

The International Brotherhood of Magicians British Ring No 25



82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION
SOUTHPORT 6 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2018



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THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



On behalf of the I.B.M. British Ring No. 25 I'm extremely proud to welcome you to this fantastic convention.

For those of you that attend regularly you will know that this is possibly the friendliest magic convention in the UK. For those of you here for the first time, I know you will

experience the warm welcome that typifies the I.B.M.

The British Ring membership has grown in numbers in recent months and it is very important that our membership keeps growing in order that events such as these can get better each year. Please, if you have guests with you that are non-members or indeed you know people that may be interested in joining us, spread the word!

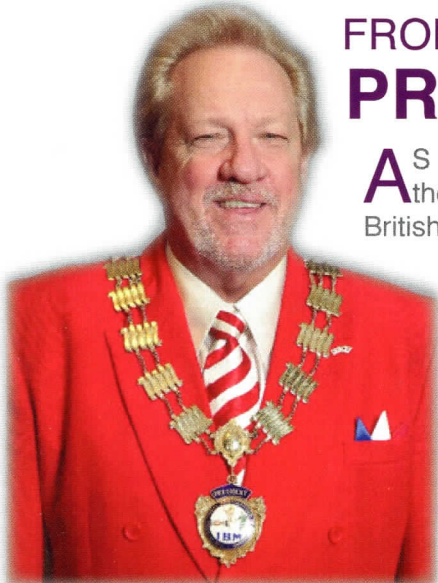
I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few days.

Here's to a truly magical time in Southport - enjoy!!

With warmest wishes

Richard

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



AS President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians I would like to thank the I.B.M. British Ring for this glorious honor of being invited to attend this year's British Ring convention in Southport. I have always enjoyed my experiences in the United Kingdom and look forward to this visit as well.

Michael Finney

International President 2018-2019
International Brotherhood of Magicians

Photo by Michael Messing

Special Venue Shows

We are delighted we once again went into the community to entertain some of the residents in Southport at Revitalise Sandpipers Care Centre and various community groups at The Atkinson. Organised by Rick & Carol Tynan, performers included Aidan Heritage, Brian Lead, Alan Maskell, Ray Roberts, Brian Sefton and Steve Short.

POLICY ON ALL TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

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Please ensure your mobile phone is switched off or switched to silent during any programmed event. Mobile phones may not be used for any method of photography or recording.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF SEFTON COUNCIL



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the International Brotherhood of Magicians to Sefton for their convention, I sincerely hope you have a wonderful time in our fantastic Borough; during your stay there is plenty to see and do, so I hope that all of you take the time to see as many of these things as possible. I am also very much looking forward to attending your gala show on Saturday 8th September. Thank you for choosing Sefton to hold your convention and hope to see you return in the future.

Councillor Dave Robinson

Mayor of Sefton

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DEALERS' MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

Thursday	12.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Friday	10 am – 5.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 am – 5.30 pm
Sunday	9.30 am – 4 pm

ENTRANCE BY 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. Thanks also to the dealers for supporting our Junior Voucher scheme.

The Craig Trophy will be awarded to the dealer presenting the most attractive display. Dealers will have the opportunity of demonstrating their latest items at the Dealers' Showcase event being held on Friday afternoon in the Atkins Corner.

The following magical dealers will be represented

- Adrian Sullivan
- Dark Arts Leathercraft
- Brian Berry
- Wayne Dobson
- Discount Magic
- Graham Lee
- Anthony Owen
- British Ring Welfare Stand
- Aaron Calvert & Sam Fitton
- Steve Short



