



**BRITISH RING NO 25**

**62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**EASTBOURNE '98**

# The British Ring

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

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

It is always a pleasure to have you with us and I am sure your visit is going to be a very enjoyable one. Your Conference brings the very special ingredients of fun mixed with professional skill in the art of magic.

I look forward to seeing you all during your stay in Eastbourne and wish you a very successful Conference.

**BERYL HEALY**  
Mayor

Tuesday September 15th  
19.30 hours onwards

Floral Hall

**Collect your registrations**  
and then proceed to  
**The Dealers' Exhibition**

*to view the latest and best in Magic*

Bars will be open and you will have the chance to meet and chat  
with old friends

**N.B. No admission unless wearing a badge**

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Wednesday September 16th  
09.30 hours

Floral Hall

**MAGIC OF THE  
DEALERS**

**Tony Shelley**

Will introduce the

**Magic Dealers**

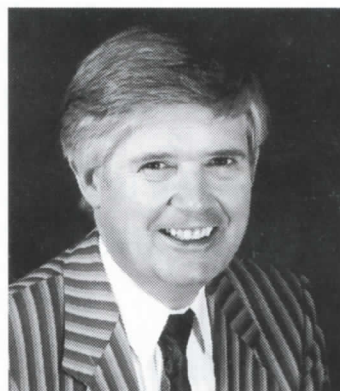
Who will demonstrate their

**LATEST ITEMS**

After which you may enter the  
Dealers' 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	20.00 - 22.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 17.30
Thursday	9.30 - 17.30
Friday	10.30 - 17.00
Saturday	9.30 - 17.30
Sunday	9.30 - 12.00

The following Magical Dealers will be represented:

All Decked Out	Mark Leveridge Magic
B. & A. Astra	Mel's Magic Co
Balloon Parade	Michael Decker
Banshee Magic	Miss Terry
Bob Little	MJR Balloons
British Ring Sales	Opus Magazine
Camtryx	Patrick Page
The Card Collection	Paul Howard Pro Magic
Castle Magic Services	Pennywise Magic
Cliff Lount Magic	Peter Levins (Jack Miller)
Dan Dearing Deceptions	P.H. Marketing
Dante	Playtime Balloons
Darius	Practical Magic
Exclusive Magic (SMETS)	Presto Magic
Goodliffe Publications	Progetto Magia
Hamilton Kaye & Co	Quality Props
Hank Moorehouse	R.A.R. Magic
Heinz Mintern	Repro Magic
Hocus Pocus Magic	Ron Gilbert
International Magic	Shaun Yee
Jamie Allan	Sound Ideas
Kaymar Magic	Stephen Tucker
Keith Bennett	Swadling Magic
Ken Ward	Taurus Magic Supply
Kovari Magic	Ted Lesley
K. R. Professional Magic	Terry & Norma
Magic Books by Post	Tom Owen
Magic By Design	Tony Curtis Magic
Magic Supreme	Vikj & Co
Magical Wonders	Wallis's Wonders
Magictrix	Who's Who in Magic

The organizers 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 the morning of Thursday 17th September.

**ENTRANCE BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY**

Wednesday September 16th  
12.00 hours

Floral Hall



# STAR LECTURE



**Peter Scarlett**

will introduce

**TONY CURTIS**

*'New Presentations for Older Props'*

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A SPECIAL WORKSHOP

on

***BALLOON MODELLING***

will be conducted  
by

**MICHAEL DECKER**

(USA)

Wednesday 16th September THE GOLD ROOM commencing 09.30 hours  
Thursday 17th September THE GOLD ROOM commencing 09.30 hours  
Saturday 19th September THE GOLD ROOM commencing 16.15 hours

