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THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Barbara and I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 79th British Ring Convention here in Eastbourne.

This wonderful south coast resort has many fond memories, as more of our annual conventions have been held here, than anywhere else. The first convention we ever attended was in Eastbourne when Brian Miller was the President (for the first time). It is good to know that he, along with Keith Cooper, has organised the next four days of Magic which I know you will all enjoy. It has taken 18 months in planning and my grateful thanks are extended towards them and all the other personnel who work together to produce the British Ring Convention.

Whilst we are enjoying the fellowship and events arranged for our pleasure, let us not forget the members who are unable to attend due to ill health and wish them all the very best for the future.

Once again we welcome to our shores the International President of the IBM and trust that Joe M. Turner and his lady, Rosemary together with son Preston enjoy the British hospitality I am sure you will all extend towards them.

During the year we have attended dinners, conventions and regional society club nights and thank you all for the warmth of your friendship that has always been extended towards us. We have had a very enjoyable time and wish incoming president Paul Ray and his lady, Jane a most successful year.

Very Best Wishes,

Alan ASTRA

PRESIDENT BRITISH RING No. 25

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



As the International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, it is my honour to welcome you to the 79th Annual British Ring Convention. I extend my congratulations to your outgoing President Alan Astra and your incoming President Paul Ray, with best wishes for continued success. My thanks and congratulations also go to your convention organizers and your leaders at every level.

We live in a time where magic as a performing art is enjoying a resurgence in the popular culture. You can regularly find magic on stage, film, and television, and online any time the mood strikes. But in addition to being an art, magic is also a community. Like any endeavor, magic becomes more enjoyable and rewarding when you share it with others.

I encourage you grow in your skills and dedication to performing magic in a way that enhances our art and it's perception in the culture. I also hope that you'll take the time to deepen your existing magical friendships while making a focused effort to build new friendships as well, so that our art and our great magical brotherhood (and sisterhood) can thrive together.

My wife Rosemary and my son Preston have joined me on this visit; sadly, my daughter Hayley is unable to accompany us as she has started her first year at university. We hope to meet as many of you as possible.

Once again, welcome and thank you for being here.
Regards,

Joe M. TURNER

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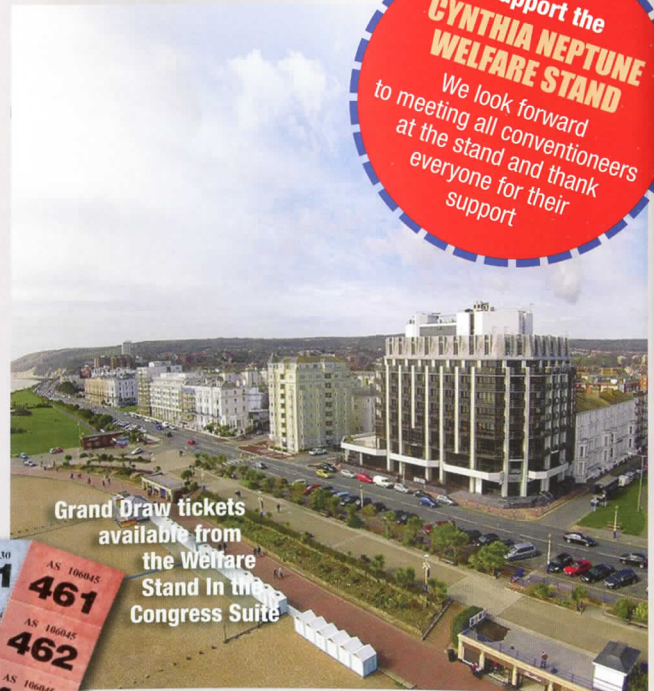
Wednesday 23 September **CONVENTION HOTEL** 19.30 hours

