNOLD DRENNEN

Entrants in order of appearance:

- 1. David Anton, Newport.
- 2. Patrick Brown, Bristol.
- 3. Rita Fearon, Chester.
- 4. Geoff Ray, Shrewsbury.
- 5. Gordon Watts, Hull.
- 6. Granville Anstee, Newport.
- 7. Christine, Barnsley.
- 8. Stan Whomersley, Sheffield.
- 9. Denis Gardner, Nottingham.
- 10. Arthur Pollard, Huddersfield.
- 11. Brenda Russell, Blackpool.

- 12. Ch'tta Ranjan Das, London.
- 13. Rex Cooper, Luton.
- 14. Tommy Talbot, Woking.
- 15. **Dell Johnson**, Middlesbrough
- 16. Charlie Spratt,
 Prudhoe-on-Tyne.
- 17. Ray Johnson, London.
- 18. Sly-Smith, Manchester.
- 19. Joyce Larner,

Blaydon-on-Tyne.

- 20. Peter Riley, London.
- 21. Helen Strachan,

Sutton Coldfield.

IMPORTANT TO COMPETITORS: Allowing TEN minutes for each turn competitors should work out approximate time of appearance and report to the Stage Manager half an hour before time due.

For the guidance of competitors a red light will be flashed after nine minutes of every act.

FRIDAY, 13th September

At 10 a.m. prompt — FLORAL HALL

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

Members only admitted

Chairman — DONALD CROMBIE, Esq.

NOTE—Printed agenda will be handed to each member. Voting papers must be left at the Reception Desk not later than 4 p.m., Thursday, 12th September.

Returning Officer: THE REVEREND MICHAEL SEACOME.



International Close Up Magic

introduced by FRANCIS HAXTON

The following will be seen by means of Closed Circuit Television

ACE GORHAM

CLIFF GREEN

PHOA YAN TIONG

H. VON HELDT

CLAUDE RIX

FRIDAY, September 13th

At 3-45 p.m.

Prince of Wales Hotel

MICRO MAGIC COMPETITION

for the ZINA BENNETT TROPHY

Conditions relating to performance in this competition sponsored by the British Ring (International Brotherhood of Magicians):-

This competition shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 (The British Ring) International Brotherhood of Magicians. There shall be two main awards as follows :-

- 1. The Zina Bennett Trophy and a silver replica valued at £4 4s., which shall be awarded to the competitor presenting in the opinion of the judges, the most novel magical entertaining act.
- 2. A Cash award of £3 to be presented to the runner-up.

Micro Magic for the purpose of this competition shall be defined as magic generally termed 'Table Magic'. The entertainment to be given should not include tricks suitable for platform use, and the inclusion of such tricks will mean a loss of marks. It is an entertainment intended for the most intimate audience. CARD TRICKS of any kind are precluded from this competition

The length of the performer's act shall be not less than four and not more than eight minutes. Warning will be given either audibly or visually when seven minutes have elapsed and should a performer exceed the maximum time of eight minutes he will be disqualified when eight and a half minutes have elapsed and such disqualification shall be announced by the judges.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

of whom there shall be no more than five nor less than three. One to be appointed as Chairman.

Each judge shall keep his own record and no comparison with any other judge shall be allowed. At the conclusion of the competition each judge shall hand his marking paper to the Chairman of the judges and from their findings will announce the name of the winner and the runner-up.

The points which shall decide the judges in their voting shall be :-

- 1. The overall magical content.
- Technical ability and handling.
- 3. Entertainment value of tricks used.
- 4. Originality in the trick per se or in technical ability
- 5. Manner of presentation.
 6 Whether the routine is truly Micro Magic.

Winner holds the cup for one year, receives a replica and a cash prize of £4.



Organised by FRED LOWE

Competitors:

RON COLEMAN REX COOPER JOHN GILLILAND JACK HENDERSON ROBERT KNIGHT CLAUDE MANLEY FRANK VALENTINE **DENNIS YETMAN**

Judges:

RICHARD DUBOIS LESLIE MAY REX READER

FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 6-30 p.m. for 7-0 p.m.

Convention Banquet

At The PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, Southport

LES DOWNHAM Toastmaster:

MENU

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Crevettes Marie Rose

Shr.mp Cocktail

Consommè Julienne

Clear Julienne

Crème de Tomates

Cream of Tomatoes

Filet de Sole Mornay

Fillet of Sole, Cheese Sauce

Caneton d'Aylesbury Rôti à l'Anglaise

Roast Aylesbury Duckling

Apple Sauce

Pommes Nouvelles et Croquettes

(a little orange garnish) New and Croquette Potatoes

Garden Peas :: Garden Peas

Savarin des Fruits Glacés

Fruit Savarin and Ice Cream

Café

Coffee

TO A ST LIST

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THE QUEEN

Proposed by The President.

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHPORT

Proposed by Ken De Courcy, Esq.

Response by The Mayor, Alderman Sam Goldberg, J.P.

THE BRITISH RING I.B.M.

Proposed by Arnold Drennen, Esq. International President, I.B.M.

Response by The President, Donald Crombie, Esq.

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Proposed by Peter Warlock, Esq. Past President, British Ring, I.B.M.

Response by Richard Du Bois, Esq., I.B.M.

Past National President S.A.M.

Friday, September 12th at 10-30 p.m.