Wednesday September 16th  
14.30 hours

Congress Theatre

# **OFFICIAL OPENING**

of the

**1998 Convention**

by

***The President***

**Derek Lever Esq.**

In the presence of

The Worshipful

The Mayor of Eastbourne

**Councillor Mrs Beryl Healy**

Followed by

# **SEASIDE MAGIC**

**Peter Scarlett**

Will introduce

**Pat Fallon & Tanya**

**Luis Manuel**

**Barney Bay**

**Shirley Ray**

**“Art of Illusion”**

At the keyboard: **Dave Cass**

Wednesday September 16th  
16.15 hours

Congress Theatre

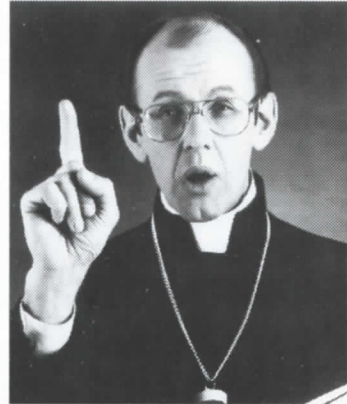
★ **STAR LECTURE** ★

**Eddie Dawes**

will introduce

**GENE ANDERSON**

*'Newspaper Magic'*



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**FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER**

Welcome to all delegates, and a special welcome to those who in spite of illness have made the effort to join us at Eastbourne. Best wishes to those who cannot make it this time.

All new members should acquaint themselves with the working of our British Ring Welfare Section. On hearing of a casualty, accident, or trouble of any description, please let me know at once, and action will be taken.

Some wish to get better on their own, without publicity, this will always be possible. Their wishes will be honoured.

My sincere thanks to all in The Ring who do so much for the welfare of others.

Ted Whebell  
Chief Welfare Officer  
British Ring No 25





# **WELCOME**

to our

## **OVERSEAS VISITORS**

who are requested to meet

**Mr John Palfreyman**

in the entrance to the Floral Hall  
at 19.15 hours

**on Wednesday September 16th**

prior to the Civic Reception

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## **OVERSEAS VISITORS**

are also invited to a

### **RECEPTION**

kindly given by  
The Worshipful  
The Mayor of Eastbourne

**Councillor Mrs Beryl Healy**

at

#### **THE TOWN HALL**

on Saturday September 19th at 11.00 hours

Bob Hayden will meet you at the Floral Hall at 10.30 hours

**IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE APPLY FOR A TICKET**

**AT THE REGISTRATION DESK**

Transport will be arranged

Wednesday September 16th  
20.00 hours

The Floral Hall

# CIVIC RECEPTION BALL & CABARET

by kind invitation of  
The Worshipful The Mayor of Eastbourne  
**Councillor Mrs Beryl Healy**  
who together with  
**The President of the British Ring**  
and  
**The International President of The International  
Brotherhood of Magicians**

will receive  
**OVERSEAS VISITORS**

followed by  
**DANCING**

and

## CABARET

**Terry Seabrooke**  
will introduce



**SANTO & MONIQUE**

(Germany)



**JAMIE ALLAN**

(UK)

The Flagbearers: Pupils of The Sussex School of Dance  
Dress: Dinner Jacket or Dark Lounge Suit

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### TOMBOLA STAND

MEL NEWSOME, his lady JILL, 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.

Yours sincerely **Mel, Jill, and Helpers**

Thursday September 17th  
09.30 hours

The Lawn Tennis Centre  
Media Room  
Players Room  
Spencer Room  
Spencer Suite

# **CLOSE-UP COMPETITION**

for the  
**ZINA BENNETT TROPHY**



arranged by  
**MIKE GANCIA**

Competitors at time of going to press

<b>Jon Allen</b>	<b>Bushey Heath</b>
<b>Frank Allen</b>	<b>Coventry</b>
<b>Alan Duncan</b>	<b>Glasgow</b>
<b>David Faulkes</b>	<b>Derby</b>
<b>Leslie Melville</b>	<b>Kilwinning</b>
<b>Patrick Murphy</b>	<b>Dundalk, Co Louth</b>
<b>Don Simpson</b>	<b>Rochford</b>

