

**THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF
MAGICIANS
British Ring No. 25**



**75th
Annual Convention
SOUTHPORT
22nd - 25th September 2011**

Southport Theatre & Convention Centre



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THE PRESIDENT'S Message

It gives me great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to our 75th British Ring Annual Convention. This is the fourteenth time in our history that we have visited Southport which has superb facilities.

There have been changes to the scheduling this year which gives us a full weekend of magic.

Without your support there would be no Convention. A great deal of preparation and planning has gone into providing you with a Convention to remember and thanks must go to John Pye who has worked hard in gathering all the magical talent to perform for us.

May I also thank the Artisites, Dealers, Lecturers, Stewards and Back Stage staff all of whom contribute to the success of the event.

Through illness some members cannot be with us and to them we send our best wishes for their future wellbeing.

Pam and I have had a memorable year. We have made many new friends on our travels both in this country and overseas.

Thank you for attending the Convention, we hope you have an enjoyable time.

Keith Cooper
President of The British Ring No. 25
The International Brotherhood of Magicians

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THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S Message

I never imagined, when Mary Anne and I were lugging our suitcases for our first British Ring Convention, that we would be attending our twenty fifth one as International President of the IBM and his lady. This is the Convention I have attended most and, in it, I have performed, judged and discussed. It is one of my favourite Conventions because of its relaxed pace and the intimacy and friendship it offers. I feel that, although I come from a totally different country, I am one of you, since I have made so many close friends and acquaintances. Therefore, it is an honour to be, once again, among you, this time representing the organization whose name reflects its main purpose of bringing together magicians of all styles and backgrounds from all parts of the world.

I am looking forward to another wonderful convention built on talent camaraderie and optimism. I hope that all of us enjoy it and find it as stimulating as we did in the past and that we all benefit from the collective involvement that the IBM offers.

**Vanni Pulé
International President
The International Brotherhood of Magicians**

BRIAN MILLER & AUDREY

Send Magical Greetings to all Conventioneers and wish everybody a
SUPER, SUNNY, SCINTILATING, SUCCESSFUL SOUTHPORT CONVENTION
and in particular good luck to all competitors in this year's

British Ring Shield Competition

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1938	John Ramsay	1977	Martin Scott-Price
1939	Sydney Smith	1978	Brian Sefton
1946	Stanley Thomas	1979	Not Awarded
1947	George Smallwood	1980	Josephine
1948	Geoffrey Robinson	1981	Crisco
1949	Billy McComb	1982	Not Awarded
1950	Louis Martelle	1983	Marc & Jayne
1951	Frank Boynett	1984	Richard Kyall & Joanna
1952	Peter Warlock	1985	Shahid Malik
1953	Elizabeth Warlock	1986	Al Glennan
1954	Derrick Speight	1987	Mystina
1955	Devolyn & Irene	1988	Not Awarded
1956	Geoff Gregson	1989	Alex Taylor
1957	Ron MacMillan	1990	Richard Griffin
1958	Marjorie Waddell	1991	Jimmy Carlo & Crystal
1959	Ralph Hall & Mollie	1992	Philippe
1960	Larry Spencer	1993	Not Awarded
1961	Robert Sinclair	1994	Tricky Business
1962	Robert Swadling	1995	Marie Claude Chantelle & Co
1963	Gordon Watts & Shirley	1996	Guy Barrett
1964	Ali Bongo	1997	Not Awarded
1965	Phil Haigh	1998	Alfonso Rios
1966	Morine	1999	Mark Taylor
1967	Drew Masters & Tess	2000	Leo Ward
1968	Christian	2001	Mark Shortland
1969	Tony Shelley & Elizabeth	2002	The Great Nardini
1970	Geoff Ray & Pat	2003	Richard Pinner
1971	Malcolm Nunn	2004	Safire Illusionists
1972	Otto Wessely	2005	Roy Davenport
1973	The Waldos	2006	Paul Dabek
1974	Hardy Werner	2007	High Jinx
1975	Brian Miller & Audrey	2008	Jonathan Shotton
1976	Sam & Joy Mallinson	2009	Tai-Hsiang Chou
		2010	Romany



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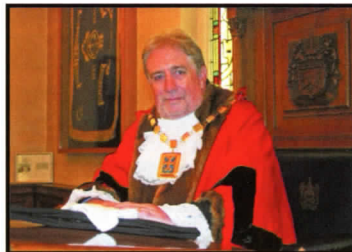


The Mayor's Office

Town Hall

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THE MAYOR

Councillor Paul Paschal Cummins

Welcome from The Mayor of Sefton

To All Those Taking Part In The International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Conference - Southport 22nd - 25th September 2011

It gives me much pleasure to welcome those taking part in the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Annual Conference to Southport.

