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BRITISH RING No. 25



The Thirty-First  
Annual Convention

SOUTHPORT  
1967

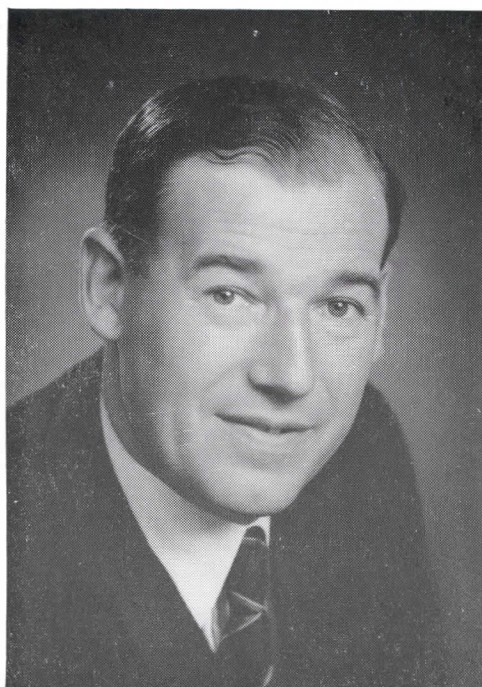
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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of us will welcome our return to Southport where we have had very happy Conventions in 1939, 1955 and 1963, the last being in the most glorious weather.

I extend a cordial welcome to all who are joining us this year, from home and overseas, and offer our sincere good wishes for another memorable Convention. We shall be delighted to meet any new members or any who are attending a Convention for the first time, so please make yourself known. Our Stewards will gladly introduce you to any member you may be anxious to meet.

To our sick members and absent friends we send a special greeting. Don't forget to send a line to any member you have missed, who may have been prevented from coming through ill health. These things can mean so much.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the Mayor of Southport and the Civic Authorities for their kind welcome and hospitality to us again. I would also thank all our Officers and helpers, and artists who have spared nothing to provide us with another wonderful four days of fellowship in Magic. One has only to glimpse behind the scenes to appreciate the enormous contribution they make all through the year towards the vigorous life of the British Ring. It makes me very proud to be President of such an organisation.

**MICHAEL SEACOME**



Mayor's Parlour,

August, 1967.

Southport.

On behalf of the Citizens of Southport, I am extremely pleased to take this opportunity of extending a sincere welcome to the British Ring No. 25 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

I know that all who visit the resort for the Convention will be received with the same warmth and friendliness as on the previous visits, and whilst I know that many of you are not strangers to Southport, may I offer a particular welcome to those visiting us for the first time.

It will be the endeavour of the Officials of the Council to afford you every assistance, and I hope that your meetings, demonstrations and social functions will be crowned with success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mitchell". The signature is written in black ink and is accompanied by a long, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

Mayor.

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## GREETINGS from the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



**SYD BERGSON**

From the officers, Board of Trustees and myself of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, kindly accept warmest greetings and best wishes.

I am confident because of the committee's hard work and planning, those attending will enjoy a memorable convention in the tradition of the world's largest magic organization and, sincerely regret not being present in person.

Fraternally,

**SYD BERGSON,**

**President,**

**International Brotherhood of Magicians**

# *Convention Announcements*

**PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL  
CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS**

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

We have official CONVENTION STEWARDS on duty (distinguished by badges) 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 Page 42.

THE REGISTRATION 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 member or visitors requiring same.



## ★ TO OVERSEAS VISITORS

THE BRITISH RING EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME  
TO YOU AND HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR  
31st CONVENTION.

It is desired that you should all be present at the Floral Hall on the evening of WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, to take part in a formal introduction ceremony and you are requested to report back stage to Dr. McKee at 7-30 p.m.

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## Cocktail Party

The Mayor of Southport invites All Overseas Visitors to a Cocktail Party at the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall on Saturday, 16th September at 11 a.m. Please come!

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## Refreshments

alcoholic and coffee will be served during the Convention at VICTORIA HALL adjoining the Dealers Exhibition in the Cambridge Hall.

Ladies are invited here for their "elevenses".

