

*The International  
Brotherhood of Magicians*



British Ring No 25

**71st Annual  
Convention  
SOUTHPORT**

September 12th-16th 2007

# The British Ring

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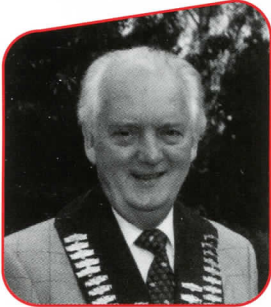
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# The Presidents Message



It gives me particular pleasure to welcome you all to this, our 71st Annual Convention, of which twelve have been held here in this charming resort of Southport - and what a super experience this one promises to be.

Looking through this brochure you will see a fantastic assembly of star magical performers, all gathered here for your pleasure and enlightenment.

A great deal of thought and preparation has gone into the making of this extravaganza by a dedicated body of Officers and Committee members - and their commitment is not over yet, because together with an army of helpers, front and backstage, they will be on hand throughout the Convention, ensuring that everything goes to plan.

A special mention must also go to Paul Stone for once again bringing his expertise to obtain the services of so many stars of magic - so a big THANK YOU to you all !

I extend a warm welcome to all of our members and their loved ones and to the many who have travelled overseas to be with us at this, the world's friendliest of Conventions ! I am sure that you will have an enjoyable and truly memorable time.

Unfortunately, through illness some members and friends will be unable to be here. We wish them well and hope that it will not be too long before they are up to their old tricks again !

Barbara and I have had a wonderful year and will be forever mindful of the kindness and hospitality shown to us everywhere we have been. We are extremely proud to have been representatives of this, the largest Ring in the International Brotherhood.

We look forward to seeing and chatting with old friends and meeting "first-timers" - who we hope will make friendships here that will endure for many years to come.

Being President of the British Ring has afforded us some of the most pleasant and memorable experiences of our lives - and this 71st Convention is all set to be yet another one.

Well, the stage is set - it's "Curtain-up" - Now enjoy the show !

## **JOHN STYLES, MBE**

PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH RING. NO. 25

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



# The International Presidents Message

Robbie and I are delighted to be with you in Southport and are very much anticipating yet another excellent convention.

We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and encourage you to stop us and introduce yourselves, if we are not already friends. I have long said that a magician I have not met yet is a friend I have not made yet.

All the Best in Life and Magic!

**Phil Willmarth**

International President 2007-2008



## A Message from



The Worshipful the Mayor of Sefton

Councillor Richard Hands to all those taking part in the  
**International Brotherhood of Magicians  
Annual Conference  
Southport 12-16 September 2007**

It gives me much pleasure to welcome those taking part in the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Conference back to Southport. I would like to take this opportunity to send a short message of encouragement to everyone taking part. There are some things that cannot be produced by sleight of hand such as the time, effort and hard work of those responsible for the many good works that your organisation carries out. These deeds performed by your organisation are a shining example to all of us and please take it from me that they are greatly appreciated.

There is also no magic trick that will allow an event such as this to appear from thin air and I would like to pass on my appreciation to all those responsible for its organisation.

I was delighted to hear that the Annual Conference was again to be staged here in Southport. The town has many things of interest to offer the visitor and I hope that, if your time here permits, you will enjoy some of the facilities we can offer:

I hope that I get the opportunity to meet many of you over the period of the Conference, I wish you all the very best of luck and send my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

# Convention Executives



**John Pye**

Convention Organiser



**Paul Stone**

Executive Producer

## Unsung Heroes



**Neil Roberts**

British Ring  
Stage Director



**Neville Johnson**

Registrations Officer



**Dave Cass**

British Ring  
Musical Director

## BRITISH MAGICALS ASSEMBLY NO 25

*Wish everyone a happy convention*

The AGM will be held on Friday September 14th at 10.00am,  
The Scarisbrick Hotel.

