

IBM British Ring 25



37th annual convention Harrogate 1973

BRITISH RING



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From the President
Dr. EDWIN A. DAWES



May I extend a very warm Yorkshire welcome to all members and visitors on the occasion of our 37th Annual Convention, which returns to the beautiful inland resort of Harrogate after an absence of twelve years. It is a particular pleasure to welcome magicians from overseas, many of whom are old friends, and to express the hope that not only will they have a thoroughly enjoyable time with us but they will carry away indelible memories of a wonderful Convention.

Especially greetings, too, to those for whom Harrogate is their first Convention. Please make yourself known to us and to the Stewards so that we may ensure you are well looked after. We trust that you will meet the people you want to meet, make new friends and, in so doing, acquire the 'Convention-going habit'.

Your Convention Committee have expended much time and effort in arranging an attractive programme, which includes novel features as well as the tried and tested ingredients, and which should certainly cater for all magical tastes. We are grateful for their efforts. We are also deeply appreciative of the kind hospitality offered us by the Mayor of Harrogate and to him, the Mayoress and the Civic Authorities we extend our sincere thanks.

Inevitably there are some members who are prevented by illness from joining us. To them we send our good wishes coupled with the hope that they will soon be restored to health and once more able to participate fully in the activities of the largest Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

EDWIN A. DAWES.



**From International President
EARLE J. CHRISTENBERRY Jr.**



As I write this I am barely your president by some two weeks and am still bewildered by the honour you have bestowed upon me—the greatest in all of Magic.

When my wife Gladys and I attended your wonderful convention in Llandudno in 1971 we promised we would return. Your gracious hospitality at that time will never be forgotten and is a constant fond memory.

Well, this year we are returning and look forward to renewing the friendships we made in 1971. Ring No. 25 is a gem in our International links and we are honoured to join you in your annual meeting.

We wish you and Ring No. 25 a most enjoyable and successful Convention. If you enjoy yourself only half as much as we shall this will be a memorable experience.

EARLE J. CHRISTENBERRY Jr.



**From THE MAYOR OF HARROGATE
Alderman Rodney Kent**

May, 1973

It is always a pleasure to me and my colleagues of the Council to welcome visitors to the town, and I am delighted to have this opportunity to send greetings to the delegates and their ladies who will attend the International Brotherhood of Magicians' Conference in September.

As the leading conference town in the North of England, Harrogate is proud to be associated with your gathering and all concerned will be anxious to make your stay with us enjoyable in every way. No doubt your business programme will be of prime importance, but I trust you will have the time to enjoy the restful atmosphere of the town and all the facilities we are pleased to offer.

The Mayoress and I look forward very much to meeting you all.

Yours sincerely,

RODNEY KENT,
Mayor.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Wm. G. STICKLAND



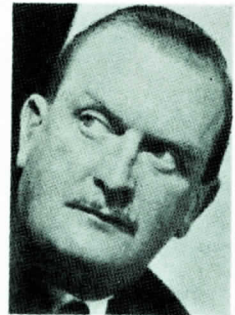
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WE WELCOME OUR OVERSEAS VISITORS

AUSTRALIA

Les Levante
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WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 9.30 a.m. BALLROOM
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

MAGIC COLLECTORS' SEMINAR

Chairman: EDDIE DAWES

A panel of experts will present short illustrated talks on some of their special interests. The lecturers will include:

BAYARD GRIMSHAW	Old Faked Cards
Dr. JOHN HENRY GROSSMAN	Thoughts on the career of Harry Keller
GEORGE JENNESS	Some Maskelyne Ephemera
PETER WARLOCK	The Great Black Art Caper

WEDNESDAY MORNING at or about 11.30

WITH SIGHT UNSEEN

Master of Illusion,

JEFFERY ATKINS

will attempt to prove that he is entitled to be known as

'The man with the X-Ray eyes'

for, after being blindfolded by His Worship the Mayor of Harrogate, Councillor Rodney Kent, he will be handed a sealed envelope and without sight of its contents be asked to carry out the instructions detailed therein.

HE MAY EVEN, POLICE PERMISSION BEING FORTHCOMING, UNDERTAKE THIS FEAT DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE, in which case such an automobile will be loaned to the British Ring by

KENNINGS, of THE STRAY, HARROGATE

to whom thanks be given.

full details of place and exact time, see the Convention Notice Board.