**THE BRITISH RING IS PROUD TO WELCOME**

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**MAGICIANS FROM OVERSEAS**

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**From AUSTRALIA**

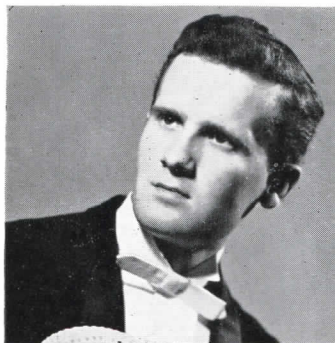
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**CHARLES  
HOULGRAVE**

**N. FINNEY**

**From AUSTRIA**

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**FRED SHERRY**

**From BELGIUM**

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**Mr. JOE**



**STEWART REVERS**

**Mr. KLINGSOR**

**From CANADA**

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**GORDON WILSON**

(Charter Member Ring 61)

**From CYPRUS**

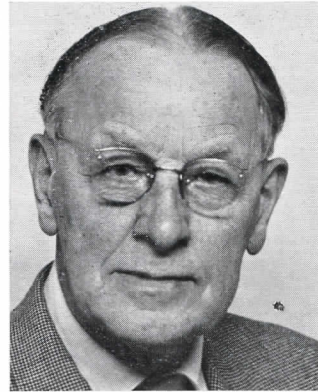
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**Dr. PERI  
THEODORIDES**

**From DENMARK**

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**PETER BORSCH**



**NIELS STALLO**

**From GERMANY**

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**THE ROSINIS**

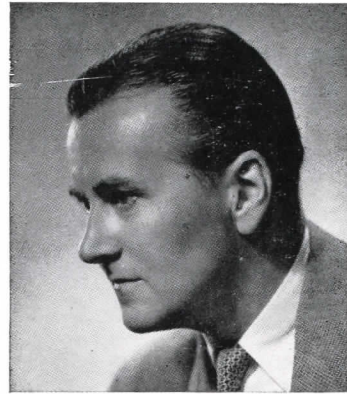


**RONNY REX**

**From HOLLAND**

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**RICHARD ROSS**



**HENK VERMEYDEN**

**From INDIA**

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**M. F. GAREH**

**From IRELAND**

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**MICHAEL ROGERS**

**ALBERT BANMIN**

**TONY THURSBY**

**Mr. BYRNE**

**R. F. ORR**

**C. McAFFEE**

**From NEW ZEALAND**

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**FRED GRUNDY**

(Past President Aotearoa  
Ring 160)

**From SWITZERLAND**

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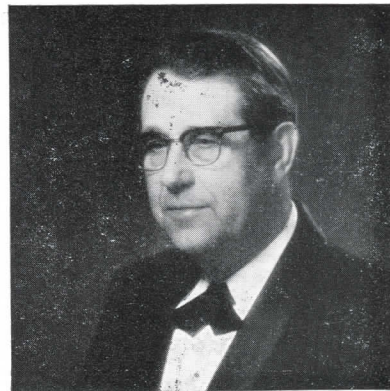


**PIET FORTON**

**From UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**Mrs. ZINA BENNETT**



**SYD BROCKMAN**

**Mrs.  
INEZ BLACKSTONE  
KITCHEN**

**Dr. KENNEDY**



**GREETINGS TO THE BRITISH RING  
AND BEST WISHES FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION**

from

**The  
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th at 11-45 a.m.

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SENSATIONAL OUTSIDE STUNT

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TIMOTHY  
DILL-RUSSELL

will present the famous

**“ Houdini  
Chinese  
Water  
Torture  
Cell  
Escape ”**

at the

FLORAL HALL GARDENS, SOUTHPORT



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th at 2-40 p.m.**  
**THE FLORAL HALL, SOUTHPORT**

**The Official Opening of**  
**THE 31st ANNUAL CONVENTION of the**  
**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS**  
**(BRITISH RING No. 25)**

**By the President. The Revd. Michael Seacome.**

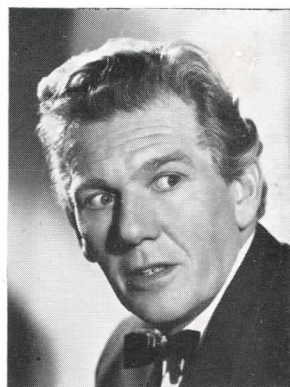
**At 3-15 p.m.**

THE POPULAR GLOBE-TROTTING PERSONALITY

**HAROLD TAYLOR**

Britain's Most Adaptable Comedy Entertainer in

**THE**  
**HAROLD TAYLOR**  
**SHOW**



**HAROLD TAYLOR**

A Programme of Fun and Laughter for all the Family

**with BOB HEATH and PAULA SCOTT**

**PRIZES GALORE**

**JOIN IN THE PARTY ATMOSPHERE**

**THE TOMMY NIGHTINGALE QUARTET**

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER at 5 p.m.

in the BALLROOM PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

FRANCIS HAXTON

presents



*“Close  
Up  
Magic”*

The following well known Close Up performers will present  
their own particular brand of Close Up Magic