STICKLAND STUDIO AND ATKINS CORNER

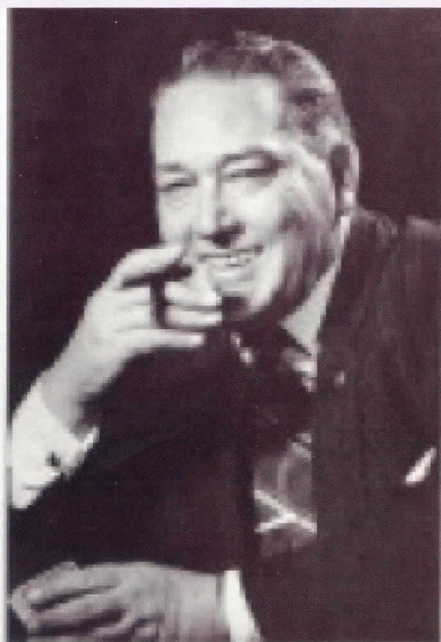
Bill Stickland and Jeffery Atkins are names that have a very strong affinity to the British Ring. Some of our newer members and delegates may not be aware of their background so we thought we would re-introduce these stalwarts once again. We want them to be remembered and during our convention we have the Jeffery Atkins Memorial Lecture, and the bronze bust of Bill Stickland which has adorned the stages of the venues over the years and is now part of our welcome at the Registration desk.

This year we thought we would bring their names to the fore once more and have named two of the areas for our events with them in mind, so when you want to know where to go, just look for the Stickland Studio and the Atkins Corner.

If you don't know who these remarkable men were, then read on and you will find out just what they did for the British Ring.

BILL STICKLAND

In 1932, William G Stickland (Bill) of Dorset then aged 32, went up to London to attend the annual dinner of the British Ring of the I.B.M. It was the last dinner to be organised by Dick Nesfield (Dleisfen), British Ring secretary since its formation in 1928, before his retirement from the post for personal and business reasons. What happened next can be summed up in Bill's own words.



'I did not anticipate when I left for dinner that I should return with the burden of the secretaryship on my shoulders'

He intended only being interim secretary until the end of the year, but in fact was still in post for the next 52 years until his death in 1984.

Bill, 'The Wessex Wizard' was a magician full of ingenious ideas and was one of the earliest contributors to both the Linking Ring and the Budget. He appeared regularly at the Ring events in London and also at the first convention in Cheltenham in 1931. His magic was unusual and would not work for everybody, but his themed presentations - his Tennis act, his Dice Man act and his remarkable 'Living Marionettes' were long remembered by all who saw them.

Although recognised as a singular magic entertainer, it is his outstanding work for the I.B.M. that is remembered with awe. He oversaw the growth of the British Ring from just under 100 members to over 1500 at the time of his death, he was President of the Ring twice and International President for 1971/72, the first non American to be so honoured. Later he

was awarded the I.B.M. Medal of Honour. In the UK he was appointed MBE, for 'services to magic', a rare honour for a magical entertainer.

JEFFERY ATKINS

In 1946 Bill was joined by Jeffery Atkins from the neighbouring county of Hampshire to be Assistant Secretary for the then growing society. Jeff got the magic bug early at school and was accepted as a member of the Associated Wizards of the South at the age of 14. He remained an enthusiastic member of that organisation for the rest of his life and was for a long period its President. He served in the navy during WW2 and on demobilisation began his long Ring involvement. He was then 27.



Descriptions of Jeff's early magic shows show him to be a performer with a broad range of general magic 'in the David Devant manner' as it was put at the time. Later British Ring convention audiences however, tend to remember him for his illusions. For 25 years until 1985 he presented 'Illusions of the Masters' on the convention Gala show. The illusions were either original from his own collection or reconstructions made especially for the shows. His act allowed modern audiences to see again famous illusions from the past.

In 1955 he added the role of Treasurer of the Ring to his responsibilities as well as assisting Bill especially during the years of Bill's declining health. After Bill's death in 1984 he became the Ring secretary, a role he performed with notable success until his own death in 2001. Like Bill before him, he was President of the Ring and International President of the I.B.M. in 1977, the second Briton to be so honoured. As he remarked in a speech 'The British Ring is my life, and as long as I have life, I will devote it to the Ring'.

Between them Bill and Jeffery served the British Ring for 63 years, a feat unlikely to be achieved again.