Chairman of the Judges: Tony Shelley

Thursday September 17th  
11.45 hours

The Floral Hall



## STAR LECTURE



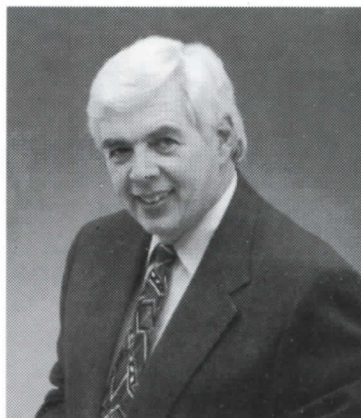
**Jeffery Atkins**

will introduce

**JOHN GAUGHAN**

(USA)

***“Creator of Illusion”***



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Thursday September 17th  
14.00 hours

The Floral Hall



## STAR LECTURE



**Ali Bongo**

will introduce

**TED LESLEY**

(Germany)

***Ideas from the Wonder Workshop***

**Part 1**

There will be a 15 minute interval followed by

**Part 2**



Thursday September 17th  
14.00 hours

The Gold Room

## LADIES' AFTERNOON

The British Ring Ladies' Committee have pleasure  
in presenting

### "THE HISTORY OF POOLE POTTERY"

By Leslie Hayward

This will be followed by Afternoon Tea and Raffle

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To the  
Dealers

Organised Events have been arranged  
to finish early so that time is available  
to visit

## THE MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

# HOSPITAL AND SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS

Organised by  
**Derek McFaul**

Tuesday Sept 15th 14.00-15.00hrs

**St Wilfrid's Hospice**  
Mill Gap Road Map ref G8  
John Pye  
Derek McFaul  
Reporter: Carol Pye'

Wednesday Sept 16th  
19.30-20.30hrs

**Acorn Gateway Club**  
Archers Youth Club Building  
Seaside Rd/Churchdale Rd Map ref K9  
Ian Wesley - Compere  
Doreen Travis  
Derek Travis (Vent)  
Maurice Page  
Barry Black  
Reporter: Doreen Travis

Thursday Sept 17th 14.30-1600hrs

**Lions Club Show**  
Blind Social Centre  
Longstone Rd Map ref I6  
John Southgate - Compere  
Stephen Stamm  
Michael Austin  
Michael Symes  
Ali Cardabra  
Johnny Maire  
Reporter: Michael Austin  
Stage Manager: Harry Hayes

Thursday Sept 17th 14.30-15.45hrs

**Age Concern "Pop-In" Club**  
Church Hall  
Langley Road Map ref I6  
Mike Habbershaw - Host  
Sheila McTiernan  
Bernard Jones  
Jim McLean  
Simon Hannah  
Reporter: Mike Habbershaw

I.B.M.Clowns will attend some venues:  
Mr Trix, Zeeco, Leo Piper,Nutty,  
S-t-r-e-a-k-y  
Driver: Clown Ferryman



## **Eastbourne District General Hospital**

King's Drive Map ref E11  
Phillip Southwood - Host  
Roger Hindson  
Roger Daniels  
John Derris (Jonathan Shire)  
Reporter: Phillip Southwood

Thursday Sept 17th 15.00-16.00hrs

## **All Saints Hospital**

Meads Street Map ref F2'  
John Pye - Compere  
Peter Bennet  
Merson Grant  
Brian Stringer (Vent)  
John Pye  
Stage Manager: Duncan MacLean  
Reporter: Duncan MacLean

Thursday Sept 17th 14.30-15.45hrs

## **Joan Hughes Court**

Walnut Walk, Polegate  
Ray Sparks - Compere  
Brian Nye  
Barry Black  
Ray Sparks  
H.John Fox  
Reporter: H.John Fox

Thursday Sept 17th 14.30-15.30hrs

## **Chaseley Trust Home**

(Disabled Service Men)  
Bolsover Road Map ref G2  
James Cuthbert - Compere  
Clyde Clayton  
Ina Cuthbert  
Mike Alford  
Mary Poppins  
Reporter: James Cuthbert

Thursday Sept 17th 14.00-15.00hrs  
prompt

## **Lindfield School**

Lindfield Road Map ref E14  
David Poppy - Compere  
Keno  
Smartie Artie (E.Almond)  
Stan Cruise  
Ron Batson  
Wally Boyce  
Reporter: David Poppy