WEDNESDAY, 12th September, 3 p.m. ROYAL HALL

OFFICIAL OPENING

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS
(British Ring No. 25)

37th ANNUAL CONVENTION

by our President, Professor E. A. DAWES

followed at 3.20 p.m. by

Magic from the Emerald Isle

Presented by THE IRISH RING No. 85 I.B.M. with

1. DERESKI (Dublin)
2. CHARLIE McAFEE (County Antrim)
3. EUSTACE MALCOLM (Dublin)
4. CLARE ROGERS (Dublin)
5. MARTINI (County Antrim)

Compere: TED OLDHAM

WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER, 8 p.m. for 8.30 p.m.
ROYAL HALL

Civic Reception
Ball and Cabaret

Given by

The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate
Alderman Rodney Kent and Councillor Mrs. K. M. Whiteley

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

DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF

Clarry Wilson and his Orchestra

Cabaret

INDIA'S GILLY GILLY WONDERMAN

Gogia Pasha

The Bridge Singers

From I.T.V. "STARS ON SUNDAY"

EVENING DRESS



TOMBOLA STAND

HELENE STRACHAN & 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,

HELENE and LILIAN.

DEALERS MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Organised by:

**EDDIE
DEXTER**

Assisted by:
Johnny Neptune

**HELD IN THE EXHIBITION HALL NO. 1. ATTACHED TO THE
ROYAL HALL**

In Alphabetical order:—

Anverdi

Ken Brooke

Roy Baker

Davenport & Co.

Albert Goshman

David Hemingway

Jack Hughes

International Magic Co.

Kovari

Hamilton Kaye

Luna Magic

Gil Leaney

Magictrix

Murray's Magic Mart

Mini Magic

Oscar Oswald

Practical Magic

Playtime Balloons

R. A. Roth

Repro 71

Supreme Magic Co.

Terry and Norma

Zodiac Magic

SEE THE GREATEST—IN THE LATEST

Times of Opening and Closing of the Exhibition

WEDNESDAY	..	9.30 a.m.—7.30 p.m.
THURSDAY	..	12.00 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
FRIDAY	.. ..	11.30 a.m.—6.30 p.m.
SATURDAY	.. ..	9.30 a.m.—6.30 p.m.
SUNDAY	.. ..	9.00 a.m.—Mid-day



THE CRAIG TROPHY (Present Holders—SUPREME MAGIC CO.) This will be awarded to the dealer presenting the most attractive display at the exhibition. The adjudication will take place on Wednesday at 5.00 p.m.

Adjudicator: Mr. E. POLLARD, DISPLAY MANAGER,
DEBENHAMS of HARROGATE.

The organiser 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.

DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

ARRANGED BY REX READER

THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 9.45 a.m. in the ROYAL HALL

TIMES AND ORDER OF APPEARANCE

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| 1. | 9.45 a.m. | KOVARI |
| 2. | 9.54 a.m. | PLAYTIME BALLOONS |
| 3. | 10.03 a.m. | HAMILTON KAYE |
| 4. | 10.12 a.m. | DAVID HEMINGWAY |
| 5. | 10.21 a.m. | ZODIAC MAGIC |
| 6. | 10.30 a.m. | PRACTICAL MAGIC |
| 7. | 10.39 a.m. | L. DAVENPORT & CO. |
| 8. | 10.48 a.m. | MINI MAGIC |
| 9. | 10.57 a.m. | R.A.R. MAGIC |
| 10. | 11.06 a.m. | REPRO 71 |
| 11. | 11.15 a.m. | ANVERDI |
| 12. | 11.24 a.m. | ROY BAKER |
| 13. | 11.33 a.m. | JACK HUGHES |
| 14. | 11.42 a.m. | TERRY & NORMA |
| 15. | 11.51 a.m. | MURRAY'S MAGIC MART |
| 16. | 12.00 a.m. | LUNA MAGIC |
| 17. | 12.09 p.m. | SUPREME MAGIC CO. |
| 18. | 12.18 p.m. | INTERNATIONAL MAGIC STUDIO |
| 19. | 12.27 p.m. | MAGICTRIX |
| 20. | 12.36 p.m. | GIL LEANEY |

TIME-KEEPER: JACK POTTER
STAGE STAFF: DOC. YETMAN, DOUG. JONES, ALAN HOLMES.
DEALER LIAISON: CLIFF TOWNSEND, DOUG. MURFETT, BRIAN ROE.

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 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 7 minutes. A Red Light will be shown at 8 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.**

Thursday, September 13th

2.30 p.m. at the Majestic Hotel

Ladies' Afternoon

A TALK and DEMONSTRATION

"Happy those Early Days"

or

"The Magic of Childhood"

will be given by Mrs. Mary Seacome.