**JACK AVIS**

**TED DANIELS**

**PIET FORTON**

**FRED LOWE**

**GUS SOUTHALL**

**WEDNESDAY, September 13th 1967**  
**in the FLORAL HALL, Promenade, Southport.**

The Mayor and Corporation of the  
County Borough of Southport  
Request the pleasure of your company at a

## *Civic Reception*

**RECEPTION 8-30 to 8-45 p.m. by the**  
**MAYOR & MAYORESS OF SOUTHPORT**  
(Alderman & Mrs. J. Simms Mitchell)

**DANCING 8-30 p.m. to 12-30 a.m.**

**REFRESHMENTS**

## *Cabaret*

**KEN DE COURCY**

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the famous B.B.C. Television  
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KEN DE COURCY

**Invitation card must be produced and surrendered at the entrance**

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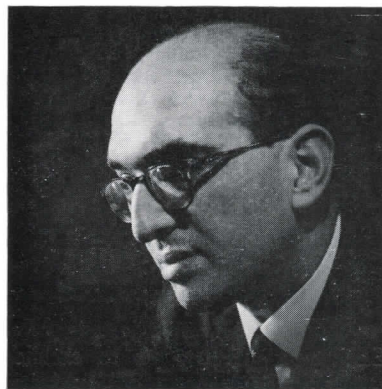
VICTORIA HALL – September 14th, 15th and 16th  
at 4-15 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL—September 15th – 8 p.m.  
Assembly Rooms

**BOBBY BERNARD**

presents

**“THE  
CLINIC”**



Bobby Bernard

in which he and

**JACK AVIS ★ TREVOR LEWIS**

and **PAT PAGE**

Instructions to those who wish to know more about the Jardine Ellis  
Ring Trick, False Dealing and “TOPIT”.

**Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday : Sunday**  
in the  
**Cambridge Hall and the Assembly Room (Cambridge Hall)**

THE GRAND  
**DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR**  
**YOUR SHOP WINDOW**

Direction : EDDIE DEXTER

**OPENING TIMES AND CLOSING TIME :—**

**WEDNESDAY 9.30 a.m. until 7.30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY Closed until after the Dealers' Demonstration :—**

**Open Approx. Midday until 8.30 p.m.**

**FRIDAY 11.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.** (to allow dealers who wish to attend the banquet at night and to attend the A.G.M. in the morning.)

**SATURDAY 9.30 a.m. until 7.30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 9.00 a.m. until 12 o'clock mid-day.**

**THE CAMBRIDGE HALL (Alphabetical order):**

**KEN BROOKE (Terrace)**

**DAVENPORTS (Stage)**

**DIAMOND ENTERPRISES**

**CHARLES FITNESS (Terrace)**

**JACK HUGHES**

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**UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIO**

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**ANVERDI**

**KLINGSOR**

**KHARDUNI**

**MURRAY**

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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: The Supreme Magic Co.**

**WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR ??**

**Judging will take place on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m.**

**Judged by W. J. RUSHTON, Esq., Director of Forbes Keir Ltd., Advertising Consultants.**

**A Voucher for £1, 1s. 0d. spendable at any Dealers Stand will be awarded each morning and afternoon to someone attending the DEALERS EXHIBITION.**

**You might be lucky so be sure to visit the dealers.**



**MYSTIC CRAIG**  
with the Dealer' Trophy



THURSDAY, September 14th —

# MAMMOTH DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

in the  
**FLORAL HALL**

Arranged by **EDDIE DEXTER**

## TIMES AND ORDER OF APPEARANCE —

1. 9-45 a.m. **DIAMOND ENTERPRISES**
2. 9-56 a.m. **SILRAY MAGIC**
3. 10-07 a.m. **CHARLES FITNESS**
4. 10-18 a.m. **KEN BROOKE**
5. 10-29 a.m. **JACK HUGHES**
6. 10-40 a.m. **GEORGE JENNESS**
7. 10-51 a.m. **SUPREME MAGIC CO.**

## INTERVAL OF FIVE MINUTES ONLY

8. 11-06 a.m. **MISS TERRY MAGIC STUDIO**
9. 11-17 a.m. **INTERNATIONAL MAGIC CO.**
10. 11-28 a.m. **OSCAR OSWALD**
11. 11-39 a.m. **INZANI-HENLEY**
12. 11-50 a.m. **DAVENPORT & CO.**
13. 12-01 p.m. **UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIO**
14. 12-12 p.m. **CLIFF LOUNT.**
15. 12-23 p.m. **ANVERDI**
16. 12-34 p.m. **MURRAY**

Announcer : **EDDIE DEXTER**

Time Keeper: **JACK POTTER**

Stage Direction: **REX READER**

Back Stage Staff: **RON SHIMELL, DOC YETMAN, FRANK RUFFEL**  
**DOUG JONES, DOUG MURFET.**

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 and a Buzzer will be used to indicate 9 minutes. A Red Light will be shown at 10 minutes.** 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.