COLLECT YOUR REGISTRATIONS

The View

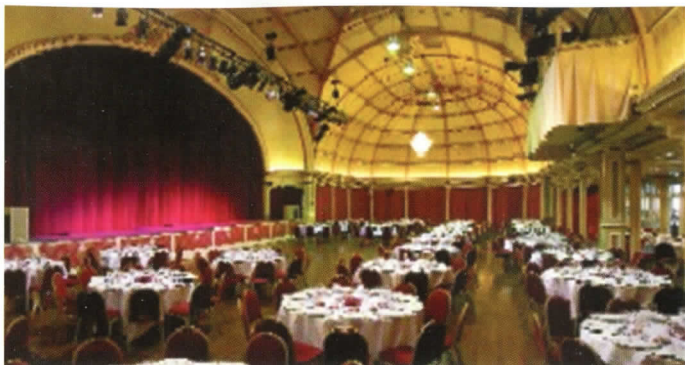
MEET AND GREET OLD FRIENDS

make new friends. have a drink or two.



Grand Draw tickets
available from
the Welfare
Stand in the
Congress Suite





Floral Hall 09.00-17.30 HOURS

REGISTRATION OPENS

Congress Suite 11.00-17.30 HOURS

DEALERS OPEN



Rick Tynan

Congress Suite 12.00 HOURS

**DEALERS SHOWCASE
AND BALLOON WORKSHOP**

Introduced by **Rick TYNAN**

Floral Hall 13.00-13.20 HOURS

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

By the President **Alan ASTRA**

in the presence of the IBM International President **Joe M. TURNER**

DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

arranged by **Rick TYNAN** held in the
Congress Suite

Thursday 11.00-17.30 hrs

Friday 09.30-17.30 hrs

Saturday 09.30-17.30 hrs

**Please check
the programme
for times**

The Following Magical Dealers will be Represented

Richard Griffin	Mel's Magic Co	Matthew Garrett
Adrian Sullivan	Peter Diamond	Wefare Stand
Palfryman's Parlour	Steve Scott	Graham Lee Ballons
Will Houstoun	Kaymar Magic	
Paul Gordon	Kovari Magic	

Entrance by 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 afternoon of Friday 25 September.

Dealers will have the opportunity of demonstrating their latest items at the Dealers' Showcase event held in the afternoon period on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday 24 September **WINTER GARDENS**

Floral Hall 13.25-14.30 HOURS

THE OPENING SHOW

Presented by **'High JINX'**

High Jinx are professional variety entertainers, Their act is a thrilling mix of Magic, Illusion, Escapology and Circus Skills





Michael Jordan and Tamsyn Sear

Gold Room 14.30-16.00 HOURS

PAUL GORDON

'Gold Dust' Workshop/mini lecture Card Magic
you Can, and Will, Do and Use.

£5 Ticket required from his stand. MAX 15 PERSONS

Paul Gordon

Thursday 24 September **WINTER GARDENS**



Eddie Dawes

Brian Lead

Donald Bevan

David Budd

Peter Lane

Gold Room 16.15-17.45 HOURS

HISTORY OF MYSTERY

presented by **Eddie DAWES**
with **Brian LEAD**, **Donald BEVAN**,
David BUDD and **Peter LANE**

Floral Bistro 19.15-20.15 HOURS

THE ALI BONGO MICRO MARATHON

Arranged by **Ian Marriott**

Floral Hall 20.30-22.00 HOURS

SUSSEX MAGIC CIRCLE

Performers taking part
Kevin MORTON, **David CROUCHER**,
The Great DESMONDO and
Stuart HARLEY



Ali Bongo



Friday 25 September **WINTER GARDENS**

Floral Hall 09.00-17.30 HOURS

REGISTRATION OPENS

Gold Room 09.15-10.00 HOURS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2015/16**

Floral Hall 10.15-11.15 HOURS

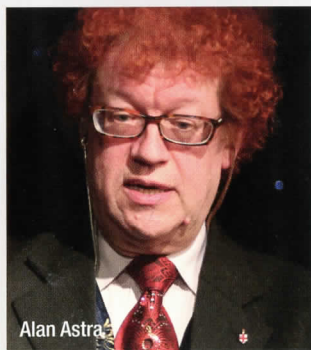
THE JEFFREY ATKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE

This is presented annually as a fitting tribute to a long serving and dedicated member of the British Ring.

