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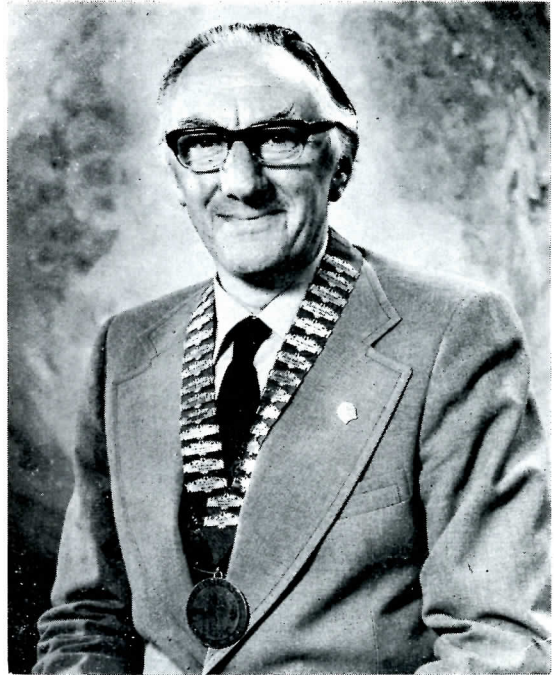
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Presidential Message

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I welcome everyone to this, the 40th Convention of the British Ring, which this year has returned to Brighton after a lapse of fourteen years.

Those who attend our Conventions frequently will be renewing friendships which are a most important aspect of our yearly get-together; however a number will be attending for the first time and to these friends I extend a special greeting and suggest you make yourselves known to the Stewards who will help you to get to know some of the many members of Ring 25. You will find a new friend if you speak to a stranger wearing a convention badge.

To provide yet another unique programme which it is hoped will bring you much enjoyment and long lasting memories, your committee has worked hard and on your behalf I wish to thank them for their continual interest.

I would like to express the thanks of the Conventioneers to the Civic Authorities who have invited us all to join them at their Civic Reception. We are very pleased to have this opportunity of joining with the local Dignitaries on an occasion such as this.

While we are all enjoying the fellowship and the many outstanding events arranged for our pleasure let us remember those who are unable to attend due to ill health. We wish them all a speedy return to their former selves.

September, 1976.

DUNCAN FLETCHER.
PRESIDENT, RING 25.



From the
International President

Greetings and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable 1976 convention. Magic is a fine art and you brothers have always treated it in this manner and I know you will continue to do so.

My only regret is that I cannot attend and share this art and fellowship of this convention with my brothers. I shall never forget the warmth and friendship I experienced in Great Britain during the war and it is my hope that in the not too distant future I may return for a visit with my friends.

Magically yours,

WALTER F. WILLIAMS, JR.

International President

From the Mayor's Parlour
Town Hall, Brighton, BNI HA.



Message from the Mayor of Brighton for
the International Brotherhood of Magicians
Conference September 1976

It is with sincere pleasure that I address this message of welcome to all who are to visit Brighton in September in order to participate in the Conference of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, British Ring.

The choice of our town as the venue for this important gathering would seem to me most appropriate for, as I hope you will agree, the place itself has something of a magical quality. No doubt this atmosphere springs from our greatest treasure, the Royal Pavilion, the domes of which look as though, if they were lifted, innumerable doves and white rabbits might be released.

We think of Brighton as a lady and I am certain that without sawing her into two halves you will discover her attractions both as a delightful location for your business meetings and also as a place of great beauty and historic interest.

My Mayoress and I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you during your stay here and offer our sincere wishes for the success of your deliberations.

Councillor PETER E. W. BEST, A.I.B., A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A.
Mayor

21st June, 1976.

