

#### The British Ring

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The number twenty five plays a significant role in our world of magic being the number of our British Ring , the largest Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. A Ring, by definition, is a circle with no beginning and no end and this equally applies to our Ring because, as our older Brothers take their final curtain, so a younger enthusiastic band of Brothers are ready, willing and able to take their place.

On behalf of my wife Val and I, it is our pleasure and privilege to welcome you all to this the 73rd Annual Convention of the British Ring. This is the thirteenth time we have visited Southport, but despite the number, we are certain there will be nothing unlucky about the selection of venue, shows or talent.

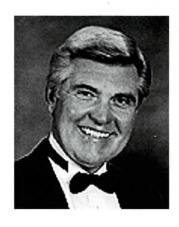
As on previous occasions this promises to be a superb Convention with lecturers and performers covering almost all branches of our art. These Conventions don't just happen, it takes days, weeks and months of planning to bring together such a feast of fun, frolic and fantastic performers. My thanks to John Pye, the committee and organisers whose combined efforts will make this event a success.

Our Conventions attract people from all over the world, so we bid them all a warm welcome and hope they enjoy attending this premiere British magical event. These special occasions also give friends the opportunity to meet, greet and share personal magical moments which they can enjoy in each others company.

Being President of the British Ring has been an unforgettable experience and I feel honoured and proud to have shared this position and worn this collar following so many magical giants of the past. Long may our Ring continue with friendship, fellowship and camaraderie. We hope you all enjoy our 73rd Convention and that memories of this occasion will remain with you for years to come. Good friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget.

PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH RING No 25
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS





# THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and my best wishes for a wonderful convention! For more than 20 years I have been planning and dreaming about attending the largest Ring in the world, the British Ring. My desires are multi-fold. First of all, my family roots are deep in British soil. Second, having read the splendid reports and hearing from fellow IBM officers of the wonderful convention, I have looked forward to attending this event.

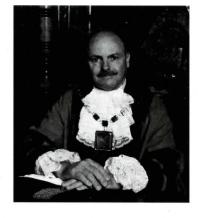
As many of you know, shortly after taking office as the International President, I suffered a diabetic stroke. And it is only this health crisis, that I intend to pull myself out of, that has prevented my wife, Lynn, and I from attending your illustrious convention.

My long-time friend, the late Richard Stupple, has regaled me over the years with tales of the British Ring Convention. It pains me deeply that I will not be with you. But you can be sure that I am there in spirit and I send with this message my best wishes for the best British Ring Convention ever. I promise that some time in the future I will join the magic fun with you.

Sincerely,

Jack White President, International Brotherhood of Magicians





# A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF SEFTON COUNCILLOR ALF DORAN

# TO ALL THOSE TAKING PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOUTHPORT 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

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. I do appreciate the time, effort and hard work involved in staging such an event as this and would like to congratulate all those who have played their part in getting the 'show on the road'.

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 EXECUTIVE



John Pye Secretary & Convention Organiser





Neil Roberts Stage Director



Neville Johnson Registration Officer



Don Beattie Chief Steward



Dave Cass Musical Director

# **The registration desk opens**Followed at **12.00** hours in the **Southport Theatre** by

### Official Opening Ceremony

and

### Welcome to Overseas Visitors

by The President Trevor Lewis in the presence of His Worshipful The Mayor of Sefton Councillor Alf Doran Past International President and Legal Advisor to the I.B.M. John R Browne III

International President of F.I.S.M. Eric Eswin Followed by



## THE OPENING SHOW

PAUL RAY

will introduce

MARK SHORTLAND





Paul Ray

### SEAN HAYDON



Jonathan Shotton

Music by Dave Cass Stage Director Neil Roberts



Sean Haydon

Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 13.30 hours **Southport Theatre Foyer** 

Meeting of Special Venue performers with Peter Greenwood



### •STAR LECTURE•

**Andy Stone** 

will introduce

## Hayashi

"Simply Incredible - Incredibly Simple"



Wednesday September 23rd
15.30 hours

The Floral Hall



### STAR LECTURE

**Don Beattie** 

will introduce

# Brando & Sylvana

"The Magic Act"



### ·STAR LECTURE•

Clive Moore

will introduce

BALLOON WORKSHOP With

# Mike Stokes and Gerry Luff

(Playtime Balloons)



