

**BRITISH RING N<sup>o</sup> 25**  
**52nd ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**BRIGHTON '88**



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**BRITISH RING No. 25**



## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LADY**

*Welcome to all magicians attending our "Pack of Cards" Convention. I say that because this is the 52nd annual gathering of the British Ring. As Jacks Queens and Kings illuminate a deck of cards, it is fitting that we complete the sequence by paying a visit to the delightful Regency Town of Brighton and give an Ace welcome to all our overseas guests.*

*After being "Out and About" in the U.K., Europe and the U.S.A. and Canada most of the year, my wife Gretta and I look forward to meeting many of you again during the next four days when we will be attending events throughout what promises to be a wonderful programme.*

*We send our sincerest wishes to those unable to attend through sickness or infirmity and wish to thank our Secretary, Registration, the Convention Committee, all Artistes, Stewards, Dealers and Helpers up front and behind the scenes who as one big team together make this a memorable Convention.*

*Our appreciation and thanks go to the Mayor of Brighton and the Civic Authorities and to the Management of our superb headquarters hotel "The Old Ship" for their kind welcome and hospitality.*

*To everyone attending, thank you all for coming and have a Wonderful Convention.*

### **ROBERT SINCLAIR**

President of the British Ring No. 25  
The International Brotherhood of Magicians.





### **To the Members and Guests of the British Ring:**

Betty and I have had the pleasure of attending your Great Yarmouth and Eastbourne events. We, therefore, know of your skill in producing outstanding magic conventions which are combined with your famous hospitality.

During my tenure as International President, we will circle the world calling on many of our 275 Rings (located in 54 countries). I will take that opportunity to praise your activities to many of our 12,500 members.

Here at Brighton, we now look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

On behalf of the I.B.M. Board of Trustees, I extend to you best wishes for another successful convention.

**Edward A. Morris**  
International President  
International Brotherhood of Magicians





**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON  
COUNCILLOR Ms. PATRICIA HAWKES.**

I am delighted to have the opportunity of sending this message of greeting and goodwill to all who are to visit Brighton in October in order to participate in the International Brotherhood of Magicians 1988 Convention.

Allow me to remind you that over two hundred years ago the fisherfolk of the ancient Village of Brighthelmston, our former name, discovered to their joy that it was possible to create a market in the sale of sea water which they described as the "magical oceanic fluid".

With splendid business acumen, and greatly to their own profit, our predecessors exported this elixir to London and other inland towns.

Happily, a large proportion of the supply remains and is readily available for your visit although I suspect that you may find alternative beverages more to your taste.

I greatly look forward to your arrival and to the opportunity of meeting as many of you as possible during the course of your stay.

With my sincere good wishes for the success of the Convention and for the enjoyment of all our visitors.

MAYOR





Tuesday September 27th  
20.00 hours

Old Ship Hotel

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Meet your old friends and make new ones in a convivial Get-Together  
For those wanting an early taste of Magic  
a section will be devoted to Close-up**

★ Registrations for postal applications will be distributed ★

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Wednesday September 28th  
10.15 hours

Dome Theatre

### *DEALERS' DEMONSTRATIONS*

*arranged by*

*Tony Shelley*



**After which you may visit the Corn Exchange  
to view the Magical Offerings on sale**





Wednesday September 28th  
12.00 hours

Royal Pavilion Gardens



**Howard Peters**  
The Magician

**HOWARD PETERS**

*Invites you to witness*  
**“THE TRANSYLVANIA TERROR”**

**Be there if you dare !**

Smelling salts and commentary  
supplied by

**TERRY HERBERT**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ ★ *THE EDDIE DEXTER WELFARE STAND* ★ ★

Cynthia Neptune and helpers send greetings to all conventioners, and hope to meet you all at the welfare stand during the Convention.

We thank all those members who have helped by giving gifts or donations.