The Tea Party will be held on Saturday 15th September at 2.00pm  
in The Scarisbrick Hotel

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE MOST WELCOME**

# Wednesday September 12th

**12-00 hours**

The Southport Theatre

## OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

and

Welcome to Overseas Visitors

By the President

**JOHN STYLES M.B.E.**

In the presence of His Worship The Mayor of Sefton

Councillor **Richard Hands**

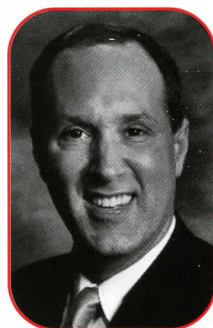
and

The International President I.B.M.

**Phil Willmarth**



Paul Dabek



Kevin King

## CIVIC WELCOME SHOW

**KEVIN KING** will introduce

**PAUL DABEK  
GAETAN BLOOM  
MURRAY HATFIELD  
& TERESA**

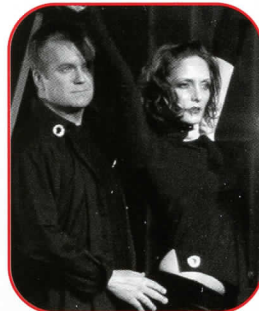
Music by Dave Cass

Stage Director - Neil Roberts

Arranged and Produced by Paul Stone



Gaetan Bloom



Murray Hatfield  
& Teresa

**13-30 hours**

Meeting of the Hospital performers in the Foyer with Derek McFaul

# Dealers' Magical Trade Fair



Jim Boyd

Arranged by **Jim Boyd**  
In The Floral Hall

## Opening Times

**Wednesday 13-30 hours – 17-15 hours**

**Thursday 9-30 hours – 17-15 hours**

**Friday 10-30 hours – 17-15 hours**

**Saturday 9-30 hours – 17-15 hours**

The following Magical Dealers will be represented

- |                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Albion Magic Company                | Magic Shop Victoria                  |
| All Decked Out                      | Magic Zone                           |
| Aquarius Magic                      | Magitrix                             |
| Black Cat Magic                     | Masters of Mystery (Adrian Sullivan) |
| Card Collection                     | Mel's Magic Co.                      |
| Castle Magic Services               | Merlins                              |
| Cliff Lount's Bradford Magic Studio | Patrick Page                         |
| Darius                              | Paul Howard Pro Magic                |
| Domenico Dante                      | Playtime Balloons                    |
| F.I.S.M. Beijing                    | Practical Magic                      |
| Five of Hearts Magic Productions    | Ray Bradbury                         |
| Goodliffe Publications              | Reg Allen- The Magical Antiques      |
| Graham Lee                          | Repro                                |
| Hocus Pocus Magic Co.               | Rocco                                |
| International Magic                 | Russell Hall – Magick                |
| Kaymar Magic Co.                    | Shane Robinson                       |
| Keith Bennett                       | Shirley Ray – Balloon Parade         |
| Kovari Magic                        | Southport in the Future              |
| Made to Measure Magic               | Stephen Tucker                       |
| Magic Books by Post                 | Swadling Magic                       |
| Magic Box                           | Trevor Duffy                         |
| Magic Cave                          | Unique Magic Collection              |
| Magic from India                    | Wayne Dobson                         |

## ENTRANCE BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY

The organisers would like to thank all the Dealers for participating. It is hoped that conventioners will support the Dealers in their efforts.

**The Craig Trophy** will be awarded to the Dealer presenting the most attractive display.

The displays will be judged on the morning of Friday 14th September.

# Wednesday September 12th

**14-15 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

## STAR LECTURE

**Tom Owen** will introduce

## BILL MALONE

(also appearing on Saturday at 15-00 hours)



Bill Malone

# Wednesday September 12th

**15-00 hours**

The Lakeside Suite



## WORKSHOP

**Richard Stupple** will introduce

**A Balloon Workshop  
for Beginners with  
Mike Stokes & Gerry Luff  
from Playtime Balloons**



# Wednesday September 12th

**15-45 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

## STAR LECTURE

**Terry Herbert** will introduce

## ROCCO

(also appearing on Saturday at 16-30 hours)