THE BRITISH RING (I.B.M.)

extends a hearty welcome to our

OVERSEAS VISITORS

AUSTRALIA

Kevin Robinson
I.B.M. Territorial
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BELGIUM

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President Belgian Ring
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NOTE TO OVERSEAS VISITORS

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BE AT THE TOP RANK SUITE AT 19.30 hours on Wednesday 15th September for OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION. Please ask for Jack Griggs, near the stage.

THE MAYOR & MAYORESS OF BRIGHTON INVITE YOU TO A COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE QUEEN ADELAIDE SUITE, ROYAL PAVILION ON SATURDAY 17th September at 11.00 hours.

Wednesday 15th September 1976, 8 pm—In the Top Rank Suite

Civic Reception Ball and Cabaret

given by

THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON

Councillor Peter E. W. Best, A.I.B., A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A.
and The Mayoress

DANCING TILL MIDNIGHT with the STEVE LEWIS BAND

Cabaret

‘ THE SOUND IDEA ’

Barber Shop Quartet

Champions of the S.E. Region of Great Britain

ROY JOHNSON

“ Accent on Laughter ”



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

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 15th



JACK GRIGGS
Chief Steward

MORNING

Outside Publicity Presentation. On the Sea Front

HOWARD PETERS – “The Ride of Terror”.

Manacled and chained . . . in a rowing boat linked to a power boat with a bomb, the fuse burning . . . the boat cast adrift . . . can he escape alive?

AFTERNOON

14.30 In the Dome . . .

Official Opening of the Convention by the President,

Dr. DUNCAN FLETCHER followed at

14.45 with the . . .

PARADE OF PAST BRITISH SHIELD WINNERS

those taking part being

BILLY McCOMB

MORINE

ROBERT SWADLING and VALERIE

GEOFF, RAY and PAT

TONY SHELLEY and ELIZABETH

SLY SMITH

Compere . . . ALASTAIR

At the Organ, KEITH HURFORD. At the Drums, HORACE JEFFERY
Stage Direction, PAUL GRAHAM, RON LANGHORN and BARRY
MILLER.

EVENING

20.00 The Civic Reception. (See page 5).

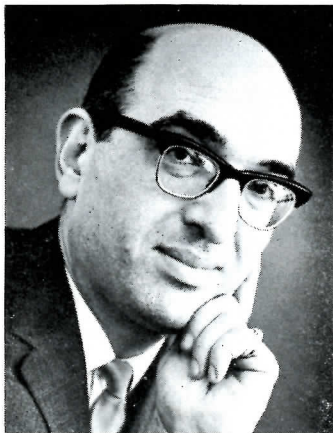
During the day and on every day during the Convention in the Corn Exchange, adjacent to the Dome, the MAGIC DEALERS' EXHIBITION the following being represented:

Anverdi	International Magic Co.	Pabular
David Berglas	Hamilton Kaye	Playtime Balloons
Roy Baker	Klingsor Magic Shop	Practical Magic
Books by Post	Kovari	R. A. Roth
Ken Brooke	Luna Magic	Repro 71
L. Davenport & Co.	Magitrix	Joe Riding
Peter Diamond	Mini Magic	Supreme Magic Co.
David Hemingway	Magical Mart	Miss Terry Magic
Hocus Pocus Magic	Murray	Studio
Jack Hughes	Tom Owen	Terry & Norma

THE CRAIG TROPHY (Present holders Peter Diamond). This will be presented to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display at the exhibition. The adjudication will take place at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday. Adjudicator: Miss Claire Richardson, Display Manager, Hanningtons Ltd., Brighton.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 16th



BOBBY BERNARD
The Magic Clinic

MORNING

09.30 In the Dome, the DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION.

Timekeeper: DOUG JONES.

Stage Staff: ALAN HOLMES, BRIAN ROE, DAVID BECKLEY, ARTHUR SETTERINGTON.

Dealer Liaison JOHN PYE, BILL SCOTT.

Trade Fair open from 12.00 – 18.30.

10.30 In the Pavilion Theatre;

BOBBY BERNARD and his friends present:

“The Magic Clinic” which will feature . . .