ARTISTS APPEARING

AARON CALVERT

Mind reader and hypnotist Aaron Calvert originally trained as a doctor before swapping his stethoscope for the stage. In the 3 years since graduating Aaron's career has rocketed. Two sell-out Edinburgh Fringe runs, 5 star reviews from national press and a recent Channel 4 hypnosis TV show. His natural charisma on stage and undeniable showmanship means Aaron has become highly sought after in the theatre and TV world. A master of hypnosis specialising in striking and thought provoking hypnotic feats Aaron will be sharing his techniques as taught on his refreshing approach course.



AARON CALVERT



FIFTH DIMENSION

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Fifth Dimension is Jeff Burns and Ivor Smith. Their work as magicians has taken them around the world - from Singapore to Hollywood's world famous Magic Castle and Las Vegas. Entertaining at corporate and private parties they captivate, amaze and inspire audiences with their magic. Combining humour, sleight of hand, mind reading, illusion and lots of audience participation they bring their unique form of madness to the stage with style, sophistication and the occasional hiccup. They are also world renowned presenters and TEDx speakers delivering keynote speeches at high profile business events and conferences where they use their magic to engage audiences with a range of topics including safety, leadership, creativity and working together.



DION



ROY FIELD

DION

As a child growing up in Delft in the Netherlands, Dion van Rijt was fascinated by theatre, discovering magic as the perfect way to express himself and, finding that it fitted perfectly with ballet, he developed his first prize winning acts. Building on his success Dion became internationally known appearing on tv shows such as the Monte Carlo Magic Stars and in many famous venues including the Crazy Horse, Paris. His Magic Tango act won many international prizes and Dion became European Champion of Magic in 2011. His theatrical combination of surrealism, ballet, imagination and magic led to The Magic White Rabbit in 2013 and the dynamic fantasy character Mr Purpurs in 2016, both acts bringing more international recognition and success. Dion is currently working on two new acts, one of which will be seen for the first time in the UK here in Southport.



WAYNE DOBSON



MICHAEL FINNEY

ROY FIELD

Roy has been involved in magic for nearly 60 years. When performing he specialised in cabaret and children's magic, but now concentrates mainly on researching magical history. He is the author of the official history of the British Ring, Linking Britain, published in 2011. At present, he is the lead columnist of the Gallery of Master Magicians in the Key Ring magazine. He was given the Award of Merit for 2017 by the IBM for articles in the Linking Ring.



SAM FITTON



PAUL FREEMAN

WAYNE DOBSON

In 1977 Wayne Dobson jointly won the Zena Bennett trophy in the British Ring Close-up competition which led to his first TV appearance on Blue Peter; the rest is history ... his own TV series 'A Kind of Magic', theatre shows and tours, working Las Vegas and, of course, that appearance on the Royal Variety Show. A great star of British magic, winner of The Magic Circle's Maskelyne Award for his contribution to magic, Wayne continues to tour with his lecture and to write, invent and produce new magic; the British Ring is delighted to have him here at Southport!

MICHAEL FINNEY

Michael Finney is a stand up comedy magician. From his childhood years in school to this very day he has always wanted to make people laugh. As a professional bartender he found that with magic he could get paid while making drinks and still have fun making people laugh behind the bar. Soon the magic took over. He has received awards from Seigfried and Roy, the AMA Magic Castle in Hollywood and the World Magic Awards. He has been able to give back through magic by travelling to the Middle East and around the world numerous times entertaining troops from all over the world who value common freedoms. He started a foundation to help less fortunate in our world. Magic gave him every opportunity to become the person he is today.

SAM FITTON

Sam Fitton is a national award-winning magician, ideas man, author and magic consultant. His years of experience and ingenuity allow him to create incredible bespoke mini illusions and he has rapidly carved himself a niche as one of magic's original thinkers. A professional performer in his own right, Sam is also co-writer and director of Aaron Calvert's stage shows and was consultant on Channel 4's 'Hello Stranger'. In early 2018 Sam published his first book, 'Golden Rules of Wedding Magic' to critical acclaim and the first business book for magicians focused solely on wedding entertainment. Sam also likes to make clown horn noises in supermarkets.