**16-30 hours**

The Lakeside Suite

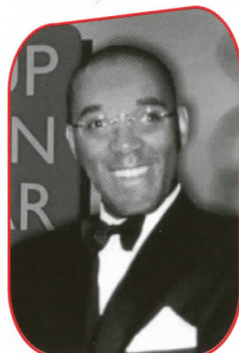
## STAR LECTURE/WORKSHOP

**Mike Gancia** will introduce

## MICHAEL VINCENT

*'The Tapestry of Deception'*

(also appearing on Thursday at 16-30 hours)



**17-15 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

## STAR LECTURE

**Trevor Lewis** will introduce

## BOB SHEETS

(also appearing on Thursday at 17-00 hours)



Bob Sheets

# Wednesday September 12th

**20-00 hours**

The Southport Theatre

## COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD AWARDS

### RUNNING ORDER OF COMPETITORS

1. **Marcus Taylor** Shrewsbury
2. **Zane** Ramsgate
3. **Alan Maskell** Cambridge
4. **Club Magic** The Netherlands

### INTERVAL

5. **Dave Andrews** London
6. **Alex Lodge** Basingstoke
7. **Joe Ray** Shrewsbury
8. **High Jinx** Huddersfield



**Compere  
MEL HARVEY**

### AWARDS

The British Ring Shield + £1000 for the most entertaining Magic Act  
The Theo Speaker Cup + £500 for the runner up  
The Alastair Wand + £250 for third place  
The Conventioneers Trophy for originality in effect, method or presentation  
The Dittia Shield for Manipulation  
The Tom Harris Cup for Comedy

**Competition Organiser** Shirley Ray  
**Assistant Competition Organiser** Dave Cass  
**Awards Co-ordinator** John Palfreyman  
**Stage Director** Neil Roberts  
**Music by** Dave Cass **DPLM, GCLCM.**  
**Timekeepers** Tony Brooks, Chris Poole  
**Chairman of Judges** Ali Bongo  
**Judges** Mandy Davis, Stuart and Jayne Loughland,  
Tonia Duffy, Phil Willmarth,  
Peter Greenwood

# Wednesday September 12th

23-00 hours

The Arts Centre Theatre

## LATE NIGHT MAGIC

Star Performers who might appear include...



*Bob Sheets, Robert Baxt, Dave Williamson,  
Gaetan Bloom and John Fealey*



# Thursday September 13th

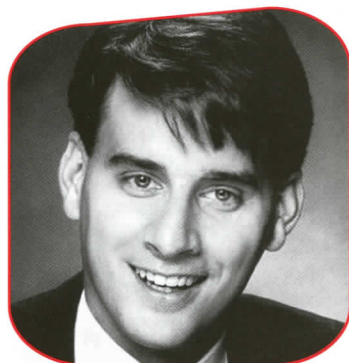
10-00 hours

The Southport Theatre

## STAR LECTURE

Paul Stone will introduce

## THE DAVE WILLIAMSON EXPERIENCE



Dave Williamson

Thursday September 13th

12-00 hours

The Arts Centre Theatre

## STAR LECTURE/SHOW

Terry Herbert will introduce

## MAGIC AL

*'It's a Magic AI World'*

(also appearing on Friday at 12-00 hours)



Magic AI

Thursday September 13th

12-00 hours

The Arts Centre Studio



Boris Wild

## STAR LECTURE

John Palfreyman will introduce

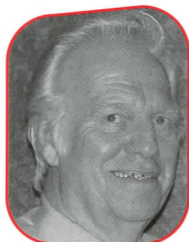
## BORIS WILD

(also appearing on Friday at 16-30 hours)

# Thursday September 13th

**13-30 hours**

The Syndicate Rooms  
Southport Theatre Complex



Brian Atherton

## CLOSE-UP COMPETITION

for the

### ZINA BENNETT TROPHY

Arranged by **Bryan Atherton**

#### COMPETITORS

1. **Malcolm Bromwich** Hessele
2. **Steve Dela** Newport, Shropshire
3. **Kevin Gallagher** Burton-on-Trent
4. **Ricky Gardiner** Nottingham
5. **Dan Giffard** Leicester
6. **Will Gray** Leicester
7. **Ken Hawes** Milton Keynes
8. **Peter McLanachan** Stewarton
9. **Alex Moffat** Leeds
10. **Marcus Taylor** Shrewsbury

#### AWARDS

First Prize – The ZINA BENNETT CUP + £1000 cash

Second Prize - £500 cash

Third Prize - £250 cash

The Rovi Trophy may also be presented to the competitor exhibiting a high level of skill with playing cards in an entertaining manner.

