



4th – 5th September 2021
3rd Nonvention

Dedicated to the memory of Brian Miller

From the webmaster

Welcome to our third nonvention, again sadly taking the place of a physical convention. My thanks to everyone who has helped to put this together – after doing the first two on my own, I was pleased to be able to hand this over to the convention committee to pull together. In keeping with the other nonventions (and physical conventions) this brochure serves as both a guide to the programme during the event and a permanent record afterwards.

My thanks go to all those in the various events who gave their permission to be included – all are credited in the following pages. You will see that this time there are some Zoom events – these (probably!) won't be available on catch up.

We are very grateful to both our own president, Alan Maskell, and the international president, Ken Scott, who have both recorded greetings for this event – These videos will be in the Theatre area to open our event



Presidents Welcome

Welcome to the 2021 Nonvention!

Thank you for joining me and our fellow members in this celebration of magic and friendship through the fellowship of the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Once again, we are gathering online to enjoy a virtual get-together and the art we love. Moira and her team have put together an excellent mix of shows, lectures and events for us to enjoy and our thanks go to them and the contributors. Thanks too, as always, go to Aidan Heritage and Bob and Sue Hamilton for all their technical input.

Hopefully next year we will be meeting in person in Eastbourne and plans are afoot to make that comeback convention a really special event. It will also be the centenary of the parent body of the I.B.M. so there will be plenty to celebrate in 2022.

Finally, I would like to dedicate this Nonvention to our two times Past President Brian Miller M.I.M.C.*, who sadly passed away in August this year. Brian did so much for the British Ring and our Conventions.

Enjoy the magic of the Nonvention,

Alan

Programme of Events

Saturday 4th September 2021

10.00 am - Welcome by Alan Maskell, BR President, and also Ken Scott, I.B.M. President

10:30 am – That Was – memories of past conventions

12 Noon - Jamie Balfour-Paul - talk about Magic Smiles

1.30 pm - Jon Marshall - talk from Collectors Day

3 pm - Lecture by Richard Pinner - this is a LIVE zoom event

4.30 pm - Neil Roberts - Pantomime talk given at the Leicester Picnic

7 pm - Close Up Gala Show

Sunday 5th September 2021

10 am - Junior event. This will be a LIVE zoom event hosted by Danny Hunt – JUNIOR MEMBERS ONLY

10 am – tribute to members who sadly left us over the last year

11 am - Peter Rann - talk on Matcham Theatre from Eastbourne convention

12.30 pm - Philip Partridge - show

2 pm - Philip Partridge Lecture

3.30 pm - Ian Keable - LIVE zoom event, talk on history and about his new book

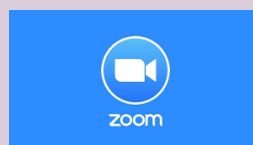
5.15 pm – Sean Taylor

7.00 pm - Stage Gala Show

Full details with timings are on the welcome page of the nonvention – all videos will be on the Theatre page at the advertised time (internet connections permitting). Remember that SOME of the events are on Zoom so the website will remind you with the link, but you will need to view on Zoom. Please keep an eye on the Member's forum on Facebook in the event of any issues as we will try to use this to keep you informed

AGM

We are holding our AGM on the evening of Friday 3rd September 2021 – all members are welcome to attend.




That Was...memories of past conventions

Aidan Heritage presents a video collection celebrating memories and personalities from the 1982 and 1986 conventions





Jamie Balfour-Paul - talk about Magic Smiles



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Magic For Smiles

Jamie Jibberish
Humanitarian Magician

COVID 19 update:
Due to COVID-19, for the safety of all concerned, we have paused our live shows and tuition and are currently focusing on online tuition and virtual shows.

[ABOUT MAGIC FOR SMILES](#) [CONTACT](#)



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What a brilliant idea - Jamie uses magic to both entertain and support children who've lived through the most difficult times. I thoroughly enjoyed his show when I saw it recently. I loved his magic but even more I loved his mission - he deserves our support.
Rt Hon Jacqui Smith, former UK Home Secretary and Member of Parliament.

Magic for Smiles occupies a unique niche in the magic community. In the context of refugees and

Magic For Smiles

Spreading happiness and wellbeing for refugees and other vulnerable children in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and beyond.

Jamie Balfour-Paul will give an insight into the incredible charity work he does through his magic with refugee children in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

The charity relies mostly on donations, which are very welcome -

<https://www.justgiving.com/magicforsmiles>

Jon Marshall – The Magic of The Flea Circus



With our thanks to The Magic Circle, Jon talks us through the history of the Flea Circus and closes with a performance of his very own show.