### ·STAR LECTURE•

Pat Fallon

will introduce

## Sean Taylor

"Mindstorms"



# COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD AWARDS

### Running Order of Competitors

1	James Milner	Stourbridge, West Midlands
2	Oliver Tabor	Essex
3	Malcolm Bromwich	Hessle, East Yorkshire
4	Safire & Steel	North Wales
5	Dave Andrews	London
6	Fly by Nite	Erskine (Glasgow)
7	Tai-Hsiang Chou	Taiwan
8	Amazing Stephen	Stockport
9	Marianne	London
10	Amazing Norvil & Josephine	London

### **Compere - Steve Evans**

#### **Awards**

The British Ring Shield + £1,000 for the most entertaining Magic Act
The Theo Speaker Cup + £500 for the runner up
The Alastair Wand + £250 for the 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

Stage Director: Neil Roberts

Music by: Dave Cass DPLM, GCLCM Timekeepers: Tony Brooks, Chris Poole

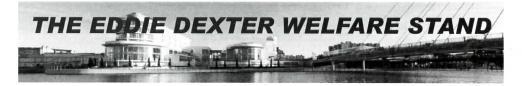
Chairman of Judges John Palfreyman

Judges: John R Browne III, Brian and Audrey Miller, Brian Sefton, Tom

Owen, Joy Ball, Jonathan Shotton



# The Fringe



# Gifts, Novelties, Raffles, Competitions

Please support your Welfare Stand

### **Cynthia Neptune**

and her helpers look forward to meeting all Conventioneers at the stand, situated in the Lower Waterfront Lobby, and thank everyone for their support



## Arranged by Jim Boyd Held in the Waterfront Suite

Thursday 09.30 hours to 17.45 hours Friday 09.30 hours to 17.45 hours Saturday 09.30 hours to 17.45 hours

The following Magical Dealers will be represented:

Alan Astra

**Bradford Magic Studio** 

Card Collection

Castle Magic Services

David Booth

David Hemingway

Domenico Dante (Italy)

**DTrik** 

Ed Ellis

Five of Hearts Magic Productions

Henry Mayol

Graham Lee Balloon Art

International Magic

Jahangir (Magic 2000) (France)

Kaymar Magic Co.

Made to Measure Magic

Magic Books by Post Ltd

Magic Victoria (Belgium)

Magick Enterprises

Magitrix House of Magic

Mel's Magic Company Merlins of Wakefield

Pavel

Pelican Stage Wear

Peter Diamond Magic

Playtime Balloons Ltd

**Practical Magic** 

Razamatazz Magic

Reg Allen

Sean Taylor

Stephen P Tucker

The Magic Circle

The Master of Mystery

Thom Peterson

Trevor Duffy (South Africa)

Zane's Magic Shop

#### **ENTRANCE BY CONVENTION BADGE ONLY**

The organisers would like to thank all the Dealers for participating It is hoped that conventioneers 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 Thursday 24th September



### •STAR LECTURE•

John Palfreyman will introduce

## Terry Herbert

"Komedy for Kids"



### •STAR LECTURE•

Mark Raffles will introduce

## Henry Mayol

"Close up and Parlour Magic"





Steve Evans

# CLOSE – UP COMPETITION for the ZINA BENNETT TROPHY

Arranged by Steve Evans

Kevin Gallagher

Burton upon Trent

Michael Jordan

Huddersfield

Laura London

London

Stephen Gore

Bradford

James Milner

Stourbridge

**Craig Petty** 

Walsall

**Rob James** 

Bristol

Steve Dela

Newport, Shropshire

Hung-Chih ,Kuo

Keelung City.