# HOSPITAL / HOMES SHOWS

Thursday Afternoon, September 14th, 1967

Each Show to commence promptly at 4-15 p.m.

**'PEACEHAVEN' (Old Folks Home),  
ROE LANE, SOUTHPORT.**

FRANK BAUMFORTH  
LOU FLYNN and DOROTHY  
JOHN RHODES  
GORDON DIXON and PAT  
DUNCAN FLETCHER and OLIVE  
Stage Manager —  
Pianist —

**BRADSTOCK LOCKETT SPECIAL  
SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL,  
ST. ANNS ROAD, MARSHSIDE  
SOUTHPORT.**

MO HOWARTH  
ROY GROUT  
PERCY BEST  
SLY SMITH  
NORMAN DARE  
ROBERT SWADLING  
Stage Manager :  
Pianist:

**CHILDRENS CONVALESCENT HOME/  
HOSPITAL, HAWKSHEAD STREET  
SOUTHPORT.**

DREW MASTERS and TESS  
DENNIS VICKERY  
JOHN SHEARER  
KEN THOMAS (KENNO)  
MILTON KAYE  
Stage Manager:  
Pianist: ARTHUR SHILCOCK (Trelba).

**SALVATION ARMY CHILDREN'S  
HOME, 79, ALBERT ROAD,  
SOUTHPORT.**

ROY DARNLEY  
CYRO  
MICHAEL ROGERS  
JENALDO  
REG ALLEN  
AUSTIN MITCHELL  
Stage Manager:  
Pianist:

**SCHOOL FOR PARTIALLY HEARING  
(Also Dr. Barnardos Home, as guests)  
LANCASTER ROAD, BIRKDALE,**

HELEN STRACHAN  
DENNIS TUBB  
PIET TOVENAAR  
ALAN KENNAUGH  
GORDON WATTS  
ALASTAIR (Compere).  
Stage Manager: GEORGE TATTERSALL  
Pianist: ALEC GARNER

**THE HATHERLOW HOMES  
(Old Peoples Home),  
LEYLAND ROAD, SOUTHPORT  
(Stage Show)**

STUART GOOD  
BOB WORMLEY  
BRIAN WILKINSON  
JACK MAYES  
LES WOODCOCK  
ARTHUR SETTERINGTON (Compere)  
Stage Manager:  
Pianist: ALF TWEMLOW.

**THE INFIRMARY, CHILDREN'S WARD  
SCARISBROOK ROAD, SOUTHPORT.**

TOM HARRIS  
JACK AMBROSE  
RON BISHOP  
HEDLEY FAWCETT  
J. MAYES  
MEL (Compere)  
Stage Manager:  
Pianist:

THURSDAY, September 14th – 2-30 p.m.

BALLROOM PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

# LADIES AFTERNOON

TALK and  
DEMONSTRATION :—

## “Bustles Crinolines & All That”

presented by

MARY SEACOME  
and ROSEMARY



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## TABLE COVER COMPETITION

TEA ★ RAFFLE ★ BINGO

The Judging of the Table Covers will take place at 2 p.m.

The Judges:— Mesdames Dexter, Rowe and Anne Warlock.

Table Covers to be handed over to Anne Warlock at the Prince of Wales Hotel  
not later than noon, Thursday, September 14th.

A TICKET BEARING COMPETITORS NAME SHOULD BE ATTACHED  
TO THE TABLE COVER

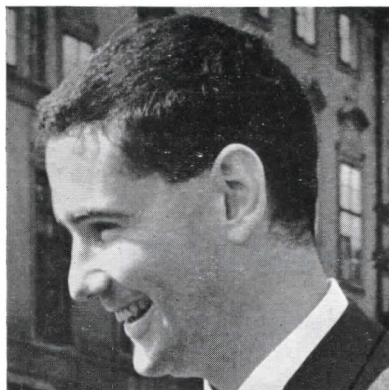


**THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER at 2-30 p.m.**

**At THE FLORAL HALL**

**LECTURE –**

**DEMONSTRATION :-**



# **PIET FORTON**

## **“CHILDREN’S ENTERTAINING”**

Piet Forton from Switzerland is a man of many parts. Not only is he the leading children’s entertainer in his country but he ranks internationally as an expert on close-up magic. His latest achievement in this field was the first award for card magic at the F.I.S.M. Congress held this year at Baden-Baden.