*RAFFLES \* NOVELTIES \* PRIZES \* GIFTS*

**GRAND AUCTION**

**Details to be announced**

*MAGICAL APPARATUS, BOOKS, MAGAZINES & MEMORABILIA*





Wednesday September 28th  
14.30 hours

Dome Theatre

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

*of the*

**1988 CONVENTION**

*by the President*

**ROBERT SINCLAIR**

*In the presence of Her Worship  
The Mayor of the Bourough of Brighton  
Councillor Ms. PATRICIA HAWKES*



Wednesday September 28th  
14.45 hours

Dome Theatre

**“BRIGHTON ROCK”**

(Magic all through)

introduced by  
**ALI BONGO**

with

**JON BRETT with JOY & JACK PURVIS**

**WARREN STEPHENS**

**THE ASTRALS**

**AL COHEN**

**TIA WEI SOU & TIEN**

**At the Organ: Keith Hurford At the Drums: Bernard McGovern**







Wednesday September 28th  
16.35 hours

Dome Theatre

# STAR LECTURE

by

## EDERNAC

*DIRECT FROM PARIS*

introduced by

### PETER SCARLETT

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### FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE

During the year I am in touch with many of our members who are suffering from ill health in one form or another. I thank all our welfare officers who keep me informed and others too who in some cases are the first to know of any casualties and are kind enough to let me know. I hasten to add that all information received is treated with discretion and not all are mentioned in the Budget. The Convention is a good time to send greetings to all our members who are not well and are unable to come for reasons of health and old age. Our thoughts are with you.



**MICHAEL SEACOME**

Chief Welfare Officer  
British Ring No.25.,I.B.M.





**WELCOME**  
to our  
**OVERSEAS VISITORS**

*who are requested to meet  
Mr. BARRY LAYMOND*

*in the  
entrance to the KINGSWEST TOP RANK SUITE  
19.30 hours*

*on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th  
Prior to the  
CIVIC RECEPTION*

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**THE CHIEF STEWARD, JOHN PALFREYMAN.**

Extends grateful thanks to the following members who have volunteered to do stewarding at the Brighton Convention ....

*\* CYRIL BALL \* LES BROOKS \* DENNIS CLARK \*  
\* DANNY DANN \* COLIN HOPPER \* PAUL JAY \*  
\* DOUG JONES \* GUS LOWE \* GORDON LAMPERT \*  
\* MORINE \* PETER RECALDIN \* BILL SHEWAN \*  
\* RENA FINDLAY \* MARY STUPPLE \* DAVID POPPY \*  
\* MOIRA COLVAN \* SYD SMITH \* GEORGE COLVAN \**





Wednesday September 28th  
20.00 hours

Kingswest Top Rank Suite

**CIVIC RECEPTION  
BALL & CABARET**

by kind invitation of  
Her Worship

**THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON  
Councillor Ms. PATRICIA HAWKES**

Introduction of

**OVERSEAS VISITORS**

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**DANCING TO  
RONNIE KEEN & HIS MUSIC**

•\*•\*•

**CABARET**



**SHAUN YEE**

**TERRY HERBERT  
WILL INTRODUCE**



**RAFFLES & DALLAS**

Flagbearers: Pupils of **THE SHANDY STAGE SCHOOL**

**TOMBOLA STAND**

**HELENE STRACHAN AND HELPERS**

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 HELPERS**





★★★★ **DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR** ★★★★★

*Organised By: Tony Shelley*

*Assisted By: Ray Mills, Paul McCleavy & Ross Quinn*

★★★ Held in the Corn Exchange ★★★

Wednesday	09.30 - 17.30
Thursday	09.30 - 17.30
Friday	09.30 - 17.30
Saturday	09.30 - 17.30
Sunday	09.30 - 12.00

**The following Magical Dealers will be represented:**

Tom Owen	Taurus Magic Supplies
Bradford Magic Studio	Hocus Pocus Magic
Practical Magic	Playtime Balloons
Mel Harvey Productions	Dan Dearing Deceptions
R.A.R. Magic	Hamilton Kaye
Magictrix	Repro Magic
Arthur Emerson	Guaranteed Magic
Tony Curtis Magic	Designer Magic
Kovari Magic	Mini Magic
Banshee Magic	Camtryx Magic Ltd
M&M Enterprises	Electron Magic
Terry & Norma	Presto Magic
Magic Books By Post	Castle Magic
Ace Place Magic	Rootlecraft
Krazy Rabbit	Elizabeth McMillan
Magicade	Miss Terry
Mark Leveridge Magic	Goodliffe Publications
Patrick Page	Stephen Tucker
Klingsor	Ken Ward
Al Cohen	Warren Stephens
Progressive Magic	Magic Hands
Heinz Minten	Hank Moorehouse
Shaun Yee	International Magic
Supreme Magic	Jack Mayes
Opus Magazine	Charisma Magic
Mac Magic	