Richard Pinner – LIVE EVENT

"Evolutions" A premier lecture. With magic for all performing environments.

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Richard has his own online shop – and so you know exactly what you are getting many of the items have the instructions available to view before you buy. <https://littleshopofmagic.co.uk/> - and for a short while you can get a 21% discount on selected products by using the code IBM21

Neil Roberts – The Magic of Pantomime



Recorded at the Little Theatre Leicester at our last picnic back in 2019, Neil gives a fascinating talk on the history of Pantomime

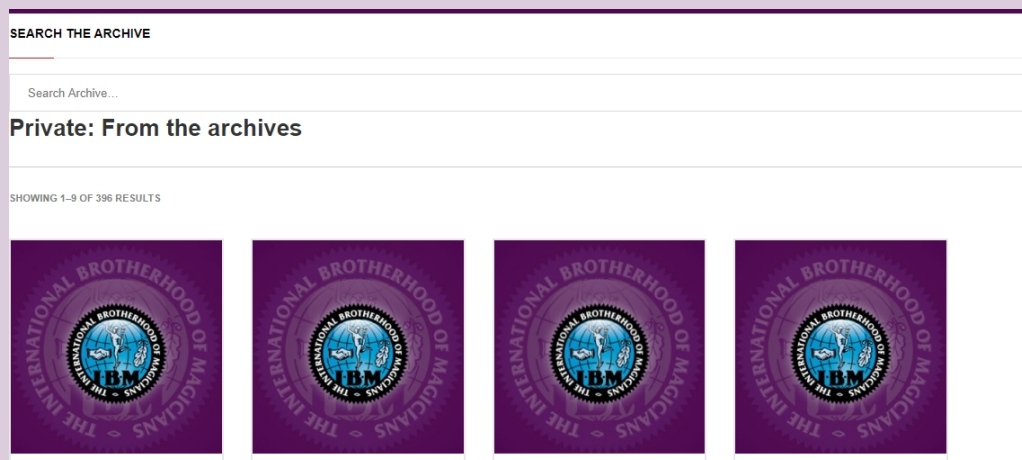
Close Up Gala Show



Performers (not in order of appearance) are Ali Cook, Jon Allen, Richard Pinner, Steve Dela, Matthew Wright, Rob James, Steve Bedwell and Nikola Arkane

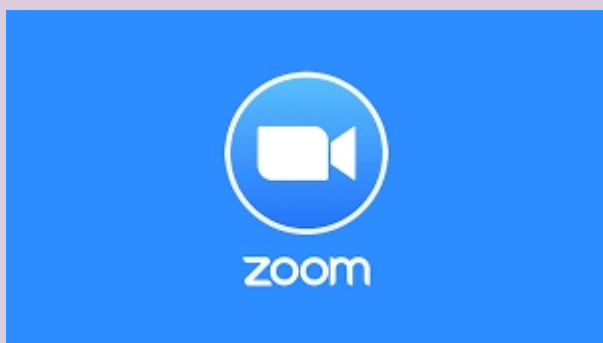
Video Archive

The video archive is a collection of the videos that have been uploaded to the British Ring members forum on Facebook - hopefully searchable, but still a work in progress – if you'd like to help (there is a simple job that every member can help with – it takes only a few minutes for each clip, but for one person to do them all takes a long time) then do get in touch with Aidan at aidanheritage@britishring.org.uk.



if you find yourself with time to watch more magic (and our timings allow plenty of time for this) then this is the areas to find things.

Junior Event



LIVE EVENT JUNIORS ONLY

Danny Hunt will provide our juniors with some performance skills and chat through any ideas the juniors want to discuss

Tribute

At every convention, we are able to spend a short time reflecting and remembering those who have left us during the previous year. We thought it fitting that we did the same in our nonvention. The video will be shown during the AGM, and it will then be in the shown at 10am on the Sunday.



Peter Rann - "A Brief Visit to the Magic World of Matchless Matcham"



Matcham was not a magician but built and transformed theatres giving them a magical atmosphere for some of the greats such as Harry Houdini, Lafayette, Carmo and Chung Ling Soo to perform in. These theatres still allow today's modern magician to perform in a satisfying mysterious and likewise magical atmosphere. Theatres such as The London Palladium, Buxton Opera House and The Grand Theatre Blackpool are just some of the 150 he was involved in in his lifetime.

