

# EASTBOURNE '96



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD of MAGICIANS BRITISH RING 25

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 17th - 22nd 1996

# The British Ring

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**BRITISH RING No. 25**



### **THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

During the past year Carol and I have been made most welcome wherever we have travelled - now it is our turn to extend a warm welcome to you all at our Diamond Jubilee Convention at Eastbourne, one of my favourite venues. Sixty years of British Ring Conventions is most certainly a great achievement and one which we can be justifiably proud. Over the year I have often quoted the significance of our badge symbolizing friendship and fellowship in magic throughout the world. Let us make sure that this convention fulfils that sentiment. We welcome especially our friends from overseas and hope that they enjoy their few days with us. We welcome also those attending their first Convention and hope that they will make this annual pilgrimage as we have done over many years.

During this Convention, spare a thought for our Members who are not able to be with us due to illness and hope that they will soon be restored to full health and be able to join us on future occasions.

The Officers and Committee have worked hard to put together a programme of diamond quality - the culmination of many months' work and planning, and on your behalf I would like to say a very sincere thank you.

It has been my honour and privilege to be your President over the past year and this Convention brings it to a diamond climax. Carol and I look forward to sharing it with you, let us all have fun with magic.

**John Pye**

President British Ring No 25  
International Brotherhood of Magicians



### THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a pleasure it is for both my wife, Alouise, and I to visit with you in Eastbourne. Although we have made a trip to the British Isles before, this is a very special one for us.

As your International President it is part of my duties to travel about visiting with our Rings. Your Ring is special. It is not only the backbone of Great Britain, but the entire European area. Your officers do a good job in keeping our home office informed as to what is happening thousands of miles away. So it is fitting that we come together at Eastbourne.

We don't want this conclave to be all business. We want to have fun and do magic with you. Being a professional magician for over 50 years and very active in the IBM for 48 of them, I feel that I can contribute something a little extra. So when you come to say hello, allow me to show you a little magic, and I'll watch you to. That's what it's all about, the magic of friendship.

Bev Bergeron  
International President  
International Brotherhood of Magicians.



**A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF EASTBOURNE**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the International Brotherhood of Magicians to Eastbourne once again.

We all need a sense of wonderment and you, as Magicians, are able to rekindle the childlike amazement that keeps us all young at heart.

I do hope you have a successful Conference and I am sure that you will enjoy yourselves as much as the Borough will enjoy having you with us.

Robert G. Kirtley  
Mayor



Tuesday September 17th  
19.30 hours onwards

Winter Gardens

## REGISTRATION OFFICE OPENS

After you have registered you can chat in the Floral Hall until  
20.30 hours when you can

\* \* \* **VISIT** \* \* \*

# **T H E D E A L E R S**

N.B. No admission unless wearing a badge

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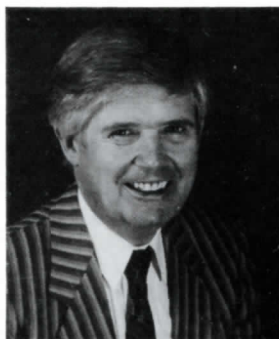
Wednesday September 18th  
9.30 hours

The Floral Hall

## **M A G I C O F**

# **T H E D E A L E R S**

**Tony Shelley** will introduce  
the Magic Dealers who  
will demonstrate their  
**LATEST ITEMS**  
after which you may enter the  
Dealer's Hall to view the  
**GIGANTIC DISPLAY**  
of Magic



At the keyboard **DAVE CASS**

Tony Shelley is assisted by **John Palfreyman**

# DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

*arranged by Tony Shelley*

Held in the Exhibition Hall adjacent to the Winter Garden

Tuesday	20.30 - Late
Wednesday	9.30 - 17.30
Thursday	9.30 - 17.30
Friday	10.30 - 17.30
Saturday	9.30 - 17.30

The following Magical Dealers will be represented:

All Decked Out	Mark Leveridge Magic
Banshee Magic	Mayoral
Barbara & Alan Astra	Meir Yedid
Bavli	Mel's Magic
Bob Little	Miss Terry
Bond Agency	MJR Balloons
British Ring Sales	Mysterious Magic
Camtryx	Pat Page
Castle Magic	Paul Howard
Cliff Lount	Pavel
Colombini	Pennywise Magic
Darius	Peter Lamont
Dave Jones	Playtime Balloons
Emerson & West	Practical Magic
Florida Magic	Presto Magic
Fukai	Progetto Magia
Goodliffe Publications	Quadro & Lazar
Hamilton Kaye & Co	Quality Props
Hank Moorehouse	R.A.R. Magic
Hocus Pocus	Repro Magic
International Magic	Ron Gilbert
Jack Miller	Shaun Yee
K.R. Professional Magic	Sound Ideas
Kaymar Magic	Stephen Tucker
Keith Bennett	Swadling Magic
Ken Ward Magic	Taurus Magic
Kovari Magic	Terry & Norma
M & M Enterprises	Tom Owen
Magic Books by Post	Tony Curtis Magic
Magical Wonders	Wallis's Wonders
Magictrix	Who's Who in Magic

The organisers would like to thank all the Dealers for appearing at this British Ring Convention.

It is hoped that conventioners 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.

The displays will be judged on Thursday morning

**ENTRANCE BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY**

Wednesday September 18th  
14.30 hours

The Congress Theatre

# OFFICIAL OPENING

of the

## 1996 Convention

by

### *The President*

**John Pye, Esq**

in the presence of His Worship

**THE MAYOR OF EASTBOURNE**

**Councillor Robert G. Kirtley**

followed by

## **“I REMEMBER”**

**A nostalgic look back**

introduced by

**JEFFERY ATKINS**

WITH

**GEOFFREY ROBINSON**

**LOUIS MARTELLE**

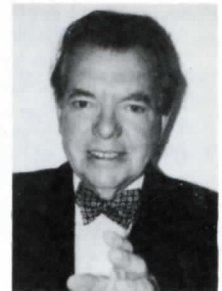
**ALI BONGO**

**BRIAN SEFTON**

**PAVEL**



Brian Sefton



Louis Martelle

**At the organ - DAVE CASS**



Wednesday September 18th  
16.30 hours

The Gold Room

**\* STAR LECTURE \***

Peter Scarlett

will introduce

**JUAN MAYORAL**  
**(Spain)**



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**\* THE EDDIE DEXTER WELFARE STAND \***

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**GIFTS • NOVELTIES • RAFFLES • COMPETITIONS**

Please support your Welfare Stand  
Why not buy your "take home presents" here?

Cynthia Neptune and her helpers look forward to meeting all  
Conventioneers at the stand and thank everyone for their support.

**DON'T MISS THE AUCTION OF UNSOLD GOODS AND  
PRE-USED MAGICAL APPARATUS, BOOKS AND  
MEMORABILIA**

At approximately mid-day on Saturday

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

who are requested to meet  
**Mr John Palfreyman**  
in the entrance to the **WINTER GARDEN**  
at 19.15 hours  
**on Wednesday September 18th**  
prior to the Civic Reception

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**OVERSEAS VISITORS**  
are also invited to a  
**COCKTAIL PARTY**



kindly given by  
His Worship  
**The MAYOR of EASTBOURNE**  
**Councillor Robert G. Kirtley**

at  
**THE TOWN HALL**  
on Saturday September 21st at 11.00 hours

*IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE APPLY FOR A TICKET AT THE REGISTRATION DESK*

Wednesday September 18th  
20.00 hours

The Floral Hall

## CIVIC RECEPTION BALL & CABARET

by kind invitation of  
**The Mayor & Mayoress of Eastbourne**  
**Councillor & Mrs Robert G. Kirtley**  
who together with the **President of the British Ring**  
and the **International President of the I.B.M.**  
will receive the

### OVERSEAS VISITORS



Zanadu

Dancing to  
**HIGH SOCIETY**

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**CABARET**  
**Terry Seabrooke**  
will introduce



Stromboli & Silvia

**“ZANADU”**

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### STROMBOLI & SILVIA

The Flagbearers: Pupils of THE SUSSEX SCHOOL OF DANCE  
Dress: Dinner Jacket or Dark Lounge Suit

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### TOMBOLA STAND

**HELENE STRACHAN AND HELPERS** look forward to meeting you all at the Tombola Stand, please come along and give your support. All the proceeds are for the **Benevolent & Welfare Funds.**



We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members who have given gifts and help in any way. **MEL NEWSOME** and his lady **JILL** will be working with me on the Tombola Stand this year in preparation for taking over the work, so please come along and meet them. They are both members of I.B.M. Ring No 25.