Floral Hall, Southport

Saloonkeeper AL ASTAIR figgers you all might have a hankerin' to mosey along and join his Pards and Frails including:—

The Royal Command Performers

EL GRANADAS
The Gaucho and his Senorita

Dr. De COURCY

CHRISTINE

THE DANCING FILLIES



in a finger of "rot-gut" at the

Laughing - Horse Saloon

Gentlemen: Bring your "ten-gallon hat" or eleven-gallon-head.

Ladies : Please dress in the fashion of the Wild West.

Remember SHERIFF HAROLD TAYLOR will be there to protect your honour—and DEPUTY WILFRED TYLER will be there to protect you

from the Sheriff.

DO NOT ASK FOR CREDIT—THE SALOON KEEPER IS "QUICK ON THE TRIGGER"

(And has Four Toes Missin' to prove it!)

Cowboys : Leave your horses hitched to the rail.

Magical Dealers: Leave your carpet bags at the Trading Post!

(Card-men: The Sheriff has special instructions to confiscate

any deck containing more than four aces! If you must cheat, cheat fair and use marked cards, as

we all do!)

(Awards will be Presented by the President during the course of the entertainment.)

Children's Playtime

arranged and presented by WILFRED TYLER



WILFRED TYLER

- 1. Overture
- 2. ROY JOHNSON
 Your Host will introduce himself.
- 3. OSCAR PAULSON A Couple of "Oscars".
- 4. LILA and Her "Doggies in the Window".
- 5. MARZINNI
 In Nautical Novelty Magic.

INTERVAL

INTERMISSION

ORCHESTRA

- 6. RICHARD DUBOIS A Children's Entertainer from the U.S.A.
- 7. WILL NORMAN and the I.B.M. Clowns in their own "spot".
- 8. ALI BONGO
 the Shriek of Araby!!!!!



WILL NORMAN

Stage Manager CYRIL BRIGHTON (Cyro)
House Manager ROY HARRISON
Wardrobe Mistress MARGERY ROBINSON

Saturday, 14th September The Cambridge Hall

Lecture Demonstration introduced by Peter Warlock



"PROFESSIONAL CARD MAGIC"

Outstanding performer using a pack of cards and author of one of the most practical books on card magic, this great entertainer whose stage experience takes him back to the days of vaudeville will delight, mystify and teach you the real "know how".





GALA of MAGIC

Presented by
THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS
(BRITISH RING)

THE ODEON THEATRE SOUTHPORT

14th SEPTEMBER 1963

Programme arranged by WM. G. STICKLAND and JEFFERY ATKINS

Stage Manager: PAUL GRAHAM

Compere: HAROLD TAYLOR

PROGRAMME—Part One

- OVERTURE
 Orchestra under the direction of Thomas Nightingale.
- 2. JON and JO Oriental Fire-eaters. In the Dragon's Den.
- 3. LOUIS MARINO (Switzerland)
 The Elegant Manipulator.
- 4. AURÉLIEN (Germany)
 With His Mysterious Dance Team
- 5. EL CONDOR

 Magic from Mexico.
- 6. RICHARD DU BOIS (U.S.A.)

 Magic in the Modern Way.
- 7. MISTER COX & PARTNER
 Germany, with their International Magic Bar.

Interval



RICHARD DU BOIS

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LOUIS MARINO

INTERNATIONAL STARS OF MAGIC

(This Programme Is Subject To Alteration)



JORGEN SAMSON



AURELIEN



RUDY & TRUDY



ROBERT SWADLING & VALERIE



HAROLD TAYLOR



CLIFF GREEN



JON & JO



EL CONDOR



BRUCE ALLEN



PHOA MAN TIONG

PROGRAMME—Part Two

- 8. ORCHESTRA
 Thomas Nightingale and His Orchestra.
- 9. ROBERT SWADLING and VALERIE
 International Manipulator
- 10. RUDY & TRUDY

 The Tyrolean Tricksters.
- 11. BRUCE ALLEN "The Pleasure's Mime".
- 12. CLIFF GREEN (U.S.A.)
 Illusionist with a Pack of Cards.
- 13. PHOA YAN TIONG (China)
 The Four Seasons of Magic.
- 14. JORGEN SAMSON

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- 6. The green house is to the immediate right of the black house. (This means your right!).
- 7. The Players smoker owns a mouse.
- 8. Craven "A" are smoked in the yellow house.
- 9. Milk is drunk in the middle house.
- 10. The Dutchman lives in the first house.
- 11. The man who smokes Woodbines lives in the house next to the man with the snake.
- 12 Craven "A" are smoked in the house next to the house where the rabbit is kept.
- 13. The Black Cat smoker drinks Bovril.
- 14. The American smokes Navy Cut.
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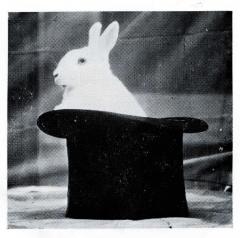
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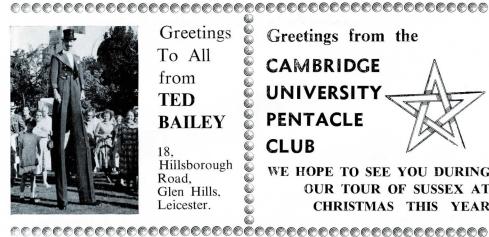


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