PAUL FREEMAN

Since retiring, Paul, who is an Associate of The Inner Magic Circle, has spent many years researching the history of magic, and has spoken at international magic conventions both here in the UK and in Berlin, Vienna, Hamburg and Turin. Paul gave his very first talk for the British Ring of the I.B.M. here in Southport in 2003 and is delighted to be back again.



ANDI GLADWIN



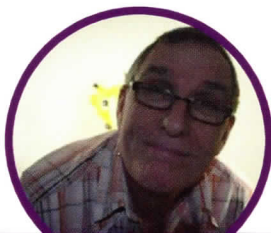
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MICHAEL JORDAN/HIGH JINX



DEAN LEAVY



GRAHAM LEE



DARREN MAC



JON MARSHALL



ANTHONY OWEN

ANDI GLADWIN

Perhaps Andi Gladwin's greatest trick is how he divides his time between being a professional close-up magician, magic creator, author, co-founder of Vanishing Inc. Magic and lecturer. His Master Pushoff and Multiple Revelation Project DVDs were best sellers and received rave reviews in all major magic journals. His 'Magic Squared' effect is a true show stopper and his books 52 Memories and Blomberg Laboratories are both amongst the biggest selling magic books of the last decade. Andi has lectured at the biggest conventions in the world including The Session, Blackpool, FISM, Magi-Fest, MAGIC Live, The Genii Convention, and many more. He was recently featured on UK TV's 'Next Great Magician,' Penn & Teller: Fool Us and Masters of Illusion.

AMETHYST / DANNY HUNT

Amethyst are international illusionists Danny Hunt and Stephanie Clarke. Highly acclaimed as one of the UK's top magic and illusion acts, Amethyst have established themselves as world-class performers. With their fresh and dynamic approach, they lead the way in cruise ship, corporate and private events. Their unique and versatile shows have attracted world-wide acclaim and taken them around the globe, dazzling audiences in many countries.

MICHAEL JORDAN/HIGH JINX

Michael was The Magic Circle "Young Magician of the Year" 2009-2011 and from there he has become one of the most popular family entertainers in the UK. He has produced, directed and starred in his own show for the past seven years in Blackpool venues, currently at Viva, and also tours the UK and Europe playing to full houses at theatres and holiday parks. Constantly in demand for his versatile circus skills as well as his magic, he is delighted to again be part of the British Ring convention.

DEAN LEAVY

Magician Dean Leavy is a young, up and coming performer based in Windsor. At the age of 8 he began his journey by performing simple tricks to friends and family as a hobby; however, his interest grew quickly and he soon realised that he had a passion and skill for magic. At the age of 18 he is currently the youngest member of the prestigious Magic Circle and is the most recent recipient of 'The Young Magician of the Year' award from The Magic Circle which he received in April 2017. Most recently, Dean's performances have seen him travel to Amsterdam, Chicago and Las Vegas to hone his magical skills and develop his award winning act with some of the most knowledgeable magicians in the world.

GRAHAM LEE

Graham has been in the entertainment business for over 28 years and is an experienced professional entertainer, entertaining family and young audiences all over the world with his magic and balloon art.

DARREN MAC

Darren Mac blends magic and comedy to entertain audiences right across the country. He brings over 25 years of performing experience to the stage to amaze and delight audiences of all ages. His ability to entertain adults and children alike is unique and led to him being crowned the youngest British Magical Champion at just 16 years of age. He is one of the most sought after magicians in the UK and Prince Charles said he was incredible. It is time to find out why!

JON MARSHALL

Jon has been involved in magic and theatre all his life. A member of The Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star, Jon, with his Magic Carpet Theatre, takes magically-themed plays and circus workshops to schools and venues throughout Britain and abroad. His keen interest in sideshow illusions means he is constantly touring with these to festivals and sea-side resorts around the country.