To complete the enjoyment of the afternoon there will also be
Afternoon Tea – Raffle for the Welfare Fund – Bingo

STEWARDS:-

Chief Steward: JACK GRIGGS



Arthur Aldridge
Ken Bamborough
Gilbert Barker
Harry Benson
Cyril Capon
Sissie Entwistle
George Hatton
Douglas Jones
Dr. McKee
Roy Roberts
Derek Tapsell
Les Woodcock

LECTURE SESSIONS

Chairman: PETER WARLOCK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, at 2.30 p.m. in the ROYAL HALL

The Fantasy World of

Lubor Fiedler

Conventioneers will this afternoon have the opportunity of seeing this famous European inventor demonstrate and explain some of his ingenious off-beat novelties



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, at 2.30 p.m. in the
CONFERENCE HALL, MAJESTIC HOTEL



'The Best of Kaps'

Fred Kaps

Holland's most famous magician fresh from his triumphs all over the world will demonstrate and explain some of the beautiful magic for which he is famous.

THURSDAY, 13th September, 4.00 p.m.
HOSPITALS/HOMES SHOWS

The allocation of venues are as follows. All shows commence at 4.30 p.m. 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.

Harrogate and District General Hospital, Knaresboro Road, Harrogate
Mixed Children and Adults

DE-JAY	MO HOWARTH	LEN JENNINGS
CYNTHIA NEPTUNE	SLY SMITH	KEN SAVAGE
<i>Stage Manager:</i> JOE SCOBLE	<i>Pianist/Organist:</i> ERNIE TONGUE	<i>Compere:</i> CLEM BAILEY

St. George's Home, Otley Road, Harrogate. Stage Show for Handicapped Adults.

ROBERT SINCLAIR AND GRETTA	ROY DARNLEY	DON LEES AND LILIAN
TUDOR BROCK	SAN YEN & CO.	PETER JONES
<i>Compere:</i> JOHN PALFREYMAN	<i>Pianist:</i> DAVID HATCLIFF	<i>Stage Manager:</i> HARRY POSTLETHWAITE

Police Convalescent Home, Harlow Moor Road. Close-up Show

MICHAEL LIM	ROVI	MICHAEL SEACOMBE
CHRISTOPHER PRATT	DAVID BECKLEY	DONALD CROMBIE

National Children's Home, Pannal Ash Road, Harrogate. Stage Show for Children.

RAY SILVER	DENNIS TUBB	ROBERT GRIGOR
TREVOR LEWIS	CLARENCE THORNE	MICHAEL ROGERS
<i>Compere:</i> DENNIS LUCAS	<i>Pianist:</i> NORMAN THOMAS	<i>Stage Manager:</i> JOHNNY NEPTUNE

Ian Tetley Memorial Home, Killinghall, Harrogate. Stage Show for Handicapped Children.

DOUGLAS GREGG	ROY GROUT	JOHN RHODES
DUNCAN FLETCHER and OLIVE	STANLEY THOMAS	SALAMANDER
<i>Compere:</i> ARTHUR SETTERINGTON	<i>Pianist:</i> ALEC GARNER	<i>Stage Manager:</i> BOB HAYDEN

Princess Mary's House (British Red Cross), Queens Parade, Harrogate.
Adult show in large Lounge.

HARRY RUGG	GRANVILLE ANSTEE AND JUNE	ALF BROWNE
ALAN OLDFIELD	TERRY HERBERT	ROBERT RAE
	<i>Compere:</i> ALASTAIR	<i>Pianist:</i> DENNIS DARBY

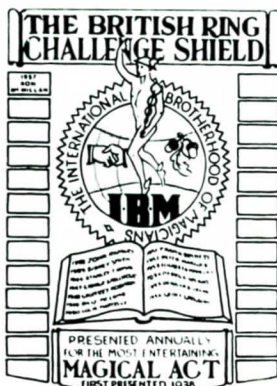
Harrogate Citizens' Guild of Help, 101 Station Parade, Harrogate.
Adult Show in small hall.

KEN BAMBOROUGH	BOB EATON	BARRY MILLER
FRED BUTTRESS	LOU FLYNN AND DOROTHY	GEORGE HATTON
	<i>Compere:</i> TED BEALE	<i>Pianist:</i> CLARRY WILSON

The I.B.M. Clowns led by that famous Auguste, "Smokey" of Circus fame, will tour these shows except the Police Convalescent Home "Close Up" Show.

THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER at 7-30 p.m.

AT THE ROYAL HALL



ALASTAIR
has organised and will introduce
the competitors in the Competition for the
NEW SILVER
BRITISH RING SHIELD

Judges: Geoffrey Buckingham (Chairman), Les Levante,
Dr. J. H. Grossman, Colin Hughes, Claude Perry and
Rex Reader.