I was delighted to hear that the Annual Conference was again to be staged here in Southport. The town and its surrounds have much to offer including Lord Street's famous shopping area, the Ocean Plaza development and the award-winning Pier. Not forgetting Sefton's attractions further afield such as 'Another Place', the Antony Gormley Statues on Crosby Beach.

The Conference is a huge undertaking and all credit must go to the unsung heroes behind the curtain who undertake the many thankless tasks which enable this event to happen. I would therefore, wish to take this opportunity to formally thank the President, Committee and many others who have given many hours of their own time to put the this marvellous programme together.

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.

Councillor Paul Paschal Cummins
Mayor of Sefton 2011-2012

Thursday September 22nd
Registration Desk opens at 10.30 hours
in The Promenade Entrance

Official Opening Ceremony

at 14.00 hours

in The Southport Theatre

and

Welcome to Overseas Visitors

by The President Keith Cooper

in the presence of

The Worshipful the Mayor of Sefton

Councillor Paul Paschal Cummins

and

The International President of the I.B.M. Vanni Pulé

followed by

THE OPENING SHOW

PAT FALLON

will introduce

MANDY FLETCHER

MARK JAMES

CHRIS DE ROSA

Music by Dave Cass

Stage Director Neil Roberts

Arranged By John Pye



DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Arranged by Jim Boyd

Held in The Waterfront Suite

Thursday 22nd 15.15 – 17.45 hours

Friday 23rd 09.30 – 17.45 hours

Saturday 24th 09.30 – 17.45 hours

Sunday 24th 09.30 – 16.00 hours

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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 afternoon of Thursday 22nd September.

Thursday September 22nd
16.30 hours

The Southport Theatre



STAR LECTURE



Tom Owen

will introduce

MARK JAMES

“EXTRAVERT”

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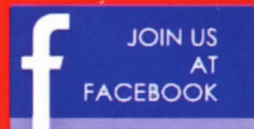
and her helpers look forward to meeting all Conventioneers at the stand, situated in the Lower Waterfront Lobby, and thank everyone for their support.



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.

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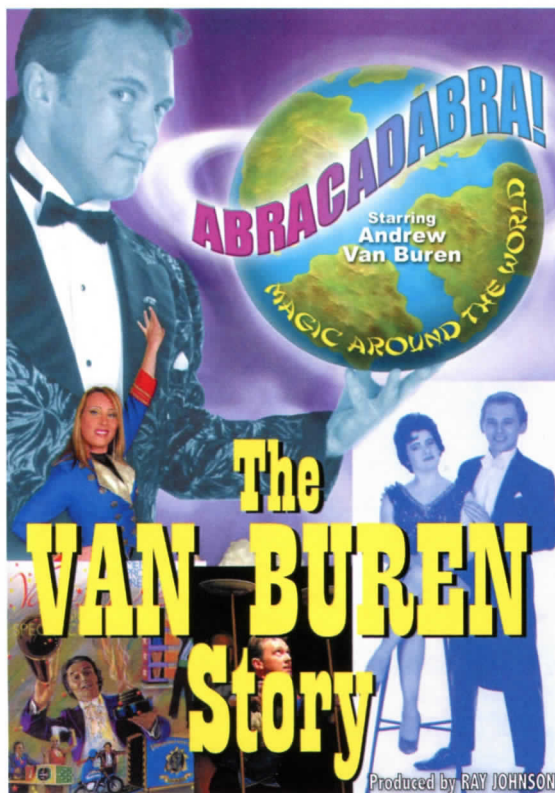


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Friday September 23rd
12.00 noon

The Floral Hall



STAR LECTURE



Trevor Lewis

will introduce

MEL MELLERS

“ MAKING MAGIC COMMERCIAL ”