**Chairman of Judges: Mike Gancia**  
**Judges: Domenico Dante, Walt Lees,**  
**Jim Boyd and Gaetan Bloom**

# Thursday September 13th

## SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS

Arranged by **Derek McFaul**  
All shows on Thursday September 13th

### Queen's Court Hospice

Town Lane  
Southport  
14-30 - 15-30 hours

**Brian Barnes**  
**Jim Cuthbert**  
**Bernard Jones**  
**Merson Grant**

### Merefield School

Westminster Drive  
Southport  
13-30 - 14-30 hours

**Ron Batson**  
**Lawrence Leslie**  
**Tony King**  
**Carol Bosworth**



Derek McFaul

### Peterhouse School

Preston New Road  
Southport  
13-30 - 14-30 hours

**Peter Greenwood**  
**Keno and Pamela**  
**Angeline Mystique**  
**Bob Pamplin**

### Presfield School

Preston New Road  
Southport  
13-30 - 14-30 hours

**Ned Potts**  
**Dave Bennet**  
**Aiden Heritage**  
**John Dixon**

### B.E.N. Nursing Home

2-4 Lord Street, Southport  
14-30 - 15-30 hours

**Margaret MacLean**  
**Duncan MacLean**  
**David Haggarty**  
**Marcus Hill**

**I.B.M. Clowns will visit some venues under the leadership of  
S.T.R.E.A.K.Y. (Reg Allen)**

**Presidential Car: Brian Miller**

# Thursday September 13th

**14-00 hours**

The Scarisbrick Hotel

## LADIES' AFTERNOON

Organised by **Julie Llusion and The Ladies' Committee**

Tea will be served at 14-15 hours followed by a sing-a-long  
with guest speaker

## MR ROY HUNT

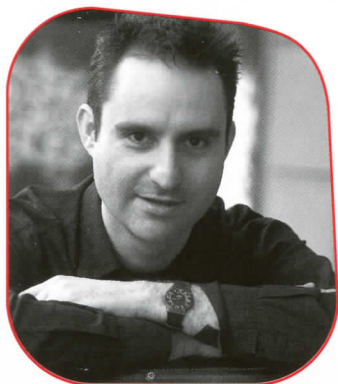
### “The Life and Times of George Formby”

Raffle tickets will be sold during the afternoon  
Ticket required

# Thursday September 13th

**14-45 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre



Paul Kieve

## STAR LECTURE

**Eddie Dawes** will introduce

## PAUL KIEVE

**‘From Hogwarts to Middle Earth’**

(also appearing on Friday at 16-45 hours)

# Thursday September 13th

**16-30 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

**STAR LECTURE**

**Paul Stone** will introduce

**JOANIE SPINA**

(also appearing on Friday at 12-15 hours)



**16-30 hours**

The Lakeside Suite

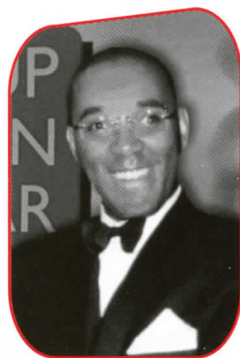
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**MICHAEL VINCENT**

**'The Tapestry of Deception'**

(also Wednesday afternoon)



**17-00 hours**

The Arts Centre Studio

**STAR LECTURE**

**Tom Owen** will introduce

**BOB SHEETS**

(also Wednesday afternoon)