Alan ASTRA will introduce

WILL HOUSTON

'Modern Magic'



Alan Astra



Will Houston

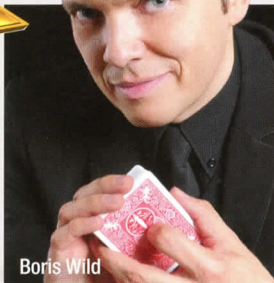
Friday 25 September **WINTER GARDENS**

Floral Hall 11.30-12.30 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

Boris WILD 'Classics Gone Wild'

Introduced by **Rick TYNAN**



Boris Wild

Floral Hall 13.30-14.30 HOURS

CLOSE UP COMPETITION FOR THE 'ZINA BENNETT TROPHY'

Arranged by **Andy STONE**

List of competitors

Matthew GARRETT, Mel HARVEY, Rob JAMES, Gary JONES, Matthew LE MOTTEE and **Lynn THOMAS**



John Palfreyman

Floral Hall 14.45-15.45 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

John PALFREYMAN 'The many faces of Just Chance' Introduced by **Brian MILLER**



Gold Room 14.30-16.00 HOURS

PAUL GORDON

'Gold Dust' Workshop/mini lecture

Card Magic You Can, and Will, Do and Use

£5 Ticket required from his stand MAX 15 PERSONS

Congress Suite 16.00 HOURS

DEALERS/BALLOON/JUGGLING WORKSHOP

Introduced by **Rick TYNAN**

Gold Room 18-21.00 HOURS

CONVENTION GALA DINNER

MENU

Fan of melon with fruits
of the forest and fruit coulis

Pan fried chicken fillet with wild
Mushroom in white wine sauce
Chefs choice of vegetables

Fruits of the forest brulee with
homemade shortbread fingers

Coffee or tea

TOAST LIST

The Queen Proposed
by the President Alan ASTRA

The British Ring
Proposed by
Joe M. TURNER
International President IBM

Response by the President
Alan ASTRA who will also propose
the toast to the guests.

Response by Rolando SANTOS
Past International President IBM

Toast Master: John PYE
Past International President IBM

Floral Hall 20.00 HOURS

NOSTALGIA

with **Bob** and **Sue HAMILTON**

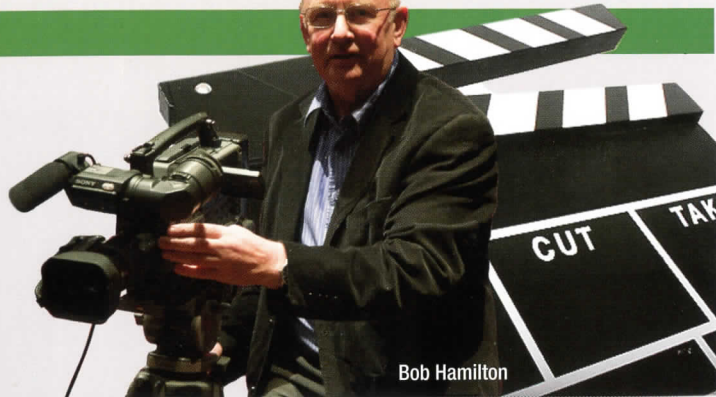
Floral Hall 21.30 HOURS

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

By the President **Alan ASTRA** Followed by

'FRIDAY NIGHT BURLESQUE'

with **Christian LEE** and **'The Folly Mixtures'**



Bob Hamilton



Christian Lee and The Folly Mixtures

Floral Hall 09.00 – 17.30 HOURS
REGISTRATION OPENS



Eric Roumestan

Floral Hall 10.00 – 11.00 HOURS
STAR LECTURE

Eric ROUMESTAN 'Perceptions'
Introduced by **Michael CARR**

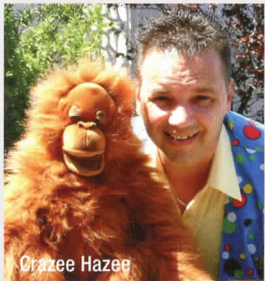
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Congress Theatre 10.30-12.00 hours
SOOTY AND FRIENDS