Friday September 23rd
14.00 hours

The Lakeside Suite

LADIES' AFTERNOON

arranged by Julie Llusion and The Ladies Committee

Tea will be served at 14.15 hours

followed by

Guest Speaker

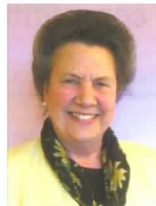
PAM BOSWORTH

who will present

‘The History of Fashion and Millinery’

Ticket required

Raffle tickets will be sold during the afternoon



Friday September 23rd
14.00 hours

The Waterfront Studios 1, 2 & 3



CLOSE-UP COMPETITION

for

THE ZINA BENNETT TROPHY Arranged by Steve Evans

COMPETITORS

Stephen Ablett	Stockport	Rob James	Bristol
Malcolm Bromwich	East Yorkshire	Russell Levinson	London
Steve Dela	Kent	Michael Neto	Glasgow
Alex Hansford	Plymouth	Marcus Taylor	Shrewsbury
Mel Harvey	Warwickshire	Matthew Wright	Burnley
Paul Ingram	Rhyl		

AWARDS

1st Prize -**The Zina Bennett Trophy** + £1,000 cash

2nd Prize -£500 cash

3rd 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: **Bryan Atherton**

Judges: **Jim Boyd, Trevor Lewis, Jon Marshall**
and **Geoff Ray**

Enter the conventioners joke competition running during the links in
The British Ring Shield Competition on Saturday September 24th.

Text your entry to 07900 191958.

The winner will get a large trophy and a prize.

BEST WISHES

for a

SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

in SOUTHPORT

TREVOR DAWSON



POLICY ON PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO & 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 photographers. Video cameras will not be allowed into the venues.

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 photographers. 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.

Best wishes to

THE BRITISH RING No. 25

for a great convention in Southport 2011 from

The President, Council and Members of

THE ORDER OF THE MAGI



Mike Sharples
President
2011—2012

our **NORTH WEST DEALERS DAY** and **MAGIC MART**
is on **Saturday 22nd October 2011** at
The Irish World Heritage Centre
Queens Road, Manchester, M8 8UF
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

details on www.orderofthemagi.org.uk



Friday September 23rd
18.30 for 19.00 hours

The Lakeside Suite

GALA DINNER

Organised by John Pye and the Fletcher Family

Meet and Greet Magic by members of The British Ring

GRACE

MENU

Carrot and Coriander Soup
served with a
freshly baked roll and butter



Roast Cumbrian Beef
Yorkshire Pudding and
Horseradish sauce
served with Roast potatoes,
Boiled baby new potatoes
Buttered baton Carrots
and Cauliflower



Passion Fruit and Mango Delice
with raspberry coulis
and cream



Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee
with After Dinner Mints

Dress Dinner Jacket or
Lounge Suit

TOAST LIST

The Queen

Proposed by President

Keith Cooper

The British Ring

Proposed by

Vanni Pulé

International President of the IBM

Response by President

Keith Cooper

who will also propose
the toast to

**The Borough of Sefton and
The Guests**

Response by

The Worshipful the Mayor of Sefton
Councillor Paul Paschal Cummins

Toastmaster **Geoffrey Newton**

Music by **Dave Cass**

Friday September 23rd
20.00 hours

The Floral Hall

“NOSTALGIA”

with Bob Hamilton

Last year Bob showed film and video clips of British Ring Conventions covering the period from 1931 to 1985. This year more memorable excerpts from his recordings of Conventions held from 1986 to 1991.



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Friday September 23rd
21.30 hours

The Southport Theatre

THE LATE GALA of MAGIC



MICHAEL CARR

will introduce

JORDAN GOMEZ



MEL MELLERS

MAT RICARDO



AMETHYST



Arranged by John Pye

Music by Dave Cass

Stage Director Neil Roberts

Saturday September 24th
09.30 hours

The Floral Hall



STAR LECTURE



David Ball

will introduce

SHAWN FARQUHAR

“ BREAD AND BUTTER ”

Our Best Wishes to all conventioners

Public Relations Officer Geoffrey Newton & Vivien
look forward to meeting as many of you as possible



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CHILDREN'S MAGICAL SHOWTIME

Clivo and Jeanie

will introduce

Magic Light Puppets **Paul Joyce**

David Tomkins **Safire** **Richard Cadell & Sooty**

Saturday 24th September 2011 at 10.30am

in Southport Theatre - tickets available at The Theatre Box Office

Produced and Directed by Clive Moore

Stage Manager Graham Colvan



There are several Sooty goodie bags to be won during this show. Have you one of the lucky seat numbers? You'll have to be there to find out!