Yours sincerely **HELENE & HELPERS**

Thursday September 19th  
9.15 hours

Cavendish Hotel  
(Sussex Suite)

**CLOSE-UP**  
**COMPETITION**  
for the  
**ZINA BENNETT TROPHY**  
arranged by  
**MIKE GANCIA & JANET CLARE**

**COMPETITORS AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS**

<b>FRANK ALLEN</b> Sponsored by Dave Shaw and Danny Jones	Coventry	<b>BRUCE GRAHAM</b> Sponsored by John Field & Robert Barr	Wallington
<b>MEHRAN BASHI</b> Sponsored by Matthew Bonsall & B. S. Rasmussen	Derby	<b>JEREMY HOLT</b> Sponsored by Gordon Wray & Neal Austen	Salisbury
<b>STEPHEN BURTON</b> Sponsored by Bryan Atherton & Peter Jefferies	Dudley	<b>NOAH KELLY</b> Sponsored by Mel Moore & Ralph Fisher	Weston-Super Mare
<b>PAUL CHEESBROUGH</b> Sponsored by Mel Newsome & Stanley Raynor	Leeds	<b>CLIVE MOORE</b> Sponsored by Stuart Brown & Jean Ellison	Derby
<b>JAMES COOPER</b> Sponsored by John Penrose & Scott Penrose	Braintree	<b>RONALD POPPLE</b> Sponsored by Maggie Tucker & Stephen Tucker	Tipton
<b>JAY DEE</b> Sponsored by Michael Shepherd and Steve Naylor	Leeds	<b>CHRISTOPHER PRIEST</b> Sponsored by James Gregory & Keith Bennett	Dudley
<b>CHRIS DUGDALE</b> Sponsored by Roy Johnson & David Penn	Maidenhead	<b>ROBART</b> Sponsored by Toni Nansen & Tony de Vreede	Wray
<b>ALAN DUNCAN</b> Sponsored by David Haggarty & Paul Naroini	Glasgow	<b>DAVE SILK</b> Sponsored by Maggie Tucker & Stephen Tucker	Dudley

*Chairman of the Judges: Tony Shelley*

Thursday September 19th  
12.00 hours

The Floral Hall

**\* STAR LECTURE \***

Peter Scarlett

will introduce

**PAVEL**



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Thursday September 19th  
14.00 hours

The Floral Hall

**\* STAR LECTURE \***

Richard Stuppel

will introduce

**RON POPPLE**  
(Crackers the Magical Clown)



Thursday September 19th  
14.00 hours

The Gold Room

## LADIES' AFTERNOON

The Ladies' Committee are pleased to announce:

### A FASHION SHOW

by the

### ARMY and NAVY HOUSE OF FRASER Ltd

This will be followed by Afternoon Tea and a Raffle

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***DON'T FORGET THE  
DEALERS'  
EXHIBITION  
WILL BE OPEN  
ALL DAY TODAY  
AND EVERY DAY***

## HOSPITAL AND SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS

Organised by  
**Derek McFaul**



Tuesday Sept 17th

### **St Wilfred's Hospice**

Mill Gap Road  
Map Ref: G8 11.00-12.00 hrs  
Derek McFaul  
Maurice Page

Wednesday Sept 18th

### **Acorn Gateway Club**

Seaside Rd/Churchdale Rd  
Map Ref: K9 19.30-20.30 hrs  
Learning difficulties group  
Compere: Ian Wesley  
David Poppy  
Ian Wesley  
Brian Nye  
Ray Sparks  
Reporter: David Poppy

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Hazel Court School**

Milfoil Drive  
Off Shinewater Lane  
Map Ref J18 13.30-14.30 hrs  
Compere: Stephan Evans  
Keno & Pamela  
Smartie Artie (E.Almond)  
Michael Pettit  
Barry Hopkins  
Stage Manager & Reporter:  
Chris Poole

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Lindfield School**

Lindfield Road  
Map Ref E14 13.30-14.30 hrs  
Compere: Sid Slavny  
Smartie Artie (James Butler)  
Derek Travis  
Doreen Travis  
Wally Boyce  
Reporter: Sid Slavny

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Downs School**

Beachy Avenue  
Map Ref B8 13.30-14.30 hrs  
Compere: David Poppy  
Johnny Maire (Balloon act)  
Tony the Magician  
Terry Daly  
Arthur Settingington  
Reporter: Tony the Magician

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Eastbourne District General Hospital**