Thursday Sept 17th 13.30-14.45hrs  
prompt

## **Hazel Court School**

Milfoil Drive (off Shinewater Lane)  
Map ref J18  
Sid Slavny - Compere  
Arthur Settrington  
Gavin Hanson  
Smartie Artie (James Butler)  
Ian James (Taffy the Clown)  
Ed Strong  
Reporter: Tony the Magician (Tony Hoare)

Thursday Sept 17th 14.30-16.00hrs

## **Gilda Resource Centre (Residential)**

32 Gilda Crescent, Polegate  
Ian Wesley - Compere  
Doreen Travis  
Derek Travis (Vent)  
Paul Spencer  
Maurice Page  
Reporter: Derek Travis

Thursday Sept 17th 15.00-1600hrs

## **Royal Alfred House**

(Home for Seafarers)  
Map ref I5  
Margaret MacLean  
David Haggarty  
Reporter: Arnold Isaacs



Thursday September 17th  
19.30 hours

The Congress Theatre

Competition for

## THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD

Running Order of Competitors & names of Sponsors

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|---|--|----|--|
| 1 | <b>Richard Reed (Wallington)</b><br>Graham Lee, T.Delmont            | 7  | <b>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Vienna)</b><br>Ralph Matthews, Janet Clare |
| 2 | <b>Bondini &amp; Company (Barton)</b><br>Alan Maskell, Dara Kaka     | 8  | <b>Matthew McGurk (St Helens)</b><br>Donald McCamley, John Mills       |
| 3 | <b>Mark Taylor (Metheringham)</b><br>Robert Praetig, John W. Thursby | 9  | <b>J.J.Max &amp; Jill (Swadlincote)</b><br>David Faulks, Brian Lord    |
| 4 | <b>Reg Moores (Brighton)</b><br>Mark Worgan, David Clake             | 10 | <b>John A. Thompson (Maidenhead)</b><br>David E. Price, Michael Symes  |
| 5 | <b>Alfonso Rios (London)</b><br>Peter Pinner, Mike O'Brien           | 11 | <b>Mike Elvin (Burgess Hill)</b><br>Peter Bennett, Stan Reynolds       |
| 6 | <b>Yin &amp; Yang (Normanton)</b><br>N. Spencer, David Faulks        | 12 | <b>Mark Shortland (Penrith)</b><br>Peter McCahon, John Archer          |

**There will be an interval of 30 minutes between Acts 6 & 7**

### Awards

**The British Ring Shield** + £200 for the most entertaining Magic Act

**The Theo Speaker Cup** + £100 for the runner up

**The Alastair Wand** + £50 for the third place

**The Conventioneers Trophy** for originality in effect, method or presentation

**The Craig Trophy** for the best Lady performer

**The Dittia Shield** for Manipulation

**The Tom Harris Cup** for comedy

Competition Organiser John Palfreyman  
Assistant Organiser Colin Peters  
Stage Director Neil Roberts  
On the keyboard Dave Cass



John Palfreyman

Timekeeper  
Assistant Timekeeper  
Chairman of the Judges

Tony Brooks  
Les Brooks  
Ali Bongo

**Judges: Jack Delvin, Bill Lamb  
Margaret MacLean**

**Valerie Roberts, Alan Shaxon  
Tony Shelley**

# **POLICY ON PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, AND AUDIO TAPING**



## **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS**

There are official still and video photographers. They shall be the only persons with authorisation to photograph performances, lectures or demonstrations at any venue and then only with the permission of the artiste and the Committee.

## **VIDEO CAMERAS**



There will be no video taping of any performances in any of the official venues, lecture rooms or theatres, other than by the above mentioned official video photographer. It is recommended that attendees leave their video cameras in their rooms as they will not be allowed into the theatres.

## **OTHER CAMERAS**

No flash pictures of lectures, demonstrations or magical performances may be taken at any time in any of the official venues, theatres or lecture rooms, other than by the above mentioned official photographer.