ANTHONY OWEN

Anthony Owen is recognised by his peers as one of the world's most creative magicians. He is a past winner of the David Berglas Award and is a Member of The Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star. He has worked behind the scenes as a creative consultant and / or Executive Producer with many of the world's top magicians, including Derren Brown, Penn and Teller and Dynamo. Winner of multiple awards (BAFTAs, Rose D'or, Royal Television Society, National Reality Television Award) for his work as Creator and Executive Producer of UK television magic shows and specials. Author of over twenty books on magic, including the recently reprinted 'Anthony Owen's SECRETS' which has been acclaimed with five star reviews from magazines, websites and magic blogs around the world. And he has a blue tick on Twitter! @anthonyowenmagi

He is excited and honoured to be presenting the Jeffery Atkins Memorial Lecture at Southport.

Photo by Robert Wilson



MARCO PUSTERLA



VANNI PULÉ



QUENTIN REYNOLDS



SAFIRE ILLUSIONISTS



SOOTY WITH RICHARD CADELL



MIKE SULLIVAN



ALEXANDER WELLS



SOUTHPORT DANCE ACADEMY

MARCO PUSTERLA

Marco Pusterla AIMC* is a well-known magic historian, publisher, author, lecturer and performer. He publishes the quarterly magazine *Ye Olde Magic Mag* and has organized the 2017 edition of the European Magic History Conference in Turin, Italy. As a speaker, he has presented his research in Los Angeles, Paris, Hamburg, London, Rome and elsewhere. He performs regularly his brand of close-up and cabaret magic in the East Anglia region. At Southport, Marco will present the fascinating history of Bert Powell, seen from the eyes of his long-standing assistant and partner.

VANNI PULÉ

In his own country, Vanni Pulé is a household name because of his hundreds of TV appearances over the years. His forte, however, was cabaret and, together with his wife, Mary Anne, and his other box-jumpers, he entertained holiday makers and locals in most hotels and clubs. He also performs close-up for conferences and corporate events. For magicians, he published various ideas on magic magazines on both sides of the Atlantic and he won the Howard Bamman Trophy twice. He also lectured to various societies. Between 2011 and 2012 he was International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

QUENTIN REYNOLDS

Quentin has performed in almost all possible performing venues. From parties in private homes to the theatre stage. Some venues include performing outdoors in a field, in a GOAT BARN for the McDonnell family (who make yoghurt up the Wicklow mountains), and the most memorable of all at the Charleville Cheese festival when a bus broke down in the middle of the audience.

SAFIRE ILLUSIONISTS

Safire have worked in theatres all over the world, including The Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. They have worked with many of the top names in show business including Joe Pasquale, Peter Kay, Ken Dodd, Richard Branson, Danny La Rue, Jimmy Tarbuck, Bradley Walsh and Joanna Lumley to name but a few. As well as performing, Stuart & Libby run a successful production company - 'Magic Light Productions', producing pantomimes every Christmas and touring children's shows across UK theatres. They also run 'Magic Light Puppets' and supply special effects and UV puppet sequences for production companies and events all over the UK and internationally.

SOOTY WITH RICHARD CADELL

The little bear and his friends will be joining us once again and we are looking forward to helping him celebrate his 70 years entertaining families everywhere. His very special friend Richard will be with us as our President this year and is looking forward to another fun convention.

MIKE SULLIVAN

Mike Sullivan is best known as the other half of DTRIK : The Magic of Wayne Dobson. Wayne describes Mike as his right (and left) hand man. However, Mike is also an accomplished professional close-up magician. He has worked for some of the biggest blue chip companies and all over the world. A busy boy, Mike likes dynamic and to the point magic that will amaze and bemuse his audiences. So working with one of the most commercially prolific inventors of magic, it's not hard to assume his magic is exactly what it says on the tin.