**The Organisers would like to thank all the Dealers for appearing at this British Ring Convention. It is hoped that Conventioneers will support the Dealers in their efforts**

**THE CRAIG TROPHY**

**This will be awarded to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display at the exhibition.**

**ENTRY BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY**





Thursday September 29th  
09.30 hours

Dome Theatre

## DEALERS' DEMONSTRATIONS

Arranged By

**TONY SHELLEY**

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Thursday September 29th  
10.30 hours

Dome Theatre

***CLOSE-UP***

***COMPETITION***

for the

**ZINA BENNETT  
TROPHY**

arranged by Mike Gancia

Chairman of the Judges: **Tony Shelley**

Timekeeper: **Doug Jones**

**Judges**

Edward A. Morris (International President)

Johnny Johnson

William Spooner (Past Int. President)

A. N. Other





Thursday September 29th  
14.15 hours

Dome Theatre

## STAR LECTURE



**PAUL DIAMOND ( U.S.A. )**

*Introduced by: Ted Whebell.*



Thursday September 29th  
14.30 hours

Old Ship Hotel

## LADIES' AFTERNOON

A talk by: Mr. KEN BELTON of Clay Nursery

GROWING FUCHSIAS AND GERANIUMS FOR PLEASURE



No official event has been organised for the latter part of the afternoon of September 29th  
This will give Conventioneers a chance to visit:

THE DEALERS' EXHIBITION





## HOSPITAL & SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS BRIGHTON

### THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 1988, Commencing 3-15 p.m. and 4-15 p.m.

ALLOCATION of VENUES are as follows

MAPS will be available from myself at 12 noon by the WELFARE STAND on THURSDAY when I will be available to deal with any final question or problem.

Yours most sincerely LES NOTTLE, Organiser

Map Ref: F.2. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

Royal Alexander Hospital  
for Sick Children  
Dyke Road (Floor Show)  
Stage Manager Ian Gardner  
Compere/Host Danny Jones  
Pianist N/A

Harry Hayes  
David Poppy  
Dennis Tubbs  
Arthur Settingington  
Keno & Pamela

Reporter...Dennis Patten



**LES NOTTLE**

Map Ref J.2. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

St. Johns Residential School  
for slow learners (Stage)  
Waipole Road (Stage)  
Stage Manager Roy woodgate & Bert Smith  
Compere/Host Jim Cuthbert  
Sly Smith  
Bob Haydon  
Martin Grundy (Punch)

Reporter...Ina Cuthbert

Map Ref G.1.

Brighton Lions Community Hall  
Entry via passage way between 21-22,  
St James St. 3-15 p.m. - 4-15 p.m.  
Close-up.  
Compere/Host Prof. Eddie Dawes  
Stage Manager David Pearson  
Rovi  
Brian Barnes  
Michael Seacome  
Bob Collyer

4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m

Stage Show  
Stage Manager Les Brooks  
Compere/Host Tony Brooks  
Pianist Esther Richards  
Edward Morris  
Johnny Maire  
Ken Savage  
Bill Shewan  
Alan Oldfield

Reporter...Arnold Issacs

Map Ref: J.2. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

Hamilton Lodge Residential School  
for Deaf Children  
Waipole Road (Floor Show)  
Stage Manager  
Compere/Host Allen Astra  
Wally Boyce  
Dara Kaka  
Terry Coates

Reporter...Barbara Astra

Map Ref G.5. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

Special Home for retarded Adults  
and Children  
60 Bursted Close (Floor Show)  
Stage Manager  
Compere/Host Sid Slavny  
Myster Yaffe  
Ian Westley  
David Haggerty  
SMOKEY & the Clowns

Reporter...

Map Ref J.2. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

Craven House (Elderly Folk)  
Craven Road (Floor Show)  
Stage Manager  
Compere/Host Phillip Southwood  
Pianist

Phil Wye  
Ali Cardabra  
Robart  
Terry Johns  
Roger Woods

Reporter...Phillip Southwood

Map Ref G.5. (4-15 p.m. - 5-30 p.m.)