Taiwan

Stephen Ablett

Stockport

Will Gray

Leicester

Awards

First Prize - the **Zina Bennett Cup** + £1000.00 cash Second Prize - £500.00 cash Third Prize - £250.00 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: Vanni Pule, Geoff Ray and Sean Taylor



### arranged by Peter Greenwood All shows on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>

Dale Main House 13.30-14.30

19 Westcliffe Road Southport PR8 2BL Geoff Atkinson Barry Black Hedley Fawcett Ray Roberts

**B.E.N. Nursing Home** 13.30-14.30

2-4 Lord Street
Southport PR8 1QD
George & Helen Glasbey
Peter Fitchett
Tony King
Ned Potts

Merefield School 13.30-14.30

Westminster Drive Southport PR8 4DJ John Dixon Merson Grant John Hardman Shirley Ray

Peterhouse School 13.30-14.30

Preston New Road Southport PR9 8PA Ron Baron Dave Cheney Aiden Heritage Keno & Pam

# Giggle of I.B.M. Clowns



CLIVO Clive Moore



S-T-R-E-A-K-Y Reg Allen



JEANI Jean Ellison



Peter Greenwood

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

Presidential Car: Brian Miller

A meeting of Special Venue performers will take place at 13.30 hours on Wednesday 23rd September in the Southport Theatre Foyer

### LADIES' AFTERNOON

Arranged by Julie Llusion and the Ladies' Committee

Tea will be served at 14.15 hours followed by Guest Speaker

### **DUGGIE CHAPMAN**

who will present a film show/talk

"From Musical to Variety"

Raffle tickets will be sold during the afternoon Ticket required





### STAR LECTURE

**Shirley Ray** 

will introduce

**ED ELLIS** 

"The highly visual----low process lecture"

# THE ALI BONGO MICRO MARATHON

Arranged by

Viv Davies (Mysteeny)





# Look out for THE TOMBOLA stand on Thursday at the Micro Marathon in The Floral Hall

Ron & Chris Lockett and their helpers look forward to meeting you all there. Please come and give them your support.

All proceeds are for the Benevolent and Welfare Funds.

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts or who helped in any way.

### **Bill Stickland**

Bill Stickland was Hon. Secretary of The British Ring for many years and the bronze bust which stands at the side of the stage is a memorial to his work and dedication.

# THE THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW

### **TONY STEVENS**

will introduce



TONY PARX

**JOHN KIMMONS** 

**GUY BARRETT** 



John Lenahan

John Kimmons



**Tony Stevens** 



Tony Parx



**Guy Barrett** 

Music by **Dave Cass** 

Stage Director: Neil Roberts

Arranged by John Pye



# The Fringe

Look out for details of The Fringe Banquet on Friday and the Show on Saturday





The Chief Steward, **Don Beattie**, would like to thank, on your behalf, all those members who volunteered to give up some of their enjoyment to act as Stewards.



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

### Election of Officers for 2009/10

Members only admitted

Printed Agenda and copies of accounts will be available



### 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 Trevor Lewis will introduce

### JOHN STYLES M.B.E.

"FROM PUBS TO PALACES"

John reminisces on a fascinating life in entertainment



### STAR LECTURE

Tom Owen

will introduce

### **JOHN KIMMONS**

"Talk to the hand"

Comedy magic and ventriloquism for family audiences

Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>
12.30 hours

The Waterfront Suite Studio

# •STAR LECTURE WORKSHOP•

Mike Gancia

will introduce

### THOM PETERSON

Close-up





Eddie Dawes

### **EDDIE DAWES**

**Presents** 

# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



Tim Cockerill

'THE PLEASURES OF YESTERYEARS' FINALE

Featuring

TIM COCKERILL

JONATHAN SHOTTON

BERTIE PEARCE

ALAN SHAXON

JAMES LONG
AND LOUISE



Stage Director Neil Roberts



Jonathan Shotton



Bertie Pearce



Alan Shaxon



James Long & Louise



### •STAR LECTURE•

Cynthia Neptune

### TYLER WILSON



#### **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.

**All diners** are invited to meet in The Promenade Bar for Buck's Fizz before proceeding to The Lakeside Suite for the

### **CONVENTION BANQUET**

Organised by John Pye and the Fletcher Family
GRACE
Rev Alan J Clarke

#### MENU

Chef's Leek and Potato Soup Served with a freshly baked roll and butter

Roast Rack of Lamb
Infused with fresh rosemary
and redcurrants,
Served with baby roast
potatoes, herb new potatoes,
and a medley of seasonal
vegetables, with a red currant
ius

Crispy Meringue Nest filled with Chantilly cream and topped with fresh fruits

Freshly Brewed Coffee with After Dinner Mints

Dress: Dinner Jacket or Dark Lounge Suit

### **TOAST LIST**

The Queen
Proposed by President
Trevor Lewis

The British Ring
Proposed by
John R Browne III
Past International President
and Legal Advisor to the I.B.M.