DAVID BECKLEY, KEN HAWES, CHRIS PRATT and BOBBY BERNARD teaching the kind of magic you can use. Novelties and action packed routines to entertain the public plus moves and ideas for ‘The Boys’.

AFTERNOON

14.30 In the Dome.

Lecture-Demonstration by . . . T.V’s Man of Mystery

DAVID BERGLAS “Professional Magic for Magicians”.

14.30 In the Pavilion Theatre

LADIES’ AFTERNOON that includes

Talk and Demonstration with film illustrations by Miss A. E. DARE of Birds Eye Foods Ltd.

‘HOME FREEZING’.

After tea has been served there will be singing by Miss RENA FLETCHER which she will accompany with her guitar.

16.00 Hospital Shows. Details from WILFRED TYLER. List at Registration Desk. Those taking part should turn to page 21 for further details.

EVENING

19.30 In the Dome.

The British Ring Shield Competition introduced and organised by ALASTAIR. For rules see page 16.

Judges: Donald Crombie (Chairman), Hugh R. Riley (U.S.A.), Arthur Setterington, Robert Swadling, Cliff Townsend, Ted Whebell.

Timekeeper: Jack Potter.

At the Organ, KEITH HURFORD. At the Drums, ALFRED GABRIEL
Stage Direction: Tony List.

The British Ring Shield and other prizes will be presented at the Convention Banquet.

Midnight. At the Grand Hotel.

‘NEW FACES’, arranged and presented by ALFRED GABRIEL, Clem BAILEY (Bolton) Arthur BARRY (Ilford) David JOHN (Newquay) Robin MADDY (Farnborough) Cynthia NEPTUNE (Whitley Bay) Michael SYMES (Wallington) Ron SHIMELL (Ruislip) Philip SOUTHWOOD (Penzance) Roy VICKERS (Leicester) Johnny WAINWRIGHT (Warwick)

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 17th



Dr. BERNARD JUBY
P.R.O.

MORNING

10.00 In the Dome.

The Annual General Meeting, The Chairman:
The President, Dr. DUNCAN FLETCHER.

Trade Fair open from 11.30 to 18.30.

AFTERNOON

15.00 In the Dome.

PETER WARLOCK presents . . .

'I Went to Langham Place' and introduces:

JOHN ALBOROUGH (Edward Victor), JEFFERY ATKINS (Raoul),
FRED BUTTRESS (Okito), DEVEEN (Oswald Williams), Dr.
BERNARD JUBY (Selbit), KOVARI (Cullpitt), BILL STICKLAND
(Owen Clark) and JOHN YOUNG (John Nevil Maskelyne).

At the Organ: KEITH HURFORD. At the Drums: HORACE JEFFERY
Stage Direction: PAUL GRAHAM, RON LANGHORN and BARRY
MILLER.

EVENING

19.00 for 19.30 Convention Banquet at the Grand Hotel.

MENU

DESERT ISLAND COCKTAIL
FILET OF SOLE BONNE FEMME
COQ AU VIN WITH ENGLISH GARDEN PEAS AND
POTATOES PARMENTIER
CHOCOLATE PROFITEROLES
COFFEE

TOAST LIST

The Borough of Brighton ALASTAIR OLIPHANT, Esq., B.Sc.
(Past President of the British Ring)

Response by THE WORSHIPFUL, THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON
(Councillor Peter E. W. BEST, A.I.B., A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A.)

The British Ring

Proposed by HENK VERMEYDEN, Esq. (Holland)
(Secretary F.I.S.M.)

Response by Dr. DUNCAN FLETCHER
(President of the British Ring) who will also propose . . .

The Ladies and Visitors

Response by The Rev. Dr. JOHN BOOTH (U.S.A.)

Toastmaster: Leslie Finch, F.N.A.T.