# Thursday September 13th

**20-30 hours**

The Southport Theatre

## THE THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW

**JOHN FEALEY** will introduce

**ROCCO**

**ROB TORRES**

**TIM GABRIELSON**

**RAY ALAN and LORD CHARLES**

Music by Mike Smith

Stage Directors: Neil Roberts, Bill Dobson

Arranged & Produced by Paul Stone



John Fealey



Rocco



Rob Torres



Tim Gabrielson



Ray Alan and  
Lord Charles

# Thursday September 13th



**23-00 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

## LATE NIGHT MAGIC



*Star Performers who might possibly appear  
if sober include...*



*Bob Sheets, Robert Baxt, Dave Williamson,  
Gaetan Bloom, John Fealey, Tim Gabrielson and Kevin King*

# Friday September 14th

**9-15 hours**

The Southport Theatre

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

**Election of Officers for 2007/8**

**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 13th

Friday September 14th

10-30 hours

The Southport Theatre

## THE JEFFERY ATKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE

This is presented annually during the Convention, by a distinguished member or guest as a fitting tribute to a long serving and dedicated member of The British Ring

**President John Styles M.B.E.** will introduce



Johnny Thompson

# JOHNNY THOMPSON

Friday September 14th

12-00 hours

The Arts Centre Theatre

## STAR LECTURE/SHOW

**Trevor Lewis** will introduce

## MAGIC AL

**'It's a Magic Al World'**

(also Thursday noon)



Magic Al

Friday September 14th

12-15 hours

The Lakeside Suite



Joanie Spina

## STAR LECTURE/WORKSHOP

John Palfreyman will introduce

# JOANIE SPINA

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Friday September 14th

12-30 hours

The Arts Centre Studio

## STAR LECTURE

Mike Gancia will introduce

# LENNART GREEN

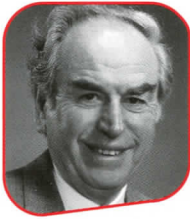


Lennart Green

**Friday September 14th**

**14-30 hours**

The Southport Theatre



**EDDIE DAWES**

Presents

**A MELANGE OF  
MYSTERY**

Featuring

**THE GREAT VOLTINI  
& MADAME ELECTRA**

**JON MARSHALL**

**SU JAYNE**

**BEN HART**

**AMETHYST**



Sue Jayne



Jon Marshall



The Great Voltini  
& Madame Electra



Ben Hart



Amethyst

**Accompanied at the Keyboard by DAVE CASS**  
**Stage Director: Neil Roberts**

# Friday September 14th

**16-30 hours**

The Lakeside Suite



Boris Wild

## STAR LECTURE

**Ali Bongo** will introduce

## BORIS WILD

(also on Thursday noon)

# Friday September 14th

**16-45 hours**

The Arts Centre Theatre

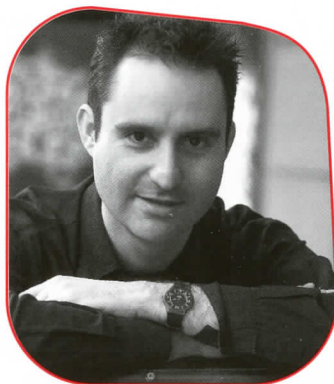
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## PAUL KIEVE

**'From Hogwarts to Middle Earth'**

(also on Thursday afternoon)



Paul Kieve

The International Brotherhood of Magicians  
BRITISH RING presents



# INTERNATIONAL STARS OF MAGIC

at the Southport Theatre  
Saturday 15th September 2007



# INTERNATIONAL STARS OF

Overture

Ian Mac Band



Your Host and MC

Robert Baxt

introduces

The 2007 British Ring  
Shield Winner



from Holland

Erik Borgman

'Football Juggler'



Direct from the Crazy Horse in Paris

Vik & Fabrini



UK TV star

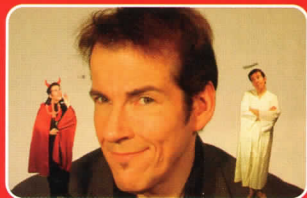
Paul Zenon



Dan Dunn's  
'Paintjam'