Holingdale (Elderly Folk)  
60 Brentwood Road (Floor Show)  
Stage Manager Bob Downing  
Compere/Host Ron Gilbert  
Michael Symes  
Erny Tongue  
Ted & Stephanie Rowe  
(Accordian Morine)

Reporter...Ted Rowe

Presidents Transport Brian Miller

Reserves and Transport Emrys Pugh - Mo Howarth - De-Jay - Geoffrey Hands - Will Ayling

SMOKEY and his CLOWN BAND consisting of Reg Allen-Bowink - The Rann Family - Sheila Taffy - Dez Collons  
Lightning etc. led by Lyn Adair, will visit some of the Venues.

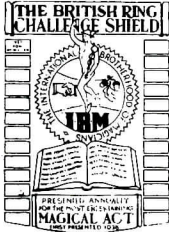
LIONS CLUB of BRIGHTON have been kind enough to allow the use of their COMMUNITY HALL  
for the entertainment of the LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB (See address above).





Thursday September 29th  
19.30 hours

Dome Theatre



The competition for the  
NEW SILVER

# BRITISH RING SHIELD

Organised by JOHN PALFREYMAN

Judges: Tommy Rowe (Chairman), Debbie Daniels, David Berglas, Jack Mayes,  
Hank Moorehouse (U.S.A.), William Burnett M.I.P.R. (Brighton Resort  
Services Director)

At the Organ: Keith Hurford

At the Drums: Bernard McGovern

Stage Manager: Ron Langhorn

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks

## RULES AND AWARDS

Rules relating to the Competition the awards of which are:

1. **THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize.**  
This will be awarded for the most entertaining magic 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 performance by a lady magician who, in the opinion of the judges is worthy of this prize, and is held for one year.
- THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize for runner-up** To be held for one year.  
**THIRD PRIZE - Cash Prize and Silver Wand presented by ALASTAIR**  
**TOM HARRIS CUP** (Comedy) (donated by Tom Harris)  
**DITTTA SHIELD** (Manipulation)

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS BRITISH RING No.25.

Rules governing the British Ring Shield competition and other major awards to be competed at the annual convention.

1. The competitions shall be open to all members of the British Ring providing:-(1) They are accepted and fully paid up members, or (2) application for membership has been received by the Hon. Secretary not later than the last day of June preceeding the Competition.
2. The Management Committee of the society shall appoint five Judges, comprising magical and lay. They shall also appoint a chairperson who shall be a member of the society. In the event of a tie the chairperson shall have the 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 any personal relationship would be an embarrassment, then the Hon Secretary must be informed, and the said Judge stand down, and a replacement shall 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 Ditta Shield and the Tom Harris cup, whilst a lady entrant could win the British Ring Shield, the Tom Harris Cup, The Ditta Shield, Conventioneers Trophy, and the Craig Trophy.
5. The length of a competitor's act shall not exceed TEN minutes. At the end of NINE minutes a Yellow warning light will come on and a buzzer sound. At the end of TEN minutes a RED light will come on. If a Competitor continues beyond TEN and a HALF minutes then that will constitute automatic disqualification, and as such this will be announced prior to the next act competing.
6. All acts will be judged accordingly for all Awards.
7. The Judges shall have the 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. Each Competitor will be allowed TWO minutes (MAXIMUM) to set the act. This will be timed by the Stage Manager.
11. The opening and closing acts will be decided by draw, the remaining acts drawn by style of act and the Competition running order put together to obtain the best balance of variety. It is THEREFORE ESSENTIAL that the Competition Questionnaire is filled in as fully as possible.
12. The Presentation of every act shall be considered as family entertainment and be in good taste.
13. The Closing date of the Competition entries shall be not less than SIX WEEKS prior to the Convention, and CONFIRMATION OF SUCH ENTRY WILL BE ON RECEIPT OF THE COMPETITION QUESTIONNAIRE, BY THE COMPETITION ORGANISER.
14. Any matter not covered by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Committee of Management whose decision shall be final.
15. All trophy winners shall hold their award for a period of one year, or until the following Convention, which ever is the lesser, and such award must be returned to the Competition Organiser at the Convention Hotel in a presentable condition at least one day prior to the day scheduled for the Competition.
16. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will the printed running order of the Competition be changed. Any artiste finding the order inconvenient due to professional or any other commitments will have to withdraw from the Competition.