Chairman : **PETER WARLOCK**

**THURSDAY, 14th September at 8-00 p.m.**  
**at the FLORAL HALL ...**

**ALASTAIR introduces**

## **Competition for the British Ring Shield**

Organised by ALASTAIR  
Stage Manager — ANTHONY LIST  
Musical Director — ALFRED GABRIEL  
Timekeeper — JACK POTTER

**JUDGES :—**

GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM (Chairman)  
DUNCAN FLETCHER  
HENK VERMEYDEN  
RONNIE REX  
HAROLD MORTON  
Mrs. ZINA BENNETT.  
ALEC WHITE  
HARRY FRANCIS



**Organised by ALASTAIR**

**ENTRANTS in order of appearance :**

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| 1. <b>Guy Higgins</b> —Worcester.        | 9. <b>Victor Fiveash</b> —London.            |
| 2. <b>Ken Laraway</b> —Accrington.       | 10. <b>Dennis Gardner</b> —Nottingham.       |
| 3. <b>Tommy Talbot</b> —Woking.          | 11. <b>Ken Miller</b> —Newcastle.            |
| 4. <b>M. H. Noor</b> —Barnsley.          | 12. <b>Anne-Marie</b> —Coventry.             |
| 5. <b>Stuart Good</b> —Sheffield.        | 13. <b>Ted Carter</b> —Trowbridge.           |
| 6. <b>Leah Brazier</b> —Newton Abbot.    | 14. <b>Drew Masters &amp; Tess</b> —Glasgow. |
| 7. <b>Barry E'combe</b> —Dartford.       | 15. <b>John Alborough</b> —London.           |
| 8. <b>Scotty Thompson</b> —Little Eaton. | 16. <b>Geoff Ray &amp; Pat</b> , Shrewsbury. |
|  | 17. <b>Charles Spratt</b> —Prudhoe-on-Tyne   |

**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. When each competitor enters a green light will be illuminated and timing will start. At the end of the 9th minute a buzzer will sound and the green light will be changed for an amber one. At the end of the 10th minute the amber light will be replaced by a red one.



# BRITISH RING SHIELD

## ANNUAL

## COMPETITION

### 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 **entertainment**. 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 note 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 biased 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 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 judgment 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.

**FRIDAY, 15th September at 10-30 a.m.**

**FLORAL HALL**

# **Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers**

**MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED**

Chairman :

THE REVEREND MICHAEL SEACOME

**NOTE — Printed Agenda will be handed to each Member**

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VOTING PAPERS MUST BE LEFT AT THE RECEPTION DESK  
NOT LATER THAN 4 p.m. **THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.**

Returning Officer :

Mr. REX READER

Friday, September 15th at 2.45 p.m.

In the FLORAL HALL

**PETER WARLOCK**

presents

**“THANKS  
FOR THE  
MEMORY”**



Peter Warlock

A programme in which he looks back nostalgically at the magic of Professor Anders, John Calvert, Chris. Charlton, Douglas Dexter, Harry Houdini, Lionel King, Edward Maurice, Herbert Milton, A'an Stainer, Hans Trixer, Edward Victor and revives their magic with the performances of

ALAN ALAN  
JACK AVIS  
FRANK BOYNETT  
FRED BUTTRESS  
ALAN FRASER  
EDWARD LOVE  
BILLY McCOMB  
JUNE MERLIN  
PAT PAGE  
JOHN SHEARER  
HAROLD TAYLOR

At the piano — TOMMY NIGHTINGALE

At the drums — RAY HOYLE

Stage Management : PAUL GRAHAM. HOWARD PETERS.

FRIDAY, September 15th – 6-30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

# Convention Banquet

## Menu

Shrimp Cocktail

Cream of Asparagus  
Clear Soup, Finely Cut Vegetables

River Trout fried in butter

Roast Stuffed Duckling  
Apple Sauce  
Garden Peas  
Boiled and Roast Potatoes

Sponge Ring, Mixed Fruit, Ice Cream

Coffee



## Toast List

Toastmaster — Mr. P. Graham

### **THE QUEEN**

Proposed by The President.

### **THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHPORT**

Proposed by Mr. Eddie Dexter, Past President British Ring.

Response by The Mayor, Alderman J. Simms Mitchell, J.P.

### **THE BRITISH RING**

Proposed by Mr. Henk Vermeyden, Acting President F.I.S.M.