Intermission





# ATIONAL F MAGIC

Overture

Ian Mac Band



'Stringfever'

*'Magical Strings'*



*From Las Vegas*



The Great Tomsoni  
& Co



*The Hilarious*

Les Bubb



Murray Hatfield  
& Teresa

*Canada's Premier Illusionists*



Walkdown



Musical Director - Ian Mac  
Stage Directors - Neil Roberts & Bill Dobson  
Arranged and Produced by Paul Stone



# autographs

# Friday September 14th

**18-30 for 19-00 hours**

The Scarisbrick Hotel

All Diners are invited to meet in Maloney's Draft for Buck's Fizz before proceeding to the Isherwood Suite for the

## CONVENTION BANQUET

**Organisers: John Pye with Olive Fletcher & Rena Findlay**

**22-00 hours**

The Southport Theatre

## THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**by The President - John Styles M.B.E.**

and

## INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

**Derek McFaull**



John Styles



Derek McFaull

*Followed by*

## THE LATE GALA

**ROMANY** will introduce

**BOB SHEETS**

**DANIEL HOCHSTEINER**

**DAN DUNN**

**Music by Dave Cass**

**Stage Directors: Neil Roberts and Bill Dobson**

**Arranged and Produced by Paul Stone**



Romany



Bob Sheets



Daniel Hochsteiner



Dan Dunn

# Friday September 14th

24-00 hours

The Arts Centre Theatre

## MIDNIGHT MAGIC

Your last chance to see what some of the following  
magic leg ends get up to late at night!

*Bob Sheets, Robert Baxt, Dave Williamson, Johnny Thompson,  
Gaetan Bloom, John Fealey, Tim Gabrielson and Kevin King*



# Saturday September 15th

9-30 hours

The Southport Theatre

## STAR LECTURE

Ali Bongo will introduce

## GAETAN BLOOM



# Saturday September 15th

11-00 hours

The Arts Centre

In the Theatre, Studio and Conference Room



Brian Atherton

## INTERNATIONAL CLOSE-UP GALA

Produced by **Bryan Atherton**

Arranged by **Paul Stone**



Michael Vincent

**MICHAEL VINCENT**  
UK



Lennart Green

**LENNART GREEN**  
SWEDEN



Bill Malone

**BILL MALONE**  
USA



Gaetan Bloom

**GAETAN BLOOM**  
FRANCE



Rocco

**ROCCO**  
USA



Boris Wild

**BORIS WILD**  
FRANCE

Saturday September 15th



11-30 hours  
The Lakeside Suite  
Paul Stone will host

# CELEBRITY "ASK THE EXPERTS"

Featuring

**JOHNNY & PAM THOMPSON**

**JOANIE SPINA**

**PAUL KIEVE**

**TIM GABRIELSON**



Johnny and Pam  
Thompson

Joanie Spina



Paul Kieve



Tim Gabrielson

# Saturday September 15th

**13-15 hours**

The Garden Suite, Southport Theatre Complex

## GRAND AUCTION

Auctioneer **Alan Driffield**

Proceeds to the Welfare and Benevolent Fund

# Saturday September 15th

**14-30 hours**

Outside The Arts Centre

'Street Magic' with

**JOHN FEALEY**

and

**ROB TORRES**



# Saturday September 15th

**14-30 hours**

The Conference Room at The Arts Centre

**MANDY DAVIS** invites you to a

## JUNIOR WORKSHOP

Featuring stars of the Convention

For members and non-members aged 10-18 only



# Saturday September 15th

14-30 hours

The Arts Centre Theatre

## CHILDREN'S SHOWTIME

RICHARD STUPPLE will introduce

**PERCY PIECRUST**  
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## STAR LECTURE

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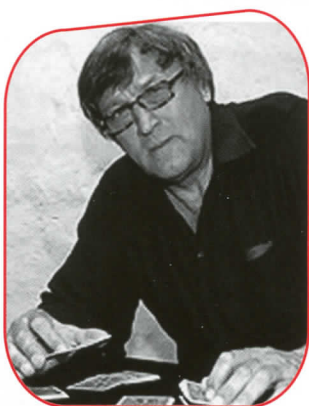
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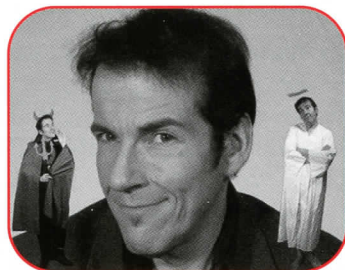
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 congratulate Paul Stone  
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# INFORMATION