Still pictures may be taken using existing light, provided that flash is not used and that such picture taking is not an annoyance to other spectators.

## **AUDIO TAPING**

Audio taping is allowed only with permission of the performer.

## **NEWS MEDIA**

News media personnel must be authorised by the PRO and escorted by an official.

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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 12.15 hours on Saturday in the foyer of the  
Floral Hall.



Friday September 18th  
09.15 hours

The Congress Theatre

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

## Election of Officers for 1998/99

**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 17th**

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Friday September 18th  
Following the AGM

The Floral Hall



## STAR LECTURE



Bob Hayden

will introduce

**ALI BONGO**

*'More Pongolian Mysteries'*



Friday September 18th  
11.30 hours

The Lawn Tennis Centre  
The Pavilion  
Media room  
Players Room  
Spencer Room

# **INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP**

Featuring

**Chad Long - USA**

**Boris Wild - France**

**Tony Van Rhee - Belgium**

**Rich Bloch - USA**

**Paul Wilson - Scotland**

**Vladislav Kolmykov - Russia**

Organised by **Mike Gancia**

Friday September 18th  
14.15 hours

The Congress Theatre

**EDDIE DAWES**

presents

**CLASSIC VARIATIONS**

A CELEBRATION OF SOME CLASSICS OF MAGIC

Featuring

**KEITH COOPER & CAROL**

**GEOFFREY DURHAM**

**LESLIE MELVILLE**

**TERRY SEABROOKE**

**BRIAN SEFTON**

**ALAN SHAXON**

**LYNN THOMAS**

Supported at the Keyboard by  
**DAVE CASS**

Stage Direction by  
**NEIL ROBERTS**

Friday September 18th  
16.15 hours

The Floral Hall

# ★ STAR LECTURE ★

**Tom Owen**

will introduce

**VIKJ**

*'Italian Magic'*



*I certify that those members who  
volunteered to act as Stewards, forfeiting  
some of their own enjoyment, should be  
awarded the sincere thanks of all the  
members*

Don Beattie  
Chief Steward





Friday September 18th  
18.00 hours for 18.30 hours

The Gold Room

# CONVENTION BANQUET

## MENU

Melon & Prawn Cocktail



Mushroom Soup with Barley



Roast Norfolk Turkey with  
Cranberry Sauce  
Roast Potatoes  
Whole Green Beans  
Stuffed Tomatoes



Fruitti di Bosco Tarte & Cream



Roll & Butter  
Coffee & Mints

*Dinner Jacket or  
Dark Lounge Suit*

## TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by the President  
Mr Derek Lever



THE BOROUGH OF  
EASTBOURNE

Proposed by  
Mr Tony Shelley  
Response by  
The Worshipful  
The Mayor of Eastbourne  
Councillor Mrs Beryl Healy



THE BRITISH RING

Proposed by  
Mr John Browne III  
International President I.B.M.  
Response by  
The President  
Mr Derek Lever

Who will also propose the toast to  
THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Response by  
Mrs Amy Dawes

*Toastmaster:  
Mr John Pye*

Friday September 18th  
21.45 hours approximately

The Congress Theatre

# THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



by  
THE PRESIDENT  
**Mr DEREK  
LEVER**



followed by

## THE LATE LATE GALA

**Peter Greenwood**  
will introduce

**NICK RUSHTON**

**MICHAEL VAN REED  
& ANDREA DE BEER**



Rafael

**RAFAEL**  
**MR BLUB**  
**CHAPEAU**



Michael Van Reed  
& Andrea de Beer

DAVE CASS at the Keyboard

Saturday September 19th  
09.15 hours

The Gold Room

★ **STAR LECTURE** ★

**Mike Gancia**

will introduce

**BORIS WILD**

***F.I.S.M. Close-Up Champion***



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Saturday September 19th  
11.00 hours

The Town Hall

**Reception by**

The Worshipful  
The Mayor of Eastbourne

**Councillor Mrs Beryl Healy**

for

**OVERSEAS VISITORS**

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

Please assemble in the floral Hall Foyer at 10.30 hours  
When Bob Hayden will escort you