We will discover features of the theatre during the Edwardian period which would be unacceptable today and some which have stood the test of time along with some of the innovations Matcham introduced to the theatre world.

Philip Partridge

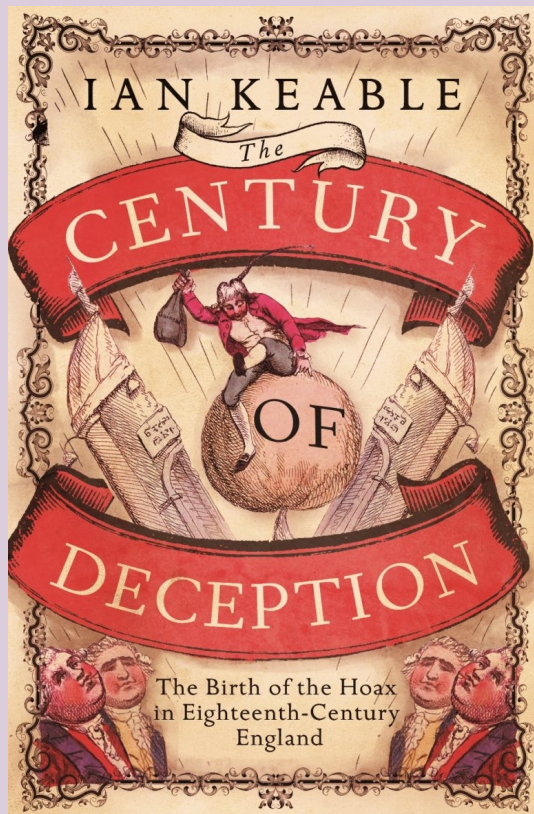


First, we have an opportunity to see Philip work his children's show. This is followed with a lecture about the performance.



Ian Keable – LIVE EVENT

The Century of Deception: the link between magic and hoaxes in 18th Century England



Ian Keable's talk is based on his new book that is to be published on Tuesday 7th September called *The Century of Deception: The Birth of the Hoax in 18th Century England*. Ian will discuss the link between magic and hoaxes and illustrate the amusing and entertaining hoaxes that have surprising lessons for us as magicians. Check out <https://centuryofdeception.com/> for more information about the book.



Sean Taylor – the lockdownunder lecture



We are very grateful to Sean for finding the time and equipment to record this special lecture for us – there is something for everyone in this lockdownunder lecture!

Stage Gala Show



Bob Hamilton has brought together a wealth of talent from previous conventions, and you have the best seat in the house to watch it – enjoy the magic delivered by these performers:

Performers (not in order of appearance) are

Philip Hitchcock
Safire
Alfonso Rios
Mark Shortland
Roy Davenport

Paul Dabek
High Jinx
Romany
Hamish.
Ta Na Manga

My thanks as always to Bob Hamilton who has once again worked hard to bring us a Gala Show made up of acts that have appeared at various conventions in the past. Some of this footage has been sourced from other events due to the video restrictions in place at our convention, but the acts are as close as possible to the acts that were presented in our shows. Sit back and enjoy our Saturday Evening presentation.

Robert & Christine Moss Wish All The Nonvention Attendees A Very Enjoyable & Magical Weekend



Cheers to another wonderful Nonvention! Brian Lead
(Immediate Past President)

Wishing ALL my friends in the British Ring a
fabulous Nonvention.
Sending good health wishes & happiness to you
ALL x

Magically Yours Philip Partridge

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hopes you find
something to enjoy
in our 3rd
nonvention – and
continue to look in
the members area
as we continue to
add content!



Ilford Magical Society & Manchester Circle of Magicians would like to send Magical Greetings to all the Organisers and Performers of the Nonvention

<https://www.ilfordmagic.co.uk/>
www.ManchesterCircleofMagicians.co.uk



The British Ring extends it's VERY grateful thanks to all participants of our third nonvention. We should have been meeting up in person for our annual convention, instead circumstances dictated yet again that this couldn't happen. We hope that this event goes some way to giving you the true sense of fun and friendship that the British Ring conventions bring – to help with this please do join in the chat at the [Rings Facebook group](#)

Our final thanks go to YOU the members – without you, there would be no point organising any event – you are the British Ring.

Remember to follow us on Facebook – the members private area is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/386988558675998>

and our public page is

<https://www.facebook.com/IBM.BritishRing25>

We hope to see you in person before too long – watch out for announcements of the events coming your way SOON.