Saturday September 24th

11.30 hours

The Floral Hall

Brian Miller will introduce
ANTHONY DARKSTONE BROOK
presenting a live
TALK SHOW



Anthony Darkstone Brook (also known as **Tony Brook**) will appear in the role of a talk show host with guests **Jason Andrews, Shawn Farquhar, Joe M. Turner** and **Michael Finney**. Tony is very experienced in this field having produced many similar activities in the United States for The Society of American Magicians and other overseas institutions. This Portugal based American has many other talents including those of a performer, author, producer and

broadcaster. The event has all the hallmarks of a very interesting part of the convention and Tony promises a special surprise finale.

Saturday September 24th

14.30 hours

The Floral Hall

CYNTHIA NEPTUNE

presents

STARS OF THE FUTURE

BEN PROOS (Blackburn)

Winner of Young Magician of the Year 2011

SONNY PENNINGTON (Shropshire)

Third in Young Magician of the Year 2011

SEBASTIAN WALTON (Leeds)

Winner Northern Magic Circle Junior Stage Competition 2011

TOBY DAVIES (Keighley)

Winner Northern Magic Circle Comedy Stage Competition 2011

Saturday September 24th
14.30 hours

The Waterfront Studios 1 & 2

EDDIE DAWES

Presents

MORE HISTORY OF MYSTERY

Featuring

BRIAN LEAD

The Tragic Deaths of Lafayette : The Most Hated Magician Who Ever Lived

DAVID HIBBERD

A Glimpse of the David Devant Collection of Photographs from The Magic Circle Archive

JON MARSHALL

Secrets of the Sideshows



Saturday September 24th
16.30 hrs

The Floral Hall



STAR LECTURE



Alan J. Clarke

will introduce

JOE M TURNER

“ EYES AND MIND ”

A selection of practical and tactical effects and techniques

Saturday September 24th
20.00 hours

The Southport Theatre

STAGE COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD AWARDS

Compere - STEVE EVANS

Running Order of Competitors

FIRST HALF

- 1 **Dave Andrews** London
- 2 **Nick Barnes** Congleton
- 3 **Tim Shoosmith** Hertfordshire
- 4 **Jock Mac'Jishun** Cumbria
- 5 **Jason Steele** Torquay
and **Joanne**

SECOND HALF

- 6 **Elemental** North Wales
- 7 **Matthew Wright** Burnley
- 8 **Inspirato** Portugal
- 9 **Ilanthe** Glasgow
- 10 **Mel Harvey** Warwickshire

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

Chairman of Judges: **John Palfreyman**

Judges: **Don Beattie, Anthony Darkstone Brook,**

Keith Cooper (IBM British Ring President), **Brian Lead,**

Stuart and Jayne Loughland (Safire) and **Vanni Pulé** (IBM International President)

Competition Organiser **Shirley Ray**

Assistant Competition Organiser **Dave Cass**

Stage Director **Neil Roberts**

Music by **Dave Cass DPLM, GCLCM**

Timekeepers **Tony Brooks, Chris Poole**

It's not too late to enter the Conventioneers Joke Competition running during the links in

The British Ring Shield Competition tonight. Text your entry to 07900 191958.

The winner will get a large trophy and a prize.



followed by

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

by The President **Keith Cooper**

followed by

INSTALLATION of the NEW PRESIDENT BRIAN MILLER

Sunday September 25th									
09.30 hours									

CONVENTION SERVICE

Conducted by Rev. Alan Clarke

The Service will be undenominational

Collection for The Benevolent and Welfare Fund

Sunday September 25th									
10.30 hours									

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 Keith Cooper
will introduce

MICHAEL FINNEY
"SHARING SECRETS FROM MY
LIFE IN MAGIC!"