Saturday September 19th  
10.30 hours

The Devonshire Park Theatre

# CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME

Devised & Produced by Terry Herbert

## HOWARD PETERS

will introduce

**GAVIN**

and his Magic

**ROBERT**

The Balloon Man from Malta



Gavin



Howard Peters

## PROFESSOR 'JINGLES

with Punch & Judy

## HAIRY HARRY

And Jack Mayes

## DOMINIC WOOD

from BBC Children's Television

with

## THE I.B.M. CLOWNS



Hairy Harry and  
Jack Mayes



Professor  
'Jingles'

Stage  
Management  
by  
Rena Findlay  
& Moira Colvan



Dominic Wood

All seats £3.00  
Tickets available  
from the  
Theatre  
Box Office

Saturday September 19th  
12.00 hours

The Floral Hall



## STAR LECTURE



**Trevor Lewis**

will introduce



**CHAD LONG**



*Close-up from the USA*

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Saturday September 19th  
14.15 hours

The Gold Room

**Eddie Dawes**

presents

## MORE HISTORY OF MYSTERY

THE COLLECTORS' (AND OTHERS') SEMINAR

*Featuring*

**LIZ WARLOCK**

**Oswald Williams**

**MICHAEL SYMES**

**Evolution of the Sympathetic Silks**

**ARTHUR SETTERINGTON**

**My Fair Magic**

**PAT GRESHAM**

**Confessions of a Headless Lady**



Saturday September 19th  
15.00 hours

The Floral Hall



## STAR LECTURE



**Richard Stupple**

will introduce

**LESLIE MELVILLE**

*'The pontifications of Percy  
Piecrust'*



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Saturday September 18th  
16.15 hours

The Gold Room

**MICHAEL DECKER**

Continues his workshop

on

***BALLOON MODELLING***

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS  
BRITISH RING No 25

Presents

**INTERNATIONAL MAGIC**

CONGRESS THEATRE  
Saturday September 19th 1998  
18.00 hours and 21.00 hours

The programme arranged  
And presented by



**Jeffery Atkins**

Stage Director  
(For British Ring) I.B.M.

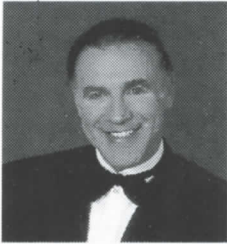


**Neil Roberts**

Programme Consultant: **Ali Bongo**

Staging Assistant: George Colvan

# SOUVENIR



Rich Bloch



Gene Anderson



Invisible Inc.



Sabrina Fackelli  
& Gena Kil



Roy Davenport

**OVERTURE**  
**DAVE CASS** at the Keyboard



*Introducing our Master of Ceremonies*

**RICH BLOCH**  
(USA)



*We proudly present*  
**THE 'SIXTIES' TILLER GIRLS**



Dave Cass

**GENE ANDERSON**  
(USA)

*Newspaper Magic*



**INVISIBLE INC.**  
(USA)

*Music 'n' Magic*



**SABRINA FACKELLI**  
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The Tiller Girls

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# PROGRAMME

**OVERTURE**  
**DAVE CASS** at the Keyboard

*Our Master of Ceremonies  
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**RICH BLOCH**



**BELLACHINI XIII**

(Germany)  
*'Days Gone By'*



**CHAPEAU**

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*'A Face and a Hat'*



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*'From Italy with Fun'*



**LES BLACK FINGERS**

(France)  
*'Four Hands and many Shadows'*



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alteration

The taking of  
photographs and  
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Sunday September 20th  
10.30 hours

The Gold Room

# CONVENTION SERVICE

Conducted by

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The Service will be undenominational  
Silver collection for The Welfare Fund

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Sunday September 20th  
11.30 hours

The Floral Hall

# INSTALLATION

of our

# NEW PRESIDENT

# RICHARD STUPPLE

Followed by a Cocktail Party after which  
**The President**  
Will close the Convention

Arranged by Rene & Ted Whebell

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**MAGICAL TRADE FAIR WILL CLOSE AT 12.00 HOURS**