# THE BRITISH RING SHIELD COMPETITION

## RUNNING ORDER

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Stuart Brown - Derby          | 10. Nikki - Fareham                     |
| 2. Appollo - Watford             | 11. Morpheus - Harlow                   |
| 3. Leo Bond - Welling            | 12. Robin Carr & Caroline -Bletchingley |
| 4. Michelle - Frimley Green      | 13. Supernovum - Wallasey               |
| 5. Roy Davenport - London        | 14. Tensai - Portsmouth                 |
| 6. Neil Roberts - Yardley        | 15. Ray Roberts - Pontefract            |
| 7. Diana - Birmingham            | 16. Stephen Ford - Hayes                |
| 8. Lynn Thomas - Brighton        | 17. Colinski - Chelmsford               |
| 9. Gus Wilson & Co. - Kings Lynn |   |



**John Palfreyman**  
Competition Organiser



**Ron Langhorn**  
Stage Manager



So that you may continue your MAGIC the OLD SHIP HOTEL will be open each night after the programmed events, when refreshments and snacks will be available.

*Janet Clare & Mike Gancia*

*will arrange CLOSE-UP performers for your entertainment*





Friday September 30th  
09.15 hours

Dome Theatre

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

and

## **ELECTION of OFFICERS for 1988/9**

Members only admitted

Printed Agenda and Copies of Accounts will be available

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## **THE ORGAN PLAYED BY KEITH HURFORD**

Throughout the convention  
has been kindly loaned  
by

**RIVERSIDE ORGANS LTD**  
of  
**CROYDON**

To whom the **BRITISH RING** offer grateful thanks..





Friday September 30th  
10.30 hours

Dome Theatre

★ **TWO STAR LECTURES** ★

Introduced By: **PETER SCARLETT**

**SHAUN YEE**  
**(ITALY)**



Followed By

**DAVIDE COSTI**  
**(ITALY)**



Closed Circuit T.V. will be in operation





Friday September 30th  
14.30 hours

Dome Theatre

## *MORE PLEASURES OF YESTERYEAR*

### *A NOSTALGIC GLIMPSE OF THE ROARING TWENTIES*

PRESENTED BY  
*EDDIE DAWES*

Some magical memories of

*\*OKITO\* \*JOHN RAMSAY\* \*JACK LEDAIR\**

*\*HOUDINI\* \*OSWALD RAE\* \*CARDINI\**

*\*JARROW\* \*DANTE\**

evoked by a galaxy of Artistes including

*\*TENSAI\**

*\*ROY SCOTT\**

*\*DAVID BUDD & RITA\**

*\*HOWARD PETERS & JANE KEANE\**

*\*JOHN WADE\**

*\*GEOFF RAY & PAT\**

*\*TERRY SEABROOKE\**

*\*KOVARI\**

**THE EMPIRE ORCHESTRA**  
**KEITH HURFORD & BERNARD McGOVERN**





Friday September 30th  
16.45 hours

Dome Theatre

# **INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP MAGIC**

★ ★ ★

Presented By  
*MIKE GANCIA*

Amongst those performing  
subject to commitments  
will be:

- \* *PAUL DIAMOND - U.S.A.*
- \* *WARREN STEPHENS - U.S.A.*
- \* *J. J. - ENGLAND*
- \* *DAVIDE COSTI - ITALY*
- \* *CHRIS POWERS - ENGLAND*
- \* *RUDY COBY - U.S.A.*





Friday September 30th  
19.00 hours for 19.30

Old Ship Hotel

## CONVENTION BANQUET

### MENU

*Smoked Mackerel Pate  
with fingers of hot toast*

★ ★ ★

*Cream of Watercress Soup*

★ ★ ★

*Pan-fried Breast of Chicken  
Breadcrumbed and topped  
with Asparagus and served  
with a Cream of Mushroom  
White Wine Sauce  
Seasonal Vegetables*

★ ★ ★

*Meringue Basket  
filled with Raspberries  
and Whipped Cream*

★ ★ ★

*Coffee*

★ ★ ★

*Mints*

★ ★ ★

### TOAST LIST

*THE QUEEN*

*Proposed by the President  
Mr. ROBERT SINCLAIR*

*THE BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON*

*Proposed by*

*Mr. PETER WARLOCK*

*Response by*

*HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF BRIGHTON  
Councillor Ms. PATRICIA HAWKES*