Response by President

Trevor Lewis

who will also propose the toast

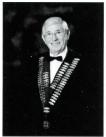
to

The Guests

Response by **Eric Eswin** International President of F.I.S.M.

Toast master: **Geoffrey Newton**Music by **Dave Cass** 

### THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS



**Trevor Lewis** 

The President

Trevor Lewis

and

Installation of the New President

Shirley Ray

followed by



Shirley Ray



Tony Rix

# THE LATE GALA



will introduce



Pavel

BRANDO and SILVANA PAVEL SOMA

PEKI



Brando & Silvana



Soma



Peki

Music by Dave Cass Stage Director: Neil Roberts Arranged by John Pye

John Pye will be in conversation with

# DAVID & DANIA

Questions for David and Dania can be left at the Registration Desk for the attention of John Pye by 9-30 hours



### THE ZINABENNETT TROPHY - PAST WINNERS



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1958	Fred Lowe
1959	<b>Howard Peters</b>
1960	Arthur Setteringtor
1961	Bob Ostin
1962	Ali Bongo
1963	Claude Manley
1964	Ted Daniels
1965	Jack Lowen
1966	Norman Pearce
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1967	Larry Spencer
1968	Arthur Setterington
1969	Not held
1970	Geoff Ray
1971	Trevor Lewis
1972	Kevin Fox
1973	Bob Read

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974	Christopher Payne
975	Not held

1976	Bob Gill
1977	Wayne Dobson
	Peter Duffie
1978	Rex Cooper
1979	Ken Hawes
1980	Harry Nicholls
1981	Mark Leveridge
1982	Janet Clare
1983	Rex Cooper
1984	Eddy Smit
1985	Kevin Reay
1986	John Hotowka
1987	Tony Brooks
1988	Mike Austin
1989	Stephen Ford
1990	David Jones
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1979	Ken Hawes
1980	Harry Nicholls
1981	Mark Leveridge
1982	Janet Clare
1983	Rex Cooper
1984	Eddy Smit
1985	Kevin Reay
1986	John Hotowka
1987	Tony Brooks
1988	Mike Austin
1989	Stephen Ford
1990	David Jones
1991	Patrick Maddison

1992 Steve Bedwell

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1993	Dusty
1994	Alistair Cook
1995	David Penn
1996	Jayson George
1997	Herman Koster
1998	Jon Allen
1999	Trevor Stone
2000	Lee Davis
2001	Sean Carpenter
2002	Mark Shortland
2003	Richard Pinner
2004	Mel Harvey
2005	Tim Shoesmith
2006	Marc Oberon
2007	Steve Dela
2008	John van de Put

# 10.30 hours

### CHILDREN'S MAGICAL SHOWTIME



**CLIVO** and **JEANI** 



will introduce



Doug Gregg

DOUG GREGG JOHN KIMMONS **HIGH JINX** 



John Kimmons

Richard Cadell

### RICHARD CADELL & SOOTY and the famous I.B.M. Clowns



High Jinx



S-T-R-E-A-K-Y



Produced and Directed by Clive Moore Stage Manager Graham Colvan

# International Close-up Gala



Ed Ellis

Arranged by John Pye Produced by Steve Evans

Featuring

















Hayashi



Thom Peterson



Tyler Wilson



Henry Mayol



John van der Put



### **GRAND AUCTION**

**Auctioneer: Derek Lever** 

All proceeds will go to the Welfare and Benevolent Fund



### **EDDIE DAWES**

presents

#### **MORE HISTORY OF MYSTERY**

(The Collectors' and Others' Seminar)

TREVOR DAWSON

The Great Carmo

**DAVID PATON-WILLIAMS** 

Katterfelto: Prince of Puff

**DAVID BUDD** 

A Look at Milton Woodward's

Scrapbook

**MARCO PUSTERLA** 

The Great Chefalo: The Forgotten Illusionist



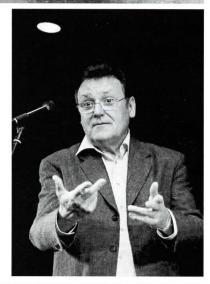
### •STAR LECTURE•

Alan Clarke

will introduce

**PAVEL** 

"Best of"