Stage Manager: Tony List

Musical Director: Alfred Gabriel

Timekeeper: Jack Potter.

Rules relating to the Competition the awards of which are

1. THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize £25-00.

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 best performance by a lady magician and is held for one year.

THEO. SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize of £15-00 for runner-up.

To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE £10-00 and SilverWand presented by ALASTAIR.

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) (donated by Tom Harris) Together with cash Prize of £5-00

DITZIA 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 magical 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 they will be marked accordingly.
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.

The draw for the running order will be made immediately after the opening ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, September 12th.

The names of competitors will be found on the separate sheet supplied with this programme.

The results will be announced after the close of the competition
and while the judges are deliberating they will be entertained by

KEN BROOKE

AFTER THE COMPETITION

In the lounge of the Majestic Hotel, after the completion of the Competition there will be a session of informal close-up
magic presented by

FRANCIS HAXTON

FRIDAY, 14th September at 10 a.m. in the
Royal Hall

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED

Chairman:
Professor E. A. DAWES

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, 13th SEPTEMBER.

Returning Officer: Doug. Murfett

ORGANISERS

THE GALA SHOW	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	William (Bill) G. Stickland
REGISTRATION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Jeffery Atkins
BANQUET AND CLOSE-UP	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Francis Haxton
COLLECTORS' SEMINAR	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	The President, Professor E. A. Dawes
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Eddie Dexter
DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rex Reader
OUTSIDE ATTRACTION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Paul Graham
THE LECTURES, SOUVENIR PROGRAMME AND "THE REALITY OF ILLUSION"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Peter Warlock
AFTER BANQUET SHOW	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Geoffrey Robinson
LADIES' AFTERNOON	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	The Ladies' Committee
SHIELD COMPETITION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Alistair Oliphant
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME AND HOSPITAL SHOWS	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wilfred Tyler
CLOSE-UP COMPETITION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Don Lees
COCKTAIL PARTY	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Eddie and Mollie Dexter
STAGE DIRECTION	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Paul Graham

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 14th AT 3 p.m.
IN THE ROYAL HALL.**

**PETER WARLOCK PRESENTS
'THE REALITY OF ILLUSION'**

in which he is privileged to introduce

ALI BONGO

BERNARD and YVONNE

MALCOLM DAVISON

FRED KAPS

TREVOR LEWIS

CHRISTOPHER PAYNE

CHRISTOPHER PRATT

GEOFF. RAY and PAT

ERIC SHARP

ROBERT SINCLAIR & GRETTA

VAN BUREN and GRETA

At the Organ	..	..	..	..	John Mann
At the drums	..	..	..	..	Bernard McGovern
Stage Management	..	..	..	..	Paul Graham

FRIDAY, September 14th

6.30 for 7 p.m.

Majestic Hotel

CONVENTION BANQUET

Menu

Seafood Cocktail, Marie Rose

Cream of Asparagus Soup
finished with double cream

Roast Saddle of English Lamb Niçoise
Madeira Sauce
Baby Garden Peas
Rissolé potatoes

Souffle Surprise, My Lord

Coffee

The President Officers and members of the Committee would like to express their appreciation of the gifts and prizes presented by that very good friend of the 'British Ring', MYSTIC CRAIG.

Toast List

THE BOROUGH OF HARROGATE

Proposed by Edward G. Love, Esq.
Response by His Worship the Mayor
Alderman Rodney Kent

THE BRITISH RING, No. 25

Proposed by Earle J. Christenberry Junior, Esq.
International President,
International Brotherhood of Magicians
Response by the President,
Professor Edwin A. Dawes who will also
propose

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by
Les Levante, Esq. (Australia)
Past President of the British Ring

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th at 10.30 p.m. in the ROYAL HALL

AFTER BANQUET SHOW

organised and produced by GEOFFREY ROBINSON

The following artistes will take part:

Elinor Heslop

Sly Smith

Terry Seabrooke

The Great Levante

John Todd

Compere: CLIFF LOUNT

Stage Management: Barry Miller

Music: John Mann and Bernard McGovern

BLACKPOOL MAGICIANS CLUB

Send Greetings and Best Wishes to
All Conventioneers
and take this opportunity of announcing their

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ONE DAY CONVENTION

to be held on

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY 1974

at the

CASINO, BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

WATCH THE MAGICAL PRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT
THIS GREAT DAY'S EVENT

All enquiries to:

**K. PICKERSGILL
11 GILDABROOK ROAD
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THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS
BRITISH RING

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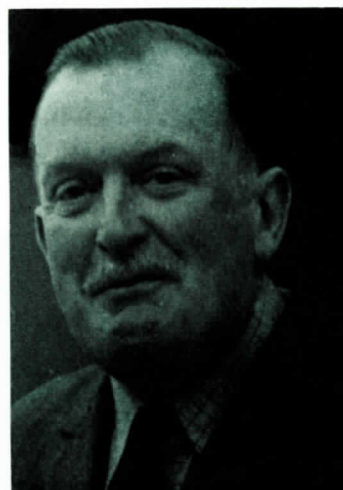
GALA OF MAGIC

ROYAL HALL, HARROGATE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1973
at 5 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.