Magic Show. TICKET REQUIRED FROM BOX OFFICE

OUTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT

by **SNAGGERS**, **Pam COOPER** and **Crazee HAZEE**



Crazee Hazee



Pam Cooper



Snaggers



Richard Griffin

Floral Hall 11.15-12.15 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

Richard GRIFFIN

'Cruise Ship Magic'

Introduced by **Brian MILLER**

Floral Hall 12.30-13.30 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

Peter SCARLETT

'Slightly Entertaining'

Introduced by **Clive CULLUM**





Mel Harvey

Keith Cooper



Floral Hall 14.00-15.00 HOURS
GRAND AUCTION
Auctioneers **Mel HARVEY** and
Keith COOPER

Gold Room 14.30-16.00 HOURS
PAUL GORDON
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from his stand. MAX 15 PERSONS

Gold Room 16.00-17.30 HOURS
**INTERNATIONAL
CLOSE-UP**
Arranged & hosted by
Andy STONE
Peter SCARLETT UK
Eric ROUMESTAN FRANCE
Joe M. TURNER USA
Will HOUSTOUN UK
Boris WILD FRANCE



Peter Scarlett



Joe M. Turner



Will Houstoun



Boris Wild

Saturday 26 September **CONGRESS THEATRE**

Congress Theatre
INTERNATIONAL STARS OF MAGIC
AND VARIETY

Your comperes **Mel MELLERS**
The Zoe PENNINGTON dancers
Richard GRIFFIN
Niels DUINKER
ROMANY
Andrew GREEN and Co.

INTERVAL

The Zoe PENNINGTON Dancers
Mel MELLERS
Steve HEWLETT and Friends
Charlie MAG
NATALIE & ELI

Mel Mellers

Richard Griffin

Niels Duinker

The Zoe Pennington dancers



Charlie Mag

Natalie and Eli

Andrew Green

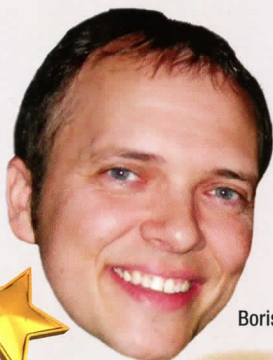
Steve Hewlett
and Friends

Gold Room 09.45-10.15 HOURS

CONVENTION SERVICE

Conducted by **Alan CLARKE**

The service will be undenominational collection for the Welfare Fund



Boris Wild

Gold Room 10.30-11.30 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

Boris WILD 'Classics Gone Wild'

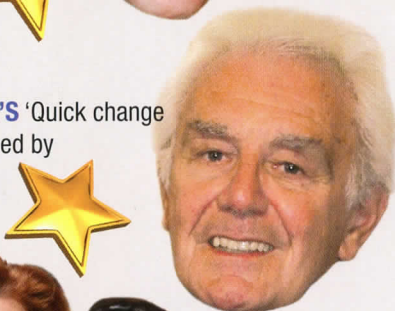
Introduced by **Rick TYNAN**

Gold Room 11.45-12.45 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

RETONIO presents **NATALIE & ELI'S** 'Quick change secrets' Introduced by

Brian MILLER



Brian Miller



Retonio,
Natalie and Eli



Mel Mellers

Gold Room 13.00-14.00 HOURS

STAR LECTURE

Mel MELLERS 'Making Magic Entertaining'