20.00 In the Pavilion Theatre: "THE MAGIC CLINIC".

22.30 AFTER BANQUET SHOW at the Dome.

GEOFFREY ROBINSON PRESENTS 'LATER MAGIC' AND
INCLUDES: JUNE BRYANT, HARRY DEWHIRST, MARC
DUVAL, JOHN MAIRE, PREBEN PALSGARD (DENMARK),
GEOFFREY ROBINSON, AND JOHN WADE.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 18th



ALFRED GABRIEL
Musical Adviser
to the British Ring

MORNING

Trade Fair open from 9.30 to 18.30

10.30 At the Wagner Hall.

CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME, devised and presented by **WILFRED TYLER**.

Taking part will be as your host, **TERRY HERBERT** who will introduce: **AUNTIE CYNTHIA** (Neptune) and then **JOHN PYE** with magical 'Hot Pot', **REX TAYLOR** with his 'Taylor Made' magic whilst from the Erin Isle will be **DE RESKI**.

Plenty of fun from **TERRY** and **RICHARD STUPPLE** and to conclude, the lovely magic of **SAM** and **JOY MALLINSON**.

There will be the **I.B.M. Troupe of Clowns** led by the international **Auguste**, '**SMOKEY**' and the music will be supplied by the **KEN LYON DUO**.

10.00 At the Grand Hotel.

The **ZINA BENNETT CLOSE-UP COMPETITION** organised by **DON LEES**.

The Judges will be: **Roy Johnson**, **Tony Griffiths**, **Mrs. Norah Potter**, Director **F.S.I.**, and **A. J. Heald**, Director Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce.

Timekeeper: **Doug Jones**.

14.00 At the Dome.

Lecture Demonstration by **ANVERDI** . . . the magic of **Anverdi**.

15.45 In the Pavilion Theatre.

FOURTH COLLECTORS' SEMINAR arranged by **Dr. EDDIE DAWES** who will also act as Chairman. After his introduction there will be:

PETER LANE on 'Sidelights on Magazine Collecting'.

BAYARD GRIMSHAW on 'The Great Carmo'.

JON GRESHAM on 'Automatic Machines of Magical Interest' and to conclude

The Rev. Dr. JOHN N. BOOTH on

'Parallels in the India Rope, Geller and Abominable Snowman Stories'.

17.00 and 20.30

In the Dome.

International Gala Show. (See pages 11, 12 and 13).

Midnight. At the Grand Hotel.

Close-up Magic organised by **DON LEES**.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 19th



DAVID BERGLAS
President Elect

MORNING

Trade Fair open from 09.00 to 12.00.

10.30. In the Dome.

CONVENTION SERVICE, conducted by Ringer, the Reverend MICHAEL SEACOME, M.A., A.R.C.M., Vicar of Barnwood, Gloucester and Official Chaplain to the British Ring.

THE SERVICE WILL BE UNDENOMINATIONAL.

Silver Collection for the British Ring Welfare Fund.

12.00 At the Grand Hotel.

Installation of the new President, DAVID BERGLAS followed at 12.30 with a Cocktail Party.

End of Convention.

EVENT ORGANISERS

The Gala Show	WILLIAM G. STICKLAND
Registration	JEFFERY ATKINS
Banquet	FRANCIS HAXTON
Collectors' Seminar	DR. EDDIE DAWES
Dealers' Exhibition and Demonstration	JOHNNY NEPTUNE
Outside Attraction	PAUL GRAHAM
Lectures, Souvenir Programme and "I Walked to Langham Place"	PETER WARLOCK
After Banquet Show	GEOFFREY ROBINSON
Ladies' Afternoon	THE LADIES' COMMITTEE
Shield Competition	ALASTAIR OLIPHANT, B.SC.
Children's Playtime	WILFRED TYLER
Close-up and Zina Bennett Competition	DON LEES
New Faces	ALFRED GABRIEL
Cocktail Party	EDDIE DEXTER
Stage Direction	PAUL GRAHAM
Stewards	JACK GRIGGS

We would like so much to thank JACK GRIGGS as Chief Steward and his helpers who are as follows:

Ken BAMBOROUGH, Gilbert K. BARKER, Cyril CAPON, Cissie ENTWISTLE, George HATTON, Douglas R. JONES, Barry A. LAYMOND, Dr. McKEE, Robert SCOTT and Les WOODCOCK.