*THE BRITISH RING*

*Proposed by*

*Mr. EDWARD MORRIS  
International President I.B.M.*

*Response by*

*The President  
Mr. ROBERT SINCLAIR  
who will also propose the toast to*

*THE LADIES AND VISITORS*

*Response by*

*Mrs. OLIVE FLETCHER*

*Toastmaster: Mr. PAUL DUCAINE*





Friday September 30th  
20.30 hours

Dome Theatre

For those Conventioneers not attending the Banquet

**THE HAROLD TAYLOR PARTY SHOW**  
featuring

★ **BOB HEATH** ★ **THE TAYLOR MAIDS** ★

★ **KEITH HURFORD & BERNARD McGOVERN** ★

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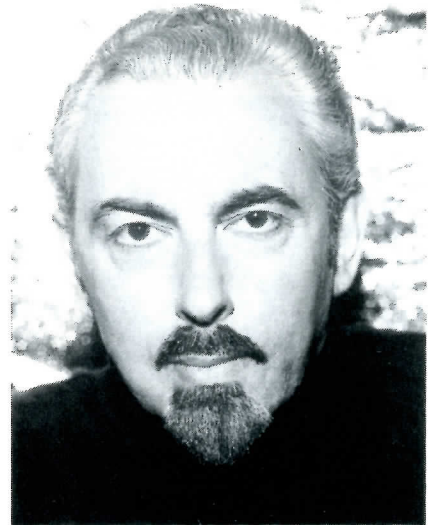


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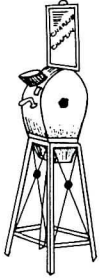


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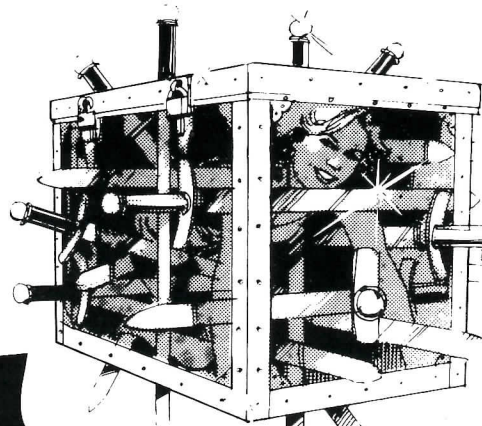
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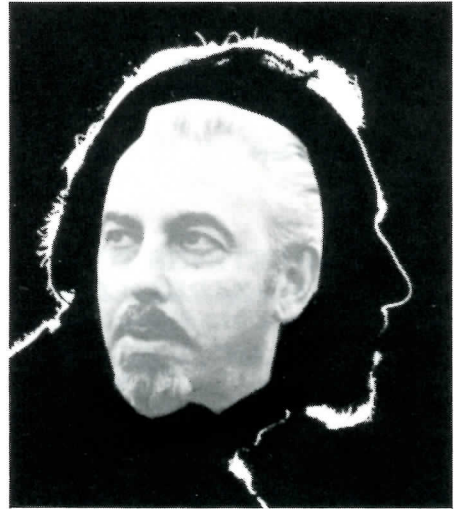






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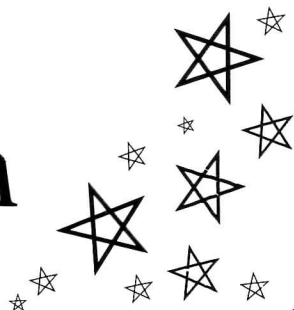
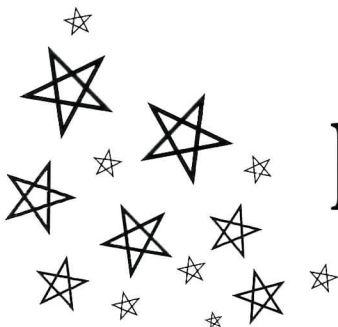


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1939	Southport	1971	Llandudno
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1947	Buxton	1973	Harrogate
1948	Bournemouth	1974	Hastings
1949	Southport	1975	Southport
1950	Harrogate	1976	Brighton
1951	Bournemouth	1977	Harrogate
1952	Hastings	1978	Hastings
1953	Edinburgh	1979	Scarborough
1954	Brighton	1980	Brighton
1955	Southport	1981	Great Yarmouth
1956	Brighton	1982	Hastings
1957	Scarborough	1983	Llandudno
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