Saturday September 26th

The Waterfront Suite Studio

17.00 hours

### MANDY DAVIS

invites members and non-members, aged 10-18, only to

### A JUNIOR WORKSHOP

Featuring stars of the Convention

# The International Brotherhood of Magicians British Ring No 25



# The Southport Theatre Saturday September 26th 2009 20.00 hours

Arranged by John Pye

Stage Director: Neil Roberts Musical Director: Dave Cass

# INTERNATIONAL GALA SHOW



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## AONGHUS McANALLY

will introduce

### DANIA KASEEVA



Timo Marc



Dania Kaseeva

### **TIMO MARC**

## MARTYN JAMES

INTERMISSION



Martyn James

# INTERNATIONAL GALA SHOW

### **NECHEPORENKO**



Necheperenko

# SEAN TAYLOR

HAYASHI



Sean Taylor



Hayashi

# DAVID & DANIA





David & Dania

### **CONVENTION SERVICE**

### Conducted by Rev Alan Clarke

The Service will be undenominational

Collection for The Welfare Fund



### **Cynthia Neptune**

presents

### STARS OF THE FUTURE

Including: Jack Clarke, Sanjivan Parhar & Henry Cook

followed by

# OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER AND CLOSE OF CONVENTION



The President ,Officers and Organisers express their gratitude to all who have supported this 73<sup>rd</sup> Convention

His Worshipful The Mayor of Sefton, Councillor Alf Doran

Maxine McCarthy, Conference and Corporate Sales Manager, Sefton Council

Lisa Chu General Manager, and Staff of The Southport Theatre and Conference Complex

The Ramada Hotel

Southport Theatre Stage Crew and Staff

All the Artists and Lecturers

The Press

The Stewards

The Special Venue Performers

Helpers on the Tombola and Welfare Stands

The Judges in the Stage, Close up Competition and Dealers' Exhibition

Returning Officer, David Price

Playtime Balloons

Bob Hamilton for his video filming

Gavin Marriott for Lecture Translation



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Stars of the Future
Special Venue Shows
Stage Competition
Close up Competition

Micro Marathon
Collectors' Seminar
Junior Workshop
The Banquet
Welfare Stand
Tombola
Auction
Convention Service
Web Master

Ladies Afternoon

John Pye Neville Johnson John Palfreyman **Dorothy Savage** Robert and Marilyn Mason Bob Hayden, Andy Stone Don Beattie Peter Scarlett Jim Boyd John Pye **Neil Roberts** Steve Evans **Eddie Dawes** Clive Moore Cynthia Neptune Peter Greenwood Shirley Ray Steve Evans Julie Llusion and the Ladies Committee Viv Davies **Eddie Dawes** Mandy Davis John Pye & The Fletcher Family Cynthia Neptune Ron & Chris Lockett Derek Lever

Rev Alan Clarke

Peter Scarlett

# FROM THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

I've recently been traveling in China following the Fism convention and one of the highlights of my holiday was seeing the Sechuan Opera. A show in Chengdu that featured some of the most breathtaking costume and mask changes I have every seen. Truly magical. At our own British Ring convention we get an opportunity to relax from the serious masks we often have to hide behind and change into our playful selves. I love the atmosphere of conventions and am always struck by how egalitarian and friendly the magic world is. Amateurs, enthusiasts and pros all mingle to en extent unmatched in other walks of life. I hope you all have a memorable and refreshing break and are reminded of how you were first smitten by the buzz of being surprised.

There are of course members who are prevented by frailty, sickness or sadness from being with us this time. Take the time to drop them a line or give them a ring - I know how much it is appreciated. Have a great time and I look forward to seeing you at the weekend.



Sincerely

Alan J Clarke, Chief Welfare Officer, & Chaplain, British Ring No.25

# Your President and Officers



Trevor Lewis President



John Pye Hon. Secretary



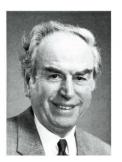
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Cynthia Neptune



Bob Hayden P.R.O.