Kings Drive  
Map Ref E11 14.30-15.30 hrs  
Close-up & Stand-up Magic  
Ina Cuthbert  
Michael Austin  
James Cuthbert  
Aiden Heritage  
Brian Barnes  
Reporter: Ina Cuthbert

Thursday Sept 19th

### **All Saints Hospital**

Meads Street  
Map Ref F2 14.30-15.30 hrs  
Compere: Ray Sparks  
Margaret Maclean  
(Accordianist)  
David Haggerty  
Mary Poppins  
Mike Habbershaw  
Reporter: Duncan Maclean  
Stage Manager: Harry Hayes

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Chaseley Home for the Disabled**

Bolsover Road  
Map Ref G2 14.30-15.30 hrs  
Compere: Freddie Firth  
Bill Shewan  
H. John Fox  
Michael Symes  
Merson Grant  
Reporter: Dianne O'Brien  
Stage Manager: Royston Woodgate

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Lions Club Show**

Blind Social Centre  
Longstone Road  
Map Ref I6 14.30-15.30 hrs  
Compere: Les Nottle  
Hugh Cecil  
Clyde Clayton  
Brian Stringer (Vent)  
Stephan Stamm  
Pianist: Esther Richards  
Reporter: Arnold Isaacs  
Stage Manager: Ian Gardiner

Thursday Sept 19th

### **Age Concern 'Pop-In Club'**

Church Hall  
Langley Road  
Map Ref I6 14.15-15.15 hrs  
Compere: Fred Buttress  
Barry Black  
Al Woodrow  
Sam Gupta  
Terri Jones  
Reporter: Fred Buttress

The I.B.M. Clowns under the direction of Reg (Streaky) Allen will make their usual visits to some of the venues during the afternoon.

Driver for the Clowns: Alan Dilgert

Thursday September 19th  
19.30 hours

The Congress Theatre

The Competition for the

## BRITISH RING SHIELD

Before the competition starts please welcome an act from Spain JA-LIPU

### Running Order & Sponsors

- |                              |                |                                 |                     |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>LOKI</b>               | Cliftonville   | 12. <b>SHINOBI</b>              | Fradley             |
| Colin Hoult & Allan Wright   |                | M.Berglas & Janet Clare         |                     |
| 2. <b>PETE BENNET</b>        | Hurstpierpoint | 13. <b>SYLVIA</b>               |                     |
| Len Angell & Frank Preston   |                | <b>BARCLAY-DAVENPORT</b>        | Cheltenham          |
| 3. <b>MICHAEL WHITE</b>      | Haydock        | R.E.Mathews & Dominic Kent      |                     |
| Philip Partridge & Bob Ostin |                | 14. <b>INCANTATION</b>          | Rhosgoch            |
| 4. <b>CHAMPAGNE</b>          | London         | B.Berry & M.Scott Price         |                     |
| Barbara Astra & Rob Cox      |                | 15. <b>ABDUL MAFISH FULAUSE</b> | Langley             |
| 5. <b>ERIC WEEKS</b>         | Richmond       | R.MacMillan & N.Rousseau        |                     |
| G.Lucas & A.Wright           |                | 16. <b>KEELAN LEYSER</b>        | Coulsdon            |
| 6. <b>GUY BARRETT</b>        | Blackpool      | T.Delmont & B.Graham            |                     |
| S.Loughland & J.Loughland    |                | 17. <b>MICHELE</b>              | Reading             |
| 7. <b>CHRISTIAN</b>          | Longhorsley    | Alan Astra & J.Freedman         |                     |
| J.Smith & James O'Toole      |                | 18. <b>MICHAEL PEARSE</b>       | Purley              |
| 8. <b>THE GREAT ARCHINI</b>  | Hartburn       | Reg Martin & Graham Lee         |                     |
| Peter Morton & H.N.Wilkinson |                | 19. <b>THE GREAT PADINI</b>     | Catherdavin Heights |
| 9. <b>NORIKA YAMBE</b>       | Japan          | P.J.Levens & C.Arnold           |                     |
| J.Atkins & N.Johnson         |                | 20. <b>MAGIC INCORPORATED</b>   | Ashford             |
| 10. <b>CHRIS PRIEST</b>      | Dudley         | Jack Delvin & Dave Shaw         |                     |
| Alec Powell & K.Bennett      |                |                                 |                     |
| 11. <b>DOMINIC WOOD</b>      | Exeter         |                                 |                     |
| R.Swadling & M.Leveridge     |                |                                 |                     |