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

British Ring No. 25

present

GRAND
INTERNATIONAL
GALA
OF
MAGIC

THE DOME, BRIGHTON

(Director: Tony Hewison, F.I.M. Ent.)

Manager: Douglas Reeve

SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1976

17.00 and 20.30

The Programme Arranged
and Presented by
WM. G. STICKLAND



Stage Manager
(for British Ring) I.B.M.
PAUL GRAHAM



Assistant Stage Managers—Barry Miller and Ron Langhorn

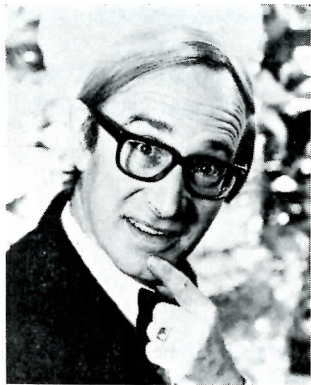


JACKIE GAYTONE

Programme . . .

1. Overture
Keith Hurford at the Organ
Percussionist – Horace Jeffery
- 2 JACKIE GAYTONE
- 3 Introducing our Compere
Star of B.B.C. T.V. Series
“For my next Trick”
TERRY SEABROOKE
- 4 BRIAN MILLER and AUDREY
Holders of the British Ring Shield
- 5 The Dutch “Half-Wit”
DICK DE-WITTE
- 6 JOHNNY and SUMA LAMONTE
International Speciality.
- 7 T.V.’s International Man of Magic
DAVID BERGLAS

INTERVAL



TERRY SEABROOKE



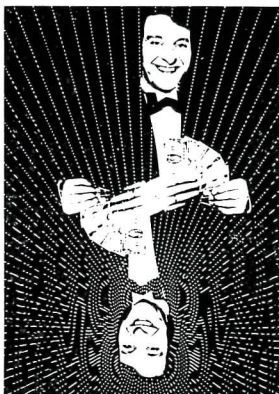
BRIAN MILLER & AUDREY



DICK DE-WITTE



JEFFERY ATKINS



FRED DERY



JOHNNY & SUMA
LAMONTE

- 8 Keith Hurford and Horace Jeffery
- 9 From Holland
AL & VALERY PRESTON
"The Magic Anglers"
- 10 The Belgian Champion Manipulator
FRED DERY
- 11 The Phenomenal Dutch Child Magicienne
SYLVIA DIANA
- 12 JACKIE GAYTONE
The Charming Vocal Instrumentalist
- 13 England's Premier Illusionist
JEFFERY ATKINS
and Company
"Magic of the Masters"

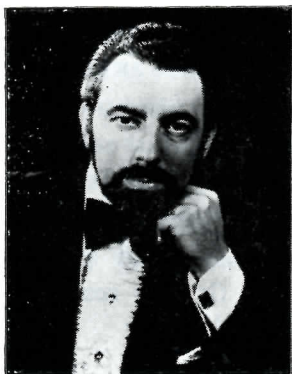
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

The taking of photographs during the performance is not permitted.

The Programme is subject to alteration



SYLVIA DIANA



DAVID BERGLAS



AL PRESTON & VALERY

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is the toast of all your fellow ringers coupled with those
of your

WELFARE SECTION

Members are earnestly requested to advise The Ring’s Welfare Officer, Mr. Eddie Dexter, 14 Derwent Avenue, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 7PX, Phone Southport 27342 (STD 0704) of any Sick Ringers. Or your nearest Regional Welfare Officer—See Membership Books.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

The President, officers and members of the Convention and Management Committees would like to express the deep gratitude that is owed to all those, who, in one way or another have supported this, the fortieth Convention, special appreciation being extended to:

THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON (Councillor Percy E. W. BEST, A.I.B., A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A.)