Sunday September 25th
1200 noon

The Waterfront Studio 3

Mandy Davis

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

A Junior Workshop

Featuring stars of The Convention



Followed by Balloon Workshop for Juniors
Presented by GERRY LUFF



Sunday September 25th
1200 noon

The Waterfront Studios 1 & 2

GRAND CHARITY AUCTION



Auctioneers
Derek Lever
and
Michael Shepherd



All proceeds will go to
The Welfare and Benevolent Fund

Sunday September 25th
14.30 hours

The Floral Hall

INTERNATIONAL CLOSE UP MAGIC



ANTHONY DARKSTONE BROOK

will introduce

SHAWN FARQUHAR

(Canada)



SHAUN McCREE

(U.K.)

JOE M TURNER

(U.S.A.)



MARK JAMES

(U.K.)

Arranged by **John Pye**
Produced by **Steve Evans**

Sunday September 25th
16.00 hours

The Floral Hall



TERRY HERBERT

will introduce



THE GREAT DEBATE

Chaired by VIV DAVIES

with

PAT FALLON for Ireland

MEL HARVEY for England

PAUL ANTHONY for Wales

MARGARET MacLEAN for Scotland



Questions for debate can be
left at the Registration Desk
up to 12 noon on Sunday



Peter and Helen Moran

(Designers of the IBM 2011 Brochures, Posters and Flyers)

send Very Best Wishes to

The British Ring No. 25

for a successful Convention
in Southport 2011



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AN INTERNATIONAL GALA OF MAGIC & VARIETY

Sunday 25th September 2011 at 20.00 hours

in Southport Theatre

Arranged by John Pye

Stage Director Neil Roberts assisted by Graham Colvan

Musical Director Dave Cass



AONGHUS McANALLY

WILL INTRODUCE

ROMANY

(UK)

RAFAEL and JENNY

(BELGIUM)

JETON THE GENTLEMAN JUGGLER

(GERMANY)

SHAWN FARQUHAR

(CANADA)

INTERMISSION

RAFAEL

(BELGIUM)

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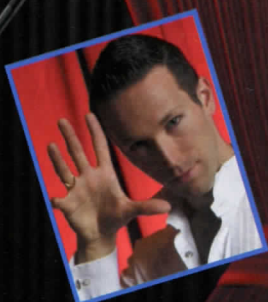
(USA)

MICHAEL FINNEY

(USA)

GUY BARRETT & COMPANY

(UK)



Presented by



British Ring No. 25

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The Shows and Lectures	John Pye
Stage Direction	Neil Roberts and Graham Colvan
International Close up Magic	Steve Evans
Children's Magical Showtime	Clive Moore
Stars of the Future	Cynthia Neptune
Special Venue Shows	Peter Greenwood
Stage Competition	Shirley Ray
Close up Competition	Steve Evans
Ladies Afternoon	Julie Llusion and the Ladies Committee
Micro Magic Marathon	Viv Davies
More History of Mystery	Eddie Dawes
The Great Debate	Viv Davies
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JOHN PYE
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and
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Wishing you all a Great Convention in Southport

from

John Palfreyman
and
Dorothy Savage
(REGISTRATIONS)



APPRECIATION

**The President, Officers and Organisers express their gratitude to all
who have supported this 75th Convention.**

The Worshipful the Mayor of Sefton, Councillor Paul Paschal Cummins
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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.

SPECIAL VENUE SHOWS

Arranged by Peter Greenwood
All shows on Friday 23rd September
13.30 hrs — 14.30 hrs



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Performers:

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Performers:

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John Dixon
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Performers:

Ned Potts
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The IBM Clowns will visit some venues
under the leadership of Clivo (Clive Moore)



The President accompanied by the International President
will visit each of the venues

Presidential Car by courtesy of Brian Miller

**Special Venue performers to meet Peter Greenwood
In The Theatre Foyer at 15.30 hours on
Thursday 22nd after The Opening Show**

Friday September 23rd
16.00 hours

The Floral Hall



STAR LECTURE



Steve Short

will introduce

DAVID TOMKINS

**“CHEEKY DOG CHATTERS -
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From THE CHAPLAIN and CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

I am looking forward to joining you at Southport this weekend for part of the Convention, mingling with like minded enthusiasts has made magic a very special hobby.