Andy Stone



Stephen Tucker Budget Editor

### Your Management Committee



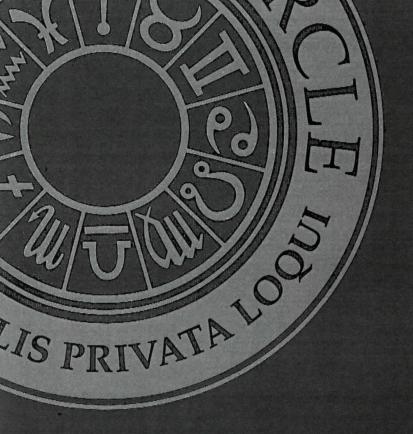
# GREETINGS TO THE BRITISH RING AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION from THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD of MAGICIANS

Jack White Rolando Santos Don Wiberg Roger Miller Samuel Patrick Smith International President
International President Elect
International Secretary
International Treasurer
Executive Editor, Linking Ring

Territorial Vice-President for Great Britain John Pye

I.B.M. Forms available from John Pye and Neville Johnson

Join the I.B.M. and receive the excellent 'Linking Ring' monthly



BEST WISHES TO

### THE BRITISH RING

FOR ANOTHER GREAT CONVENTION IN SOUTHPORT 2009

THE
MAGIC CIRCLE
www.TheMagicCircle.co.uk



We hope to see you at our stand in the Dealers' Hall

## HAVE FUN WITH MAGIC AT SOUTHPORT

from

### JOHN & CAROL PYE

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regret they cannot be with you this year but wish you a Star filled time at Southport!

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### IBM Irish Ring 85 Diamond Jubilee Convention 2010



#### Stormont Hotel, Belfast



April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 (Bank Holiday Weekend)

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So come along and enjoy one of magic's best kept secrets – The Irish Magic Convention.

Further information, including an up to date list of Lecturers, Performers and Dealers and Registration Details (when available) can be found on the convention website

#### http://www.online-usm.com/Convention.html

Or telephone 0771 335 1848 to contact our representative at this convention.

#### British MAGIGALS Assembly No 25

### WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY CONVENTION

The A.G.M. will be held on Friday September 25th at 10.00am at the Scarisbrick Hotel in the Cannell Suite

The President's Tea Party will be held on Saturday 26th September at 2.30pm at the Scarisbrick Hotel in the Cannell Suite Bring a guest £4.00

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE MOST WELCOME

## THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS OFFICIAL EMBLEM



The background of this emblem represents the world. The figure is Mercury, the messenger of the ancient gods and a magician. He carries a wand in his left hand. At the bottom, the letters I.B.M. Are joined to indicate UNITY and COOPERATION. The oak leaf denotes strength while the two acorns represent the Eastern and Western hemispheres. The hands are clasped to signify FELLOWSHIP and BROTHERHOOD in MAGIC throughout the universe.



#### Convention Greetings from THE ORDER OF THE MAGI (Manchester's Magicians' Society) www.orderofthemagi.org.uk



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1932	Cheltenham	1974	Hastings
1933	Northampton	1975	Southport
1934	Leamington Spa	1976	Brighton
1935	Leamington Spa	1977	Harrogate
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
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1953	Edinburgh	1989	Scarborough
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	1979	Not Awarded			
	1980	Josephine			
	1981	Crisco			
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Louis Martelle	1983	Marc & Jane			
Frank Boynett	1984	Richard Kyall & Joanna			
Peter Warlock	1985	Shahid Malik			
Elizabeth Warlock	1986	Al Glennan			
Derrick Speight	1987	Mystina			
Devolyn & Irene	1988	Not Awarded			
Geoff Gregson	1989	Alex Taylor			
Ron MacMillan	1990	Richard Griffin			
Marjorie Waddell		Jimmy Carlo & Crystal			
Ralph Hall & Mollie	1992	Philippe			
Larry Spencer	1993	Not Awarded			
Robert Sinclair	1994	Tricky Business			
Robert Swadling	1995	Marie Claude Chantelle & Co			
Gordon Watts & Shirley	1996	Guy Barrett			
Ali Bongo	1997	Not Awarded			
Phil Haigh	1998	Alfonso Rios			
Morine	1999	Mark Taylor			
Drew Masters & Tess		Leo Ward			
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Geoff Ray & Pat	2003	Richard Pinner			
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