P. F. BOSWELL, Esq., General Manager, the Grand Hotel, Brighton

A. J. HEWISON, Esq., F.I.M. (Ent) Director, Resort and Conference Services Dept.

DOUGLAS REEVE, Esq., Manager, the Dome, Corn Exchange and Pavilion Theatre

BARRY MILLER and RON LANGHORN for assistance in stage direction

ANTHONY LIST for stage management of the "Children's Playtime"

HOWARD PETERS for his "The Ride of Terror"

THE PRESS

THE LECTURERS

Members of the Ladies' Committee, Mesdames CROMBIE, DEXTER, GABRIEL, HAXTON,
ROWE and WARLOCK

HELENE STRACHAN and her helpers at the Tombola

JACK GRIGGS and his so willing staff of Stewards

REX READER as Returning Officer

The JUDGE for the Dealers' Stands

The JUDGES in the Shield and Close-up competitions

Mrs. MOLLIE DEXTER for assistance with the Cocktail Party

Dr. DUPLOYEN for acting as official interpreter

ALASTAIR for the Shield Competition arrangements

HELPERS on the Welfare Stand

RON GILBERT for yet another outstanding Souvenir programme cover design

Mr. and Mrs. BILL PECKITT for their assistance with registrations

BOBBY BERNARD for the "Magic Clinic"

THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF 'THE MAGIC CIRCLE' for the loan of the Maskelyne trunk