In the school where I teach there are a number of boys from Hong Kong many of whom are passionate in their enthusiasm for magic and working extremely hard to acquire the sleight of hand techniques that I only dream about.

There are so many facets to magic – whether it be intricate apparatus, stagecraft, technical skill with cards or intriguing mentalism...I know it has helped many members keep a young and vibrant outlook.

We do have an ageing membership however, and not all are able to join us for this convention. Please spare them a thought and drop them a line or give them a ring.

Just recently a kind donation was made to the welfare fund following the death of a one time British Ringer. I had not heard of his illness or death until the undertaker made contact. So do please make an effort to contact and keep in touch with news of old friends.

With every best wish for a stimulating convention full of wonder, laughter and magical memories. All best wishes.

Alan Clarke

Ring Chaplain and Chief Welfare Officer

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This new book, documenting the history of The British Ring is being launched at the convention and available in the dealers' hall from the author at a special price of £10, signed copies no extra!

Linking Britain

A celebration of the British Ring of the
International Brotherhood of Magicians



Roy Field

The book tells about The Budget from 1929 and the 14 editors who have produced it through the years. Information is there from the first convention in Cheltenham in 1931 through to modern times. These are classified into gala shows, competitions, late night shows etc over our 80 years of existence. It is sure to be a welcome addition to your library. If family or friends approach you and say "What is this British Ring you talk about" then let them read (or buy!) *Linking Britain*.

Thursday September 22nd
20.00 hours

The Floral Hall

The Ali Bongo Micro Magic Marathon

arranged by
Viv Davies (Mysteeny)



followed at 21.30 hrs by

CABARET NIGHT



VITTORIO MARINO

will introduce



WES ZAHARUK

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Music by Dave Cass
Stage Director Neil Roberts



Look out for the **TOMBOLA STAND** at both these events in The Floral Hall.

RON AND CHRIS LOCKETT and their helpers look forward to seeing you at their stand.

All proceeds go to The Benevolent and Welfare Fund.

Please come and give them your support.

Friday September 23rd
09.00 hours

The Floral Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

Election of Officers for 2011/12

Members only admitted

Printed Agenda and copies of accounts will be available

The Ballot Box will be at the Registration Desk until 16.00 hours
on Thursday September 22nd

Friday September 23rd
10.30 hours

The Floral Hall

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Raffle prizes to be won and all the proceeds donated to The Legacy Rainbow House Appeal for children with disabilities.

Walkabout magicians and balloon modelling throughout the day.

For further details of the event log on to our website at www.southport-magic-circle.co.uk





The Committee and members of
 Ring 202 (Malta)
 would like to wish a great convention to
 the British Ring no 25
 and congratulate their member
 Vanni Pule
 on becoming International President

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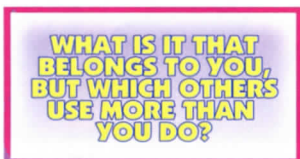
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The Magigals AGM will take place on Friday 23rd September at 10.00am in the Cannell Suite of the Scarisbrick Hotel and is expected to finish by 12.00 noon.

The President's Tea Party has been arranged at the same venue at 2.00pm on Saturday 24th September and is envisaged to be over by 4.00pm – 4.30pm.

The committee look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact **Sally Andrews on 07977 453106**

This page is dedicated to the memory of

TONY SHELLEY

who will always be remembered for his love of and dedication to
The International Brotherhood of Magicians
and **The British Ring** in particular

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1932	Cheltenham	1975	Southport
1933	Northampton	1976	Brighton
1934	Leamington Spa	1977	Harrogate
1935	Leamington Spa	1978	Hastings
1936	Northampton	1979	Scarborough
1937	Buxton	1980	Brighton
1938	Malvern	1981	Great Yarmouth
1939	Southport	1982	Hastings
1946	Hereford	1983	Llandudno
1947	Buxton	1984	Eastbourne
1948	Bournemouth	1985	Southport
1949	Southport	1986	Eastbourne
1950	Harrogate	1987	Harrogate
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1973	Harrogate	2010	Eastbourne