**THERE WILL BE A 10 MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN ACTS 6 AND 7  
AND A 30 MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN ACT 13 AND 14.**

### AWARDS

**THE BRITISH RING SHIELD** + £200.00 for the most entertaining act, **THE THEO SPEAKER CUP** + £100.00 for the runner up, **THE ALASTAIR WAND** + £50.00 for the third place, **THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY** for the greatest originality in effect, method or presentation, **THE CRAIG TROPHY** for the performance by a lady magician who, in the opinion of the judges, is worthy of the award, **THE DITTIA SHIELD** for Manipulation, and **THE TOM HARRIS CUP** for comedy

Competition Organiser: John Palfreyman  
Assistant Organiser: Colin Peters  
Stage Director: Neil Roberts  
Stage Staff: George Colvan, Tim Clothier



John Palfreyman

On the Keyboard: Dave Cass  
Timekeeper: Tony Brooks  
Assistant Timekeeper: Les Brooks  
Chairman of Judges: Eddie Dawes

Judges: Valerie Roberts,  
Maggie Tucker, Merson Grant,

Luis de Matos, Alan Shaxon,  
George M.F. Shepherd



Friday September 20th  
09.15 hours

The Congress Theatre

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
and  
**Election of Officers for 1996/97**

**Members only admitted**

Printed Agenda and Copies of Accounts will be available

**THE BALLOT BOX WILL BE AT THE REGISTRATION  
DESK UNTIL 15.00 hours ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19th**

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Friday September 20th  
10.45 hours

The Congress Theatre

**\* STAR LECTURE \***



**Terry Herbert**  
will introduce

**BRIAN  
EAMES**

**Children are Magic!**

Friday September 20th  
12.00 hours

The Gold Room

# **INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP**

Featuring

**GUY BAVLI**

**ALDO COLOMBINI**

**MAGIC KATE**

**GAVIN ROSS**

**MEIR YEDID**

**FUKAI**

Organised by JANET CLARE and MIKE GANCIA

Friday September 20th  
14.15 hours

Congress Theatre

**EDDIE DAWES**  
presents

## **SIX MAGICAL DECADES**

A CELEBRATION OF SOME OF THE MAGICIANS AND THE  
STYLES OF MAGIC ENJOYED SINCE THE FIRST BRITISH  
RING CONVENTION IN 1931

featuring

**ANTHONY CRABBE**  
**ROY DAVENPORT**  
**PHILIP HITCHCOCK**  
**KOVARI**  
**LIZ WARLOCK**

and

**PAUL DANIELS**

Supported at the Keyboard by

**DAVE CASS**

Stage Direction by

**NEIL ROBERTS**

Friday September 20th  
16.15 hours

The Restaurant

**\* STAR LECTURE \***

**Peter Scarlett**

will introduce

**GUY BAVLI**

**(Israel)**

**NB:** This lecture will be repeated on Saturday for those unable to attend today.

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**FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER**

In this special year of our Diamond Jubilee Convention I send greetings to our sick members, many of whom, in the past, have been regular attenders. They will be missed. I am well aware from letters received during the year, of the hopes and anticipation members have for this annual event, and it is a great disappointment when they are unable to make it. We hope to see them another year.



My sincere thanks to all who keep me informed of casualties, and to all who support the Welfare Fund. Best wishes for renewed health in the coming months.

TED WHEBELL  
Chief Welfare Officer  
British Ring No 25

# Award

**Congratulations and thanks to those members who volunteered to act as Stewards, forfeiting some of their own enjoyment, and thereby helping others to enjoy the convention.**

**Don Beatty  
Chief Steward**



Friday September 20th  
12.00 hours - 13.00 hours

The Floral Hall

*A Wine Sales Point  
will be set up in the  
Crush Bar to take orders  
for Wine at the Banquet*

Friday September 20th  
18.00 hours for 18.30 hours

The Gold Room  
The Winter Garden

# CONVENTION BANQUET

## MENU

**Melon and Prawn Cocktail**

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**Cream of Asparagus Soup**

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**Roast Norfolk Turkey with  
Cranbury Sauce  
Roast Potatoes  
Whole Green Beans  
Baby Carrots**

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**Fruit filled Meringue Nests and  
Cream**

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**Roll & Butter  
Coffee and Mints**

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**Jubilee Cake**

Kindly provided by The President & his Lady

*Dinner Jacket or  
Dark Lounge Suit*

## TOAST LIST

**THE QUEEN**

Proposed by the President

**Mr John Pye**

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**THE BOROUGH OF  
EASTBOURNE**

Proposed by

**Mr Peter Scarlett**

Response by

His Worship The Mayor of Eastbourne

**Councillor Robert G. Kirtley**

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**THE BRITISH RING**

Proposed by

**Mr Bev Bergeron**

International President I.B.M.