The programme arranged by:
BILL STICKLAND



Stage managed by:
PAUL GRAHAM



JEFFERY ATKINS



GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM



ARTHUR WORSLEY

PROG

1. Overture—JOHN MANN at the Organ
BERNARD McGOVERN
on the drums.
 2. BRIAN CHAPLIN
Three times British Harmonica
Champion
 3. Introducing our Compere
ALI BONGO
T.V's Alastair of the David Nixon Show.
 4. From Germany
ARMINI
"A Symphony in Records".
 5. THE PAVLOV PUPPETS.
 6. The Grand Prix Manipulator
GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM
 7. The Illusions of the Masters
JEFFREY ATKINS
and Company.
- Interval.



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Close-Up Contest for the Zina Bennett Cup

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

1. The Zina Bennett Trophy (to be held for 12 months), a replica which shall be awarded to the performer with the highest marks, and £15, cash award.
2. A cash award of £10, to be presented to the runner up.
3. A cash award of £5.

No restrictions on the effects or properties to be used, except that they be primarily intended for close up performance. The magical judges shall be the sole arbitrators on this point and be empowered to deduct marks as they consider appropriate to the particular instance.

The performance shall not be less than 6 minutes and not more than 9 minutes.

There shall be four magical and one lay judge. The magical judges will mark each contestant under three headings: (a) Technique and skill; (b) Strength of magical effect on an audience; (c) Originality in method and/or presentation.

The lay judge shall mark on entertainment only; i.e. how much he or she was entertained by the contestants.

A minimum number of 5 contestants is required for this contest to take place.

The event organiser shall have the authority to invite other performers (non-entrants) to perform in this event, when necessary, to ensure the smooth running of the contest.

A warning will be given when 8 minutes have elapsed and should a performer exceed the maximum time of 9 minutes the judge shall not award any marks for that performance.

ENTRANTS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

To ensure smooth running of the event, some of the following well-known performers will appear (but not as entrants):

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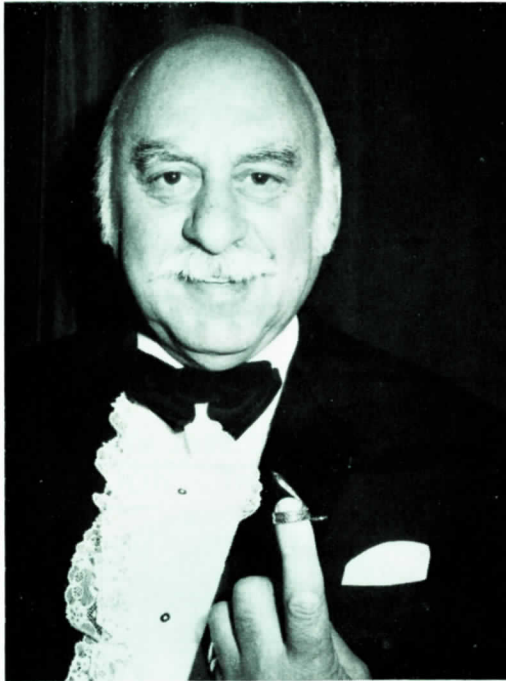
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If you "Abra" readers now want to know why we didn't come—well, as every Englishman knows, no Irish home is complete without its "pig in the kitchen". So some broth of a bhoys had to stay to look after Tony Thursby's, Charlie Mc'Afee's, Mike Rogers', John Martin's, Bob Orr's, Ted Oldham's, Eustace Malcolm's and all the rest of the Irish contingent's—and it's time McComb collected his, too—begorrah!

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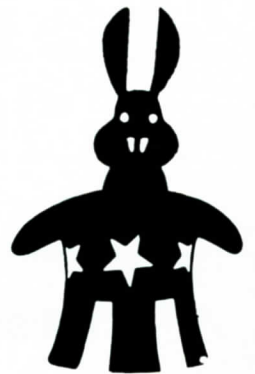
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