Response by The President, The Reverend Michael Seacome.

### **THE LADIES AND VISITORS**

Proposed by Mr. A. Oliphant.

Response by Mr. Syd Brockman, Past President Pacific Coast  
Association of Magicians.



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th at 10-30 p.m.**

**in the FLORAL HALL**

# **A Night at the Music Hall**

The MANAGEMENT is proud to announce that, at ENORMOUS EXPENSE, they have engaged the services of the following artistes of great talent and renown. They will provide a high class entertainment in the presence of THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH RING, Members of the Committee, and sundry other persons of great note.  
(Weather and vehicular transport permitting).

**Mr. TERRY HERBERT and AVERIL**

Just Tricks and Things.

**M. PIET FORTON**

From Switzerland.

**Miss ELINOR HESLOP**

Soprano

**Miss FREDA and Mr. FRED FINNEGAN**

Fantastic Farcical Fantasies—Direct from London's Gaslight.

**Mr. G. H. STEPHENS**

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**Mr. GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM**

At His Finger-Tips.

**Mr. BILL and Miss ANN WILLIAMS**

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THE FLORAL HALL MUSICAL ENSEMBLE  
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Stage Manager — Mr. RICHARD TITE

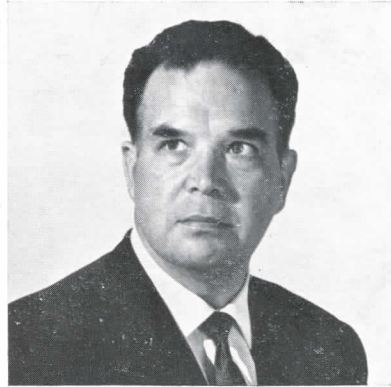
The entire spectacle produced under the personal supervision of  
Mr. GEOFFREY ROBINSON

**SATURDAY, September 16th – 10-00 a.m.**

**BALLROOM PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL**

# **MICRO MAGIC CONTEST**

**FOR THE  
ZINA BENNETT TROPHY**



**Organised by FRED LOWE**

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. 0d., 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.
2. 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, and receives a replica and a cash prize of £4.

The audience will be split into a number of small groups and the competitors will work from table to table.

### **JUDGES :**

**DAVID BUDD  
DONALD CROMBIE  
ROVI  
MISS TARBOT  
JOHN SALISSE**

### **COMPETITORS**

**(Not in order of performance)**

**JOHN ALBOROUGH  
JOHN GILLILAND  
JON GORDON  
TERRY HERBERT  
NICHOLAS LEWIN  
DICK RICHARDS  
ARTHUR SETTERINGTON  
LARRY SPENCER**

**The Cup and Awards will be presented by Suzy Wandas Bennett, widow of the late Dr. Zina Bennett at the commencement of the Lecture on Saturday Afternoon.**

**SATURDAY, September 16th**  
**at 10-30 a.m.**  
**in the FLORAL HALL**



# **CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME**

Presented and devised by  
**WILFRED TYLER**



## **Overture — THE TOMMY NIGHTINGALE TRIO.**

1. The Curtains will part to allow **JACK MAYES** to introduce himself to you as your host.
2. **PIET TOVENAAR** is the first Magician he will announce with his Special Novelties in Magic for Children.
3. **THE I.B.M. CLOWNS** will follow in one of their ensembles.
4. The stage being cleared from whatever Chaos these funmakers cause brings Conjuror from Oxford in the person of **PERCY BEST** giving his "Best" Magic for Children.
5. Some Competitions and interruptions from the Clowns lead us on to A 'Magical Party' given by that Ace of Children's entertainers—**ROY GROUT** of London

## **INTERVAL**



**JACK MAYES**

thirty-four



**THE CLOWNS**

6. **Intermission Music** by **THE TOMMY NIGHTINGALE TRIO**
7. **JACK MAYES** again giving away more lovely sweets and things.
8. All is set now for a good laugh with **TERRY SEABROOKE** who produces Laughs Galore from his Magic.
9. Features a special novelty of special interest to the young ones presented by **WILL NORMAN** and the **I.B.M. CLOWNS** with guests and **Susan Tyler**.
10. Now, for the Final act and one which is eagerly awaited . . that Magician from Switzerland . . . **PIET FORTON**.

Throughout the show you will have seen the lady who assists Jack Mayes with prizes and helping in the competitions . . . she is actually a very clever Magicienne in her own right . . .