Response by

The President

**Mr John Pye**

who will also propose the toast to

**THE LADIES AND VISITORS**

Response by

**Mr John Fisher**

*Toastmaster:  
Mr Peter D'Arcy*

Friday September 20th  
21.30 hours approximately

The Congress Theatre

## THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

by



**THE PRESIDENT**  
*John Pye Esq*



followed by

## THE LATE LATE GALA

**Aldo Colombini**  
will introduce

**TOPPER MARTYN**



Topper Martyn

**SCOTT PENROSE**

**ROBERTO**



Paul Smith & Karisma

**PAUL SMITH**  
&  
**KARISMA**

DAVE CASS at the Keyboard

Saturday September 21st  
9.30 hours

The Gold Room

**\* STAR LECTURE \***

**Peter Scarlett**

will introduce

**GUY BAVLI**

**(Israel)**

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Saturday September 21st  
11.00 hours

The Town Hall

Reception by

His Worship The Mayor of Eastbourne

**for Overseas Visitors**

***TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT***

Please assemble in the Floral Hall Foyer at 10.35 hours  
when BOB HAYDEN will escort you by bus



Saturday September 21st  
10.30 hours

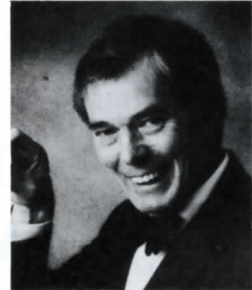
The Devonshire Park Theatre

## \* CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME \*

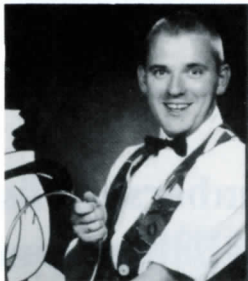
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Brian Eames



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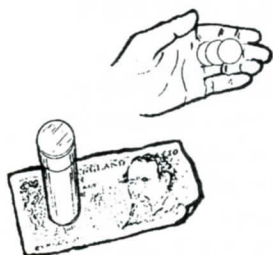
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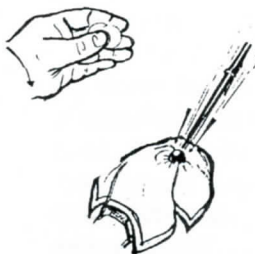
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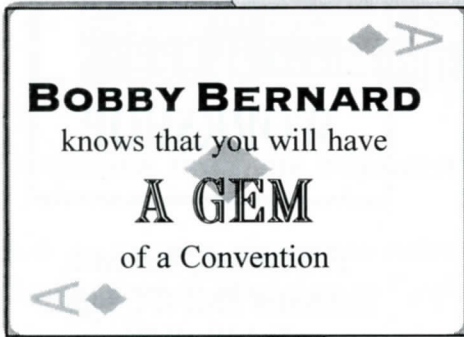
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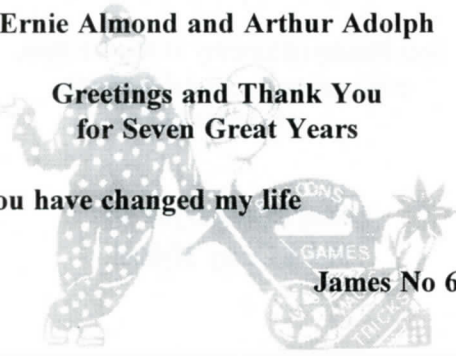
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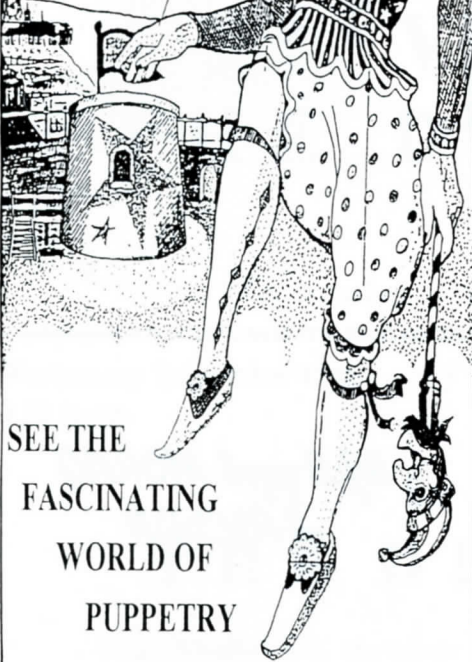