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Alan Shaxon



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1938	John Ramsay	1971	Malcolm Nunn
1939	Sydney Smith	1972	Otto Wessely
1946	Stanley Thomas	1973	The Waldos
1947	George Smaliwood	1974	Hardy Werner
1948	Geoffrey Robinson	1975	Brian Miller & Audrey
1949	Billy McComb	1976	Sam & Joy Mallinson
1950	Louis Martelle	1977	Martin Scott-Price
1951	Frank Boynett	1978	Brian Sefton
1952	Peter Warlock	1979	Not Awarded
1953	Elizabeth Warlock	1980	Josephine
1954	Derrick Speight	1981	Crisco
1955	Devolyn & Irene	1982	Not Awarded
1956	Geoff Gregson	1983	Marc & Jane
1957	Ron MacMillan	1984	Richard Kyall & Joanna
1958	Marjorie Waddell	1985	Shahid Malik
1959	Ralph Hall & Mollie	1986	Al Glennan
1960	Larry Spencer	1987	Mystina
1961	Robert Sinclair	1988	Not Awarded
1962	Robert Swadling	1989	Alex Taylor
1963	Gordon Watts & Shirley	1990	Richard Griffin
1964	Ah Bongo	1991	Jimmy Carlo & Crystal
1965	Phil Haigh	1992	Philippe
1966	Morine	1993	Not Awarded
1967	Drew Masters & Tess	1994	Tricky Business
1968	Christian	1995	Marie Claude Chantelle & Co
1969	Tony Shelley & Elizabeth	1996	Guy Barrett
1970	Geoff Ray & Pat	1997	Not Awarded

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## The Original 1960's Tiller Girls Bruce & June Vincent

This troupe started on their own in December 1988 and have now performed in 94 shows, 74 shows being for charity and have included The 1991 Royal Variety Show, The Queens' Forty Glorious Years, The V.E. Day Show in Hyde Park and this year a one off Sunday Night at the London Palladium for Bruce Forsyths' 70th birthday.

During the 1960s' they appeared in the Billy Cotton Band Shows on BBC. The Crazy Gang Show at the Victoria Palace, many variety shows in England and Europe, and Sunday Night at the London Palladium.

John Tiller who started it all back in 1886 would I am sure never have believed that his name would still have been used over a 100 years later.

Unfortunately all things must end and this troupe is the last of the Real Tillers still dancing and the time to hang up the feathers will now most likely be in early 1999. They have really enjoyed themselves, the audiences always greet them enthusiastically and the charities have benefited because of them, as they have always been present for the press to help advertise the shows, what more could you ask for.

***THE NAME TILLER IS USED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MR. R. LUFF***

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Helpers at the Tombola

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1931	Cheltenham	1968	Weymouth
1932	Cheltenham	1969	Scarborough
1933	Northampton	1970	Hastings
1934	Leamington Spa	1971	Llandudno
1935	Leamington Spa	1972	Margate
1936	Northampton	1973	Harrogate
1937	Buxton	1974	Hastings
1938	Malvern	1975	Southport
1939	Southport	1976	Brighton
1946	Hereford	1977	Harrogate
1947	Buxton	1978	Hastings
1948	Bournemouth	1979	Scarborough
1949	Southport	1980	Brighton
1950	Harrogate	1981	Great Yarmouth
1951	Bournemouth	1982	Hastings
1952	Hastings	1983	Llandudno
1953	Edinburgh	1984	Eastbourne
1954	Brighton	1985	Southport
1955	Southport	1986	Eastbourne
1956	Brighton	1987	Harrogate
1957	Scarborough	1988	Brighton
1958	Eastbourne	1989	Scarborough
1959	Buxton	1990	Eastbourne
1960	Hastings	1991	Great Yarmouth
1961	Harrogate	1992	Eastbourne
1962	Brighton	1993	Southport
1963	Southport	1994	Eastbourne
1964	Eastbourne	1995	Scarborough
1965	Llandudno	1996	Eastbourne
1966	Hastings	1997	Southport
1967	Southport		

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