**HELEN STRACHAN**

Stage Manager .....	<b>RICHARD TITE</b>
House Manager .....	<b>ROY HARRISON</b>
Children's House Host .....	<b>JESS YEOMAN</b>

**THE I.B.M. CLOWNS** under the leadership of that International Auguste **WILL NORMAN**  
**Michael Scott, Tony Green, Dennis Tubb, Rex Cooper, P. Mathews, Tommy Talbot,**  
**Trixo (Jackson Laurie), Jock Armitage, Les Woodcock, Cliff Townsend**  
 and maybe **Tom Harris**.



**PERCY BEST**



**PIET FORTON**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th at 2-15 p.m.

At THE FLORAL HALL

LECTURE –

DEMONSTRATION :–

# BILLY McCOMB

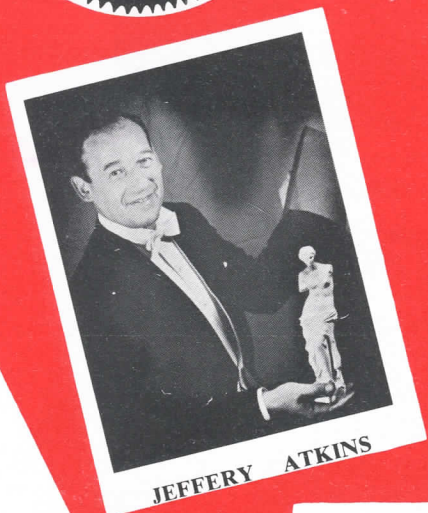
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## “FORTY TWO YEARS IN A PORTUGUESE STRAITJACKET”

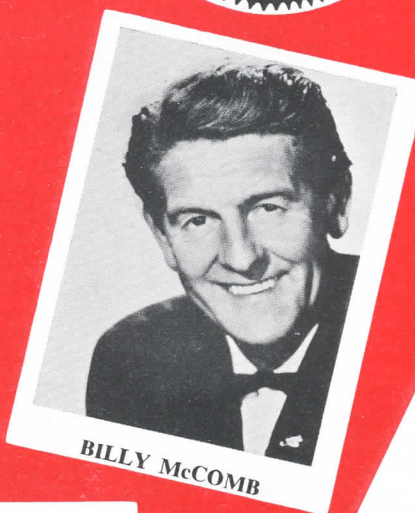


Billy McComb needs no introduction to conventioners. Internationally known not only for his magic but for his delightful zany comedy you will this afternoon be entertained, mystified and instructed.

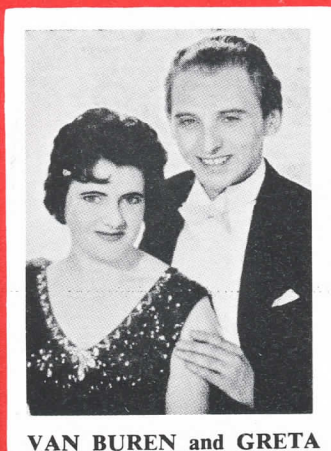
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JEFFERY ATKINS



BILLY McCOMB



VAN BUREN and GRETA

## THE PHAROS

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS (BRITISH RING)

Programme Arranged by  
WM. G. STICKLAND

Stage Direction :  
PAUL GRAHAM



ROGER STEVENSON



CAMPBELL McRAE



MORINE



DELPHINE Y DOMINGO



**RICHARD ROSS (Holland)**



**THE ROSINIS (Germany)**



**MISTER JOE (Belgium)**



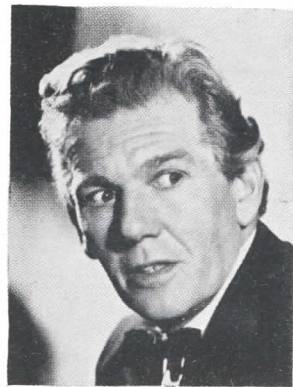
**FRED SHERRY (Austria)**



# Programme

Compered by :

**HAROLD  
TAYLOR**



1. **OVERTURE**—Tommy Nightingale and his Orchestra.
2. **DELPHINE Y DOMINGO** — (Duo Flamenco Español).
3. **CAMPBELL McRAE**—The Popular Scottish Magician.
4. **THE ROSINIS**—from Eastern Germany.
5. **MORINE**, assisted by **JANE**, 1966 Winner of the British Ring Shield.
6. **The ROGER STEVENSON MARIONETTES**, “Cabaret on Strings”.
7. **VAN BUREN & GRETA**, “A Whirlwind of Spectacular Mystery”.