Introduced by **Paul RAY**

Gold Room 14.15-15.15 HOURS

STARS OF THE FUTURE

Presented by **The Magic Circle Young**

Magicians Club Introduced by
Kevin DOIG Chairman



Kevin Doig

Gold Room 15.30 HOURS

GRAND DRAW

Followed by
Installation of your
new President

Paul RAY

CLOSE OF CONVENTION

Paul Ray



THE ZINA BENNETT TROPHY – PAST WINNERS

1958 Fred Lowe	Peter Duffie	1997 Herman Koster
1959 Howard Peters	1978 Rex Cooper	1998 Jon Allen
1960 Arthur Settington	1979 Ken Hawes	1999 Trevor Stone
1961 Bob Ostin	1980 Harry Nicholls	2000 Lee Davis
1962 Ali Bongo	1981 Mark Leveridge	2001 Sean Carpenter
1963 Claude Manley	1982 Janet Clare	2002 Mark Shortland
1964 Ted Daniels	1983 Rex Cooper	2003 Richard Pinner
1965 Jack Lowen	1984 Eddy Smit	2004 Mel Harvey
1966 Norman Pearce	1985 Kevin Reay	2005 Tim Shoesmith
1967 Larry Spencer	1986 John Hotowka	2006 Marc Oberon
1968 Arthur Settington	1987 Tony Brooks	2007 Steve Dela
1969 Not held	1988 Mike Austin	2008 John Van der Put
1970 Geoff Ray	1989 Stephen Ford	2009 Steve Dela
1971 Trevor Lewis	1990 David Jones	2010 Alex Hansford
1972 Kevin Fox	1991 Patrick Maddison	2011 Matthew Wright
1973 Bob Read	1992 Steve Bedwell	2012 Vadim
1974 Christopher Payne	1993 Dusty	2013 Steve Faulkner
1975 Not held	1994 Alistair Cook	2014 No contest
1976 Bob Gill	1995 David Penn	
1977 Wayne Dobson &	1996 Jayson George	

APPRECIATION

The President, Officers and Organisers express their gratitude to all who have supported this our 79th Convention.

The President of The International Brotherhood of Magicians, Joe M. Turner
Congress Theatre, House, Stage Crew and Staff

All the artistes and lecturers

The Stewards

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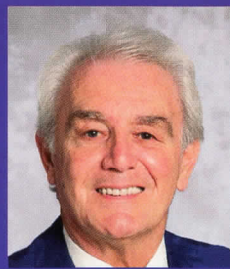
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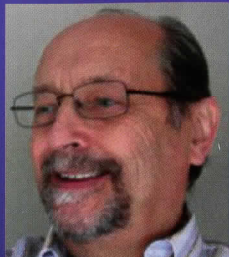
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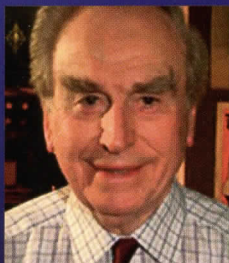
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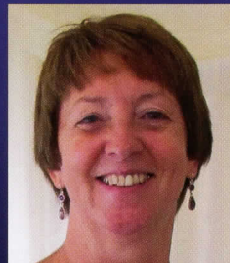
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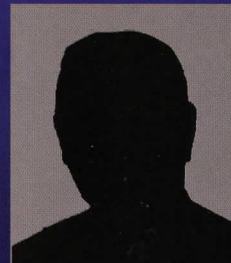
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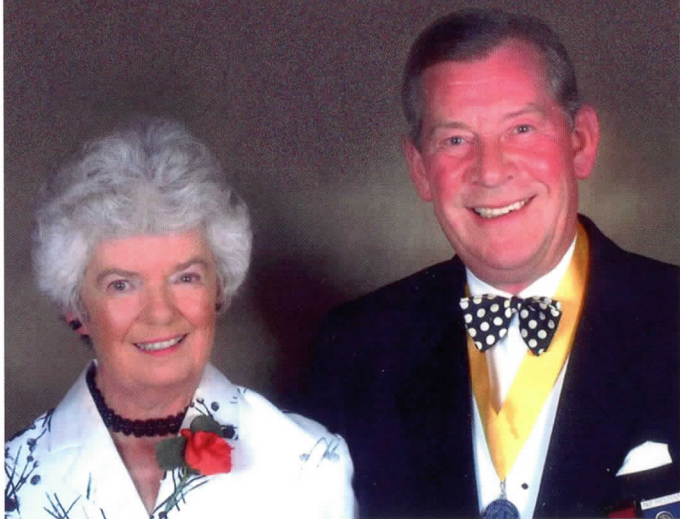