## **TOMBOLA**

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Do please give your support to the Welfare Stand and the Tombola as we rely heavily on these in order to effectively sustain the work of the Welfare Section.

For those who are here, it's good to see you in good health, so enjoy every magical moment.

*Derek*

Derek McFaull, Chief Welfare Officer, British ring No. 25



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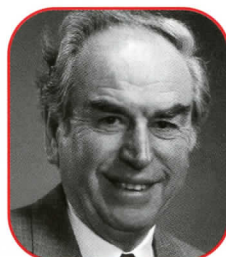
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Send Magical Greeting to all Conventioneers and wish everybody a Superb, Sensational Southport Convention and in particular good luck to all competitors in this year's British Ring Shield Competition.

## Previous winners

1938	John Ramsay	1967	Drew Masters	1986	Al Glennan
1939	Sydney Smith		& Tess	1987	Mystina
1946	Stanley Thomas	1968	Christian	1988	Not Awarded
1947	George Smallwood	1969	Tony Shelley	1989	Alex Taylor
1948	Geoffrey Robinson		& Elizabeth	1990	Richard Griffin
1949	Billy McComb	1970	Geoff Ray & Pat	1991	Jimmy Carlo
1950	Louis Martelle	1971	Malcolm Nunn		& Crystal
1951	Frank Boynett	1972	Otto Wessely	1992	Phillippe
1952	Peter warlock	1973	The Waldos	1993	Not Awarded
1954	Derrick Speight	1974	Hardy Werner	1994	Tricky Business
1955	Devolyn & Irene	1975	Brian Miller	1995	Marie Claude
1956	Geoff Gregson		& Audrey		Chantelle & Co
1957	Ron MacMillan	1976	Sam & Joy Mallinson	1996	Gut Barrett
1958	Majorie Waddell	1977	Martin Scott-Price	1997	Not Awarded
1959	Ralph Hall & Mollie	1978	Brian Sefton	1998	Alfonso Rios
1960	Larry Spencer	1979	Not Awarded	1999	Mark Taylor
1961	Robert Sinclair	1980	Josephine	2000	Leo Ward
1962	Robert Swadling	1981	Crisco	2001	Mark Shortland
1963	Gordon Watts	1982	Not Awarded	2002	The Great Nardini
	& Shirley	1983	Marc & Jane	2003	Richard Pinner
1964	Ali Bongo	1984	Richard Kyall	2004	Safire Illusionists
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1933	Northampton	1975	Southport
1934	Leamington Spa	1976	Brighton
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1936	Northampton	1978	Hastings
1937	Buxton	1979	Scarborough
1938	Malvern	1980	Brighton
1939	Southport	1981	Great Yarmouth
1946	Hereford	1982	Hastings
1947	Buxton	1983	Llandudno
1948	Bournemouth	1984	Eastbourne
1949	Southport	1985	Southport
1950	Harrogate	1986	Eastbourne
1951	Bournemouth	1987	Harrogate
1952	Hastings	1988	Brighton
1953	Edinburgh	1989	Scarborough
1954	Brighton	1990	Eastbourne
1957	Scarborough	1991	Great Yarmouth
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1965	Llandudno	1999	Llandudno
1966	Hastings	2000	Eastbourne
1967	Southport	2001	Scarborough
1968	Weymouth	2002	Eastbourne
1969	Scarborough	2003	Southport
1970	Hastings	2004	Eastbourne
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1972	Margate	2006	Eastbourne



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