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**Intermission**

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8. **DELPHINE Y DOMINGO** — Adalucian Gipsy Dance.
9. **RICHARD ROSS**—The Brilliant Young Dutch Magician.
10. **BILLY McCOMB**—The Dissection of a Live Woman.
11. **THE PHAROS**, “Mystery of the Sphinx”.
12. **Mr. JOE & PARTNER** — King of the Diabolo.  
(Belgium)
13. **FRED SHERRY**, The Prize Winning Austrian Manipulator.
14. **JEFFERY ATKINS and COMPANY**, The Illusions of the Masters.

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**God Save The Queen.**

The Programme is subject to alteration.

**SATURDAY, September 16th**

**AFTER THE GALA**

**In the Ballroom,  
Prince of Wales Hotel**



**Suzy Bennett**

**Thanks . . .  
to Suzy !!**

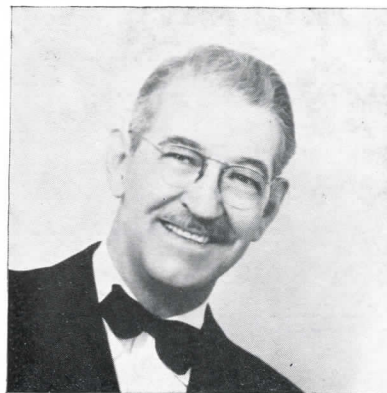
Tonight and throughout the Convention we have had once more the great pleasure of a visit from that superlative magicienne, Suzy Bennett. None who have seen her will ever forget her wonderful showmanship so expertly coupled with skill.

This evening after the culminating show of the Convention there will be an opportunity for members to see the colour films shot in the United States that she has brought with her.

One will be of the late Dr. Zina Bennett's Giant Card act, an act which called not only for expertise but also for great imagination. As well, those who have never had the pleasure, will have the opportunity of seeing two dimensionally, Suzy's own act.

Finally there will be a record of one of the most famous of all annual magical Get-togethers, namely that sponsored by the Abbott's Magical Manufacturing Company at Colon. You will have heard the names, now you'll get a chance to see the faces.

The programme will have an introduction to the films by that great stalwart and associate of the late **Dr. ZINA BENNETT**, Eddie Dexter.



**The late Zina Bennett**

**SATURDAY, 16th September at MIDNIGHT**

**PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL**

# **THE LATE LATE SHOW**



## **APPRECIATIONS**

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“'Ere, 'Ere” — Bayard Grimshaw.

“!!X—:— /&:?\*\* ×=!!!\* ×—” — Geoffrey Robinson.

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**Arranged by — — KEN GREEN**

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**GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM, Esq.**



**FOLLOWED AT 12-30 p.m. by a**

## **COCKTAIL PARTY**

**(under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Dexter)**

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**The President and Committee most sincerely thank everyone for their support in their thirty first annual Convention at Southport and special appreciation is extended to :**

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Mrs. Zina Bennett for loans of films and Mr. Will Norman for his projection of them —and all those who have contributed by work in front or behind the scenes to the success of our thirty first Annual Convention. Thank you indeed.



# **Michael & Mary Seacome and Rosemary**

send sincere Greetings to all Conventioneers  
and best wishes for a very happy Convention,  
with a special thought for members who are  
unable to be with us this year.

**We thank all who have so kindly we'comed us during the past year,  
and made it such a happy one.**

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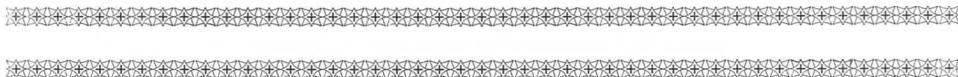
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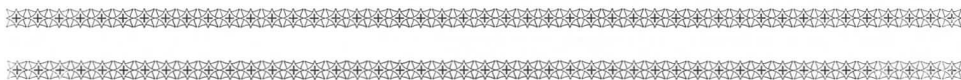
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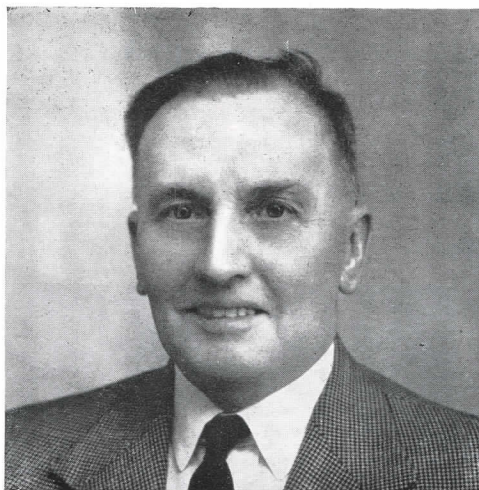
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