Graham Colvan

Have fun with Magic
at Eastbourne

from John & Carol Pye

Lazy Acres, The Croft,
Grindleton, Clitheroe BB7 4RW



Keith & Pam Cooper
Wish you a
Magical Eastbourne
Convention



Brian and Audrey Miller

Send best wishes for an **Enviably, Educational, Exhilarating**
and **Exciting Eastbourne** convention.



1938 John Ramsay	1967 Drew Masters & Tess	1989 Alex Taylor	2011 Ta Na Manga
1939 Sydney Smith	1968 Christian	1990 Richard Griffin	2012 Not Awarded
1946 Stanley Thomas	1969 Tony Shelley & Elizabeth	1991 Jimmy Carlo & Crystal	2013 Oliver Tabor
1947 George Smaliwood	1970 Geoff Ray & Pat	1992 Philippe	2014 Edward Hilsum
1948 Geoffrey Robinson	1971 Malcolm Nunn	1993 Not Awarded	
1949 Billy McComb	1972 Otto Wessely	1994 Tricky Business	
1950 Louis Martelle	1973 The Waldos	1995 Marie Claude Chantelle & Co	
1951 Frank Boynett	1974 Hardy Werner	1996 Guy Barrett	
1952 Peter Warlock	1975 Brian Miller & Audrey	1997 Not Awarded	
1953 Elizabeth Warlock	1976 Sam & Joy Mallinson	1998 Alfonso Rios	
1954 Derrick Speight	1977 Martin Scott-Price	1999 Mark Taylor	
1955 Devolyn & Irene	1978 Brian Sefton	2000 Leo Ward	
1956 Geoff Gregson	1979 Not Awarded	2001 Mark Shortland	
1957 Ron MacMillan	1980 Josephine	2002 The Great Nardini	
1958 Marjorie Waddell	1981 Crisco	2003 Richard Pinner	
1959 Ralph Hall & Mollie	1982 Not Awarded	2004 Safire Illusionists	
1960 Larry Spencer	1983 Marc & Jane	2005 Roy Davenport	
1961 Robert Sinclair	1984 Richard Kyall & Joanna	2006 Paul Dabek	
1962 Robert Swadling	1985 Shahid Malik	2007 High Jinx	
1963 Gordon Watts & Shirley	1986 Al Glennan	2008 Jonathan Shotton	
1964 Ali Bongo	1987 Mystina	2009 Tai-Hsiang Chou	
1965 Phil Haigh	1988 Not Awarded	2010 Romany	
1966 Morine			



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PAUL AND JANE RAY

hope you have a
fantastic convention in
wonderful Eastbourne



Our first lady President in 106 years
British Ring member **Kay Murray** sends greetings
on behalf of

The Order of the Magi 
MANCHESTER'S MAGICIANS' SOCIETY

to all conventioners

Meetings normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
the month at the Irish World Heritage Centre Manchester

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wishes you all a
most happy and
enjoyable
convention



Best Wishes for a successful convention

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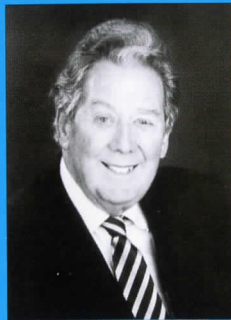
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lecture,
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convention price.