JOHN YOUNG as J. N. Maskelyne

BRITISH RING SHIELD COMPETITION

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 will be marked accordingly. Further, such intention shall be shown in the published list of competitors.
7. The Judges shall have power to withhold any award if, in their opinion, the act or acts do not reach the required standard.
8. A previous British Ring Shield winner shall not be allowed to enter and present the same act. There is, however, no bar to the presentation of a different act.
9. Any competitor who has taken part in the Competition for three successive years and failed to qualify for an award shall, unless the Committee of Management deem otherwise, have a waiting period of two years before entering again.
10. The ballot for order of appearance shall take place publicly not less than 24 hours preceding the competition.
11. The presentation of every act should be considered as family entertainment and should be in good taste.
12. Closing date for entries shall be notified in 'The Budget.'
13. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
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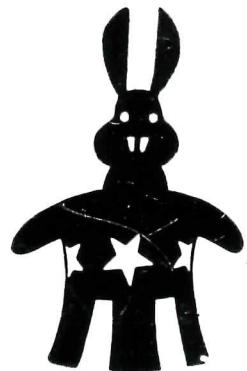
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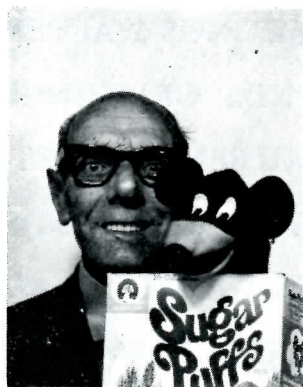
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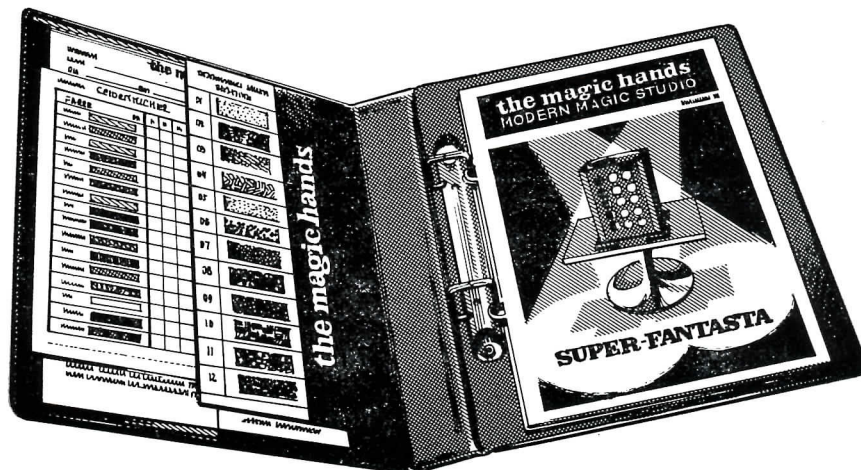
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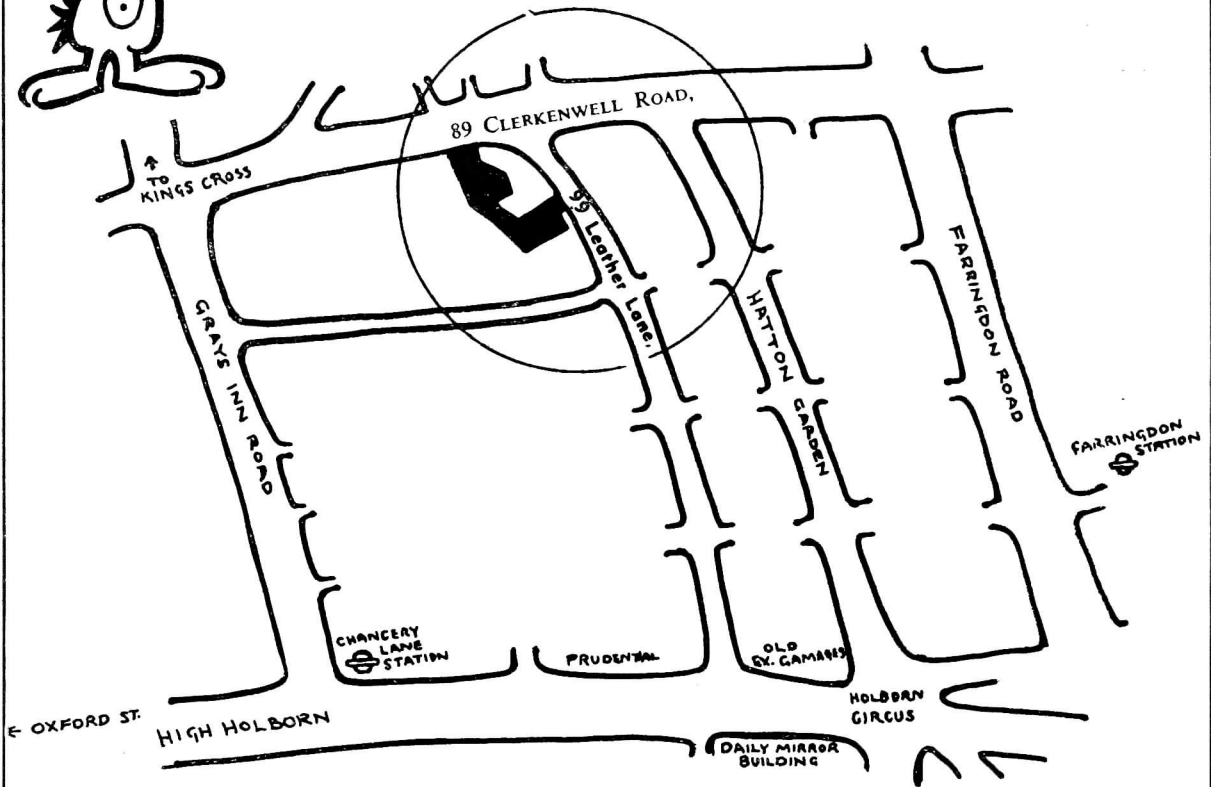




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