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THE BRITISH RING No. 25
and Best Wishes for a Successful Convention
from
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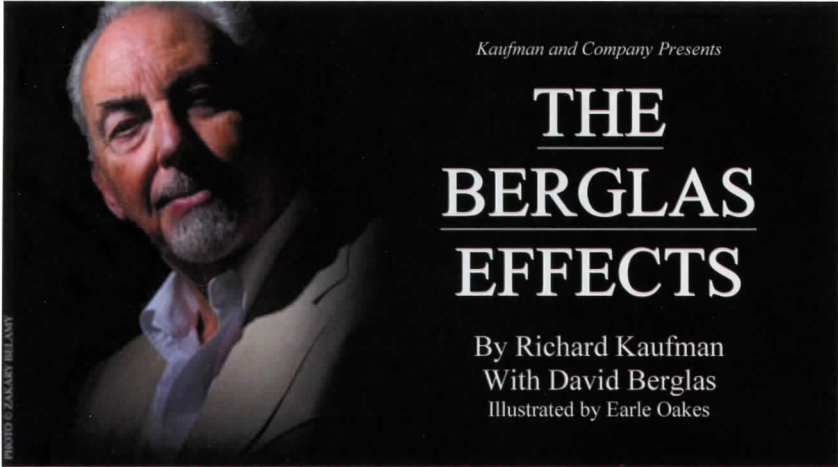
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CONVENTION AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 22nd September 2011

Registration Desk Opens	10.30 hrs	The Promenade Entrance
Official Opening Ceremony and Opening Show and Welcome to Overseas Visitors	14.00 hrs	Southport Theatre
Special Venue performers meet Peter Greenwood	15.30 hrs	The Theatre Foyer
Dealers' Magical Trade Fair	15.15-17.45 hrs	The Waterfront Suite
Lecture - Mark James	16.30 hrs	Southport Theatre
The Ali Bongo Micro Magic Marathon + Tombola	20.00 hrs	The Floral Hall
Cabaret Night	21.30 hrs	The Floral Hall

FRIDAY 23rd September 2011

Annual General Meeting	09.00 hrs	The Floral Hall
Dealers' Magical Trade Fair	09.30-17.45 hrs	The Waterfront Suite
Dealers' Showcase	10.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
Lecture - Mel Mellers	12.00 noon	The Floral Hall
Close-up Competition	14.00 hrs	The Waterfront Studios 1, 2 & 3
Ladies' Afternoon	14.00 hrs	The Lakeside Suite
Special Venue Shows	13.30-14.30 hrs	Venues various
Lecture - David Tomkins	16.00 hrs	The Floral Hall
Gala Dinner	18.30 for 19.00 hrs	The Lakeside Suite
Nostalgia by Bob Hamilton	20.00 hrs	The Floral Hall
The Late Gala of Magic	21.30 hrs	The Southport Theatre

SATURDAY 24th September 2011

Dealers' Magical Trade Fair	09.30-17.45 hrs	The Waterfront Suite
Lecture - Shawn Farquhar	09.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
Children's Magical Showtime	10.30 hrs	The Southport Theatre
Talk Show with Anthony Darkstone Brook	11.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
Stars Of The Future	14.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
More History of Mystery	14.30 hrs	The Waterfront Studios 1 & 2
Lecture - Joe M Turner	16.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
Stage Competition for the British Ring Shield Awards followed by The Presentation of Awards and Presidential Installation	20.00 hrs	The Southport Theatre

SUNDAY 25th September 2011

Dealers' Magical Trade Fair	09.30-16.00 hrs	The Waterfront Suite
Convention Service	09.30 hrs	The Lakeside Suite
Jeffrey Atkins Memorial Lecture - Michael Finney	10.30 hrs	The Southport Theatre
A Junior Workshop followed by Balloon Workshop for Juniors	12.00 noon	The Waterfront Studio 3
Grand Charity Auction	12.00 noon	The Waterfront Studios 1 & 2
International Close-up Magic	14.30 hrs	The Floral Hall
The Great Debate	16.00 hrs	The Floral Hall
International Gala of Magic and Variety	20.00 hrs	The Southport Theatre

**Any necessary changes will be announced as the
convention progresses and shown on the notice board
at the Registration Desk**