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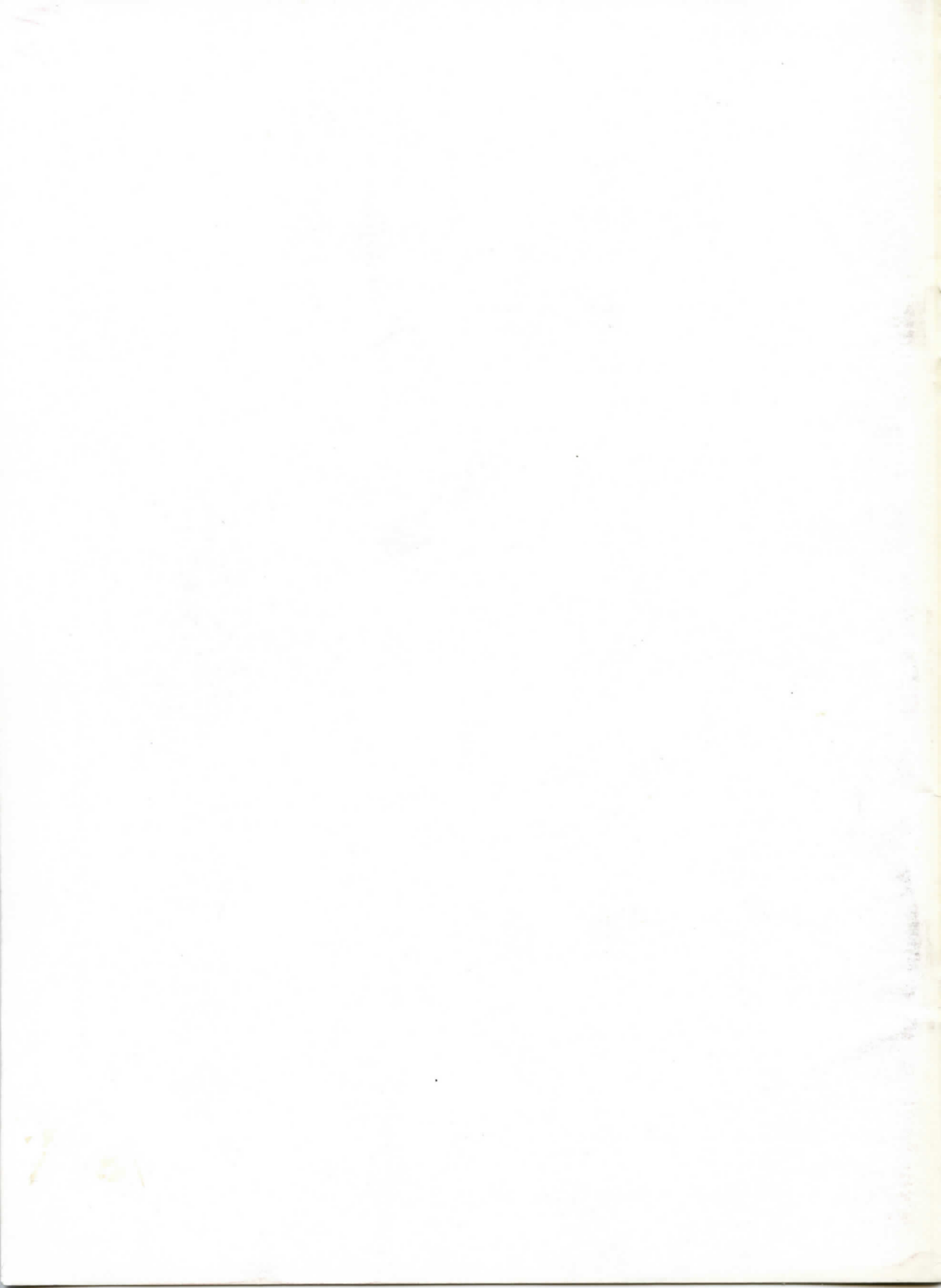
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