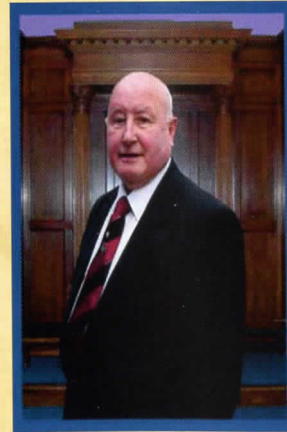


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THIS WILL BE
A VERY
SUCCESSFUL
CONVENTION**

Trevor Dawson



**Fraternal Good Wishes
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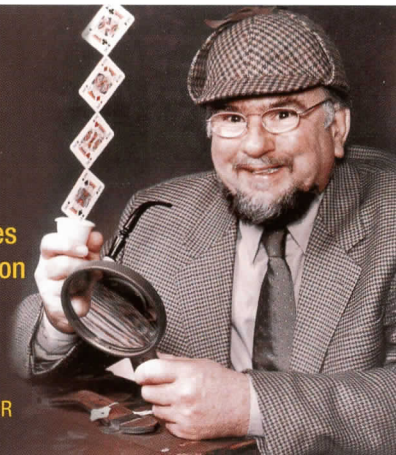
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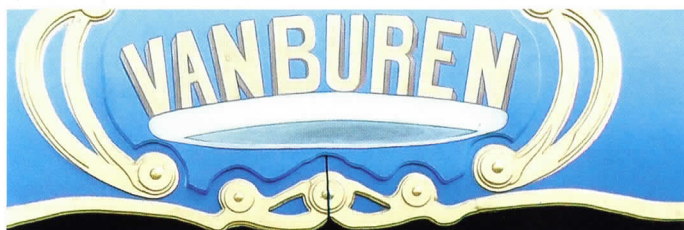


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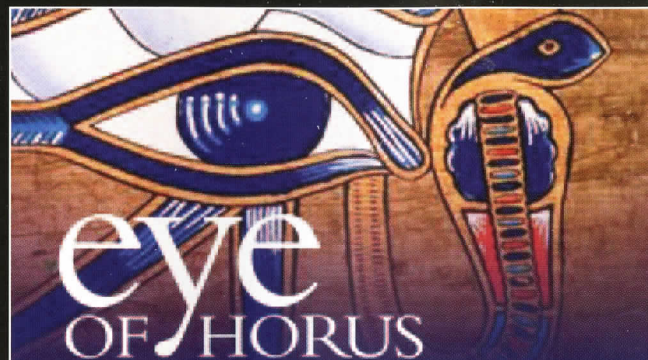


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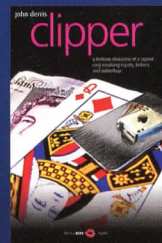
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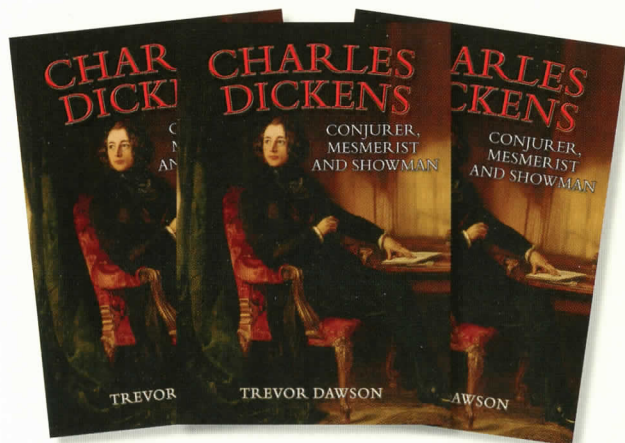
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