ALEXANDER WELLS

Alexander has spent the last ten years creating and performing original and imaginative magic on stages around the U.K. and Europe. After beginning as a street performer, Alexander moved on to work in cabaret and variety in theatres and clubs around the country. In 2015 he joined the cast of the House of Illusion magic theatre in Spain as compere. Alexander quickly became a principal stage performer before taking on the role of Head Magician, leading the show, working with other magicians on their acts and assisting with writing, magic consulting and directing. He now works for private clients around the U.K. and performs on cruise ships.

Alexander's *Multiplying Bottles* routine has become his signature piece attracting plaudits and acclaim from respected peers in magic. His show encompasses humorous, post-modern re-imaginings of classical themes in magic and performance.

SOUTHPORT DANCE ACADEMY

Southport Dance Academy is one of the most successful theatre schools in the northwest. Pupils have appeared on ITV television, Sky 1, BBC, the Disneyland Paris spring parade and on the stage of Cinemagique. Many past pupils are now working in the West End and on TV. The Southport Dance Academy are delighted to be invited back to appear with the magicians of the International Brotherhood of Magicians British Ring.

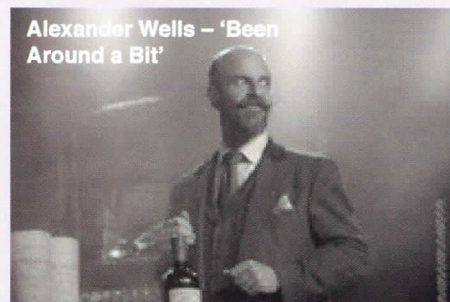


Thursday 6th September 2018

(Programme may be subject to alteration)

- 9.30 AM REGISTRATION DESK OPENS – DOWNSTAIRS FOYER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Carol Tynan and her registration team will be pleased to welcome everyone and distribute the delegate packs. The desk will remain open until 5 pm.
- 10 AM OUTSIDE ESCAPOLOGY STUNT – OUTSIDE ATKINSON ARTS CENTRE, LORD STREET**
Amethyst's Danny Hunt will perform a daring escapology feat for the people of Southport.
- 11 AM OFFICIAL OPENING – FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE**
The British Ring President, Richard Cadell, in the presence of The International President of the I.B.M., Michael Finney, and The Mayor of Sefton, Dave Robinson, will welcome delegates and officially open the convention for 2018.

- 11.15 AM OPENING SHOW**
ALEXANDER WELLS – 'BEEN AROUND A BIT' – FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE
Alexander Wells has vaudevillian wit, urbane delivery, a love of English tailoring, interesting facial hair...oh yes, and he's been around a bit....



- 12.30 PM DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPENS**
EXHIBITION SPACE, WATERFRONT SUITE
Closes at 5.30 pm

- 1.30 PM LECTURE – DARREN MAC – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
'The Darren Mac Lecture'. Darren is a professional magician performing both close-up and comedy cabaret magic for adults as well as being one of the busiest children's entertainers in Yorkshire. His lecture features tricks with cards, business cards, impromptu effects, coins, children's tricks and tricks for the stage. There is also much more than magic with lots of hints and advice about performing for children in the modern day, business branding and choosing the right material for the right occasion.

- 1.30 PM BALLOON WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Balloon creations for everyone to learn. Graham Lee will be passing on his years of experience and teaching the skill of this craft.

- 3 PM LECTURE – QUENTIN REYNOLDS – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Quentin's lecture includes magic from his professional repertoire and covers close-up, children's magic and mentalism. With over thirty years in the business and over ten thousand shows under his belt, you will benefit from his knowledge and experience in real-world situations. Regardless of what kind of magic you perform the tips and ideas Quentin will discuss cover all aspects of professional presentation.

- 4.30 PM PUPPET WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
If you have an interest in puppets or in black art theatre, this is one not to be missed. Stuart and Libby aka Safire, will be happy to help anyone who comes along to learn this fun skill.

- 4.30 PM LECTURE – JON MARSHALL – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
'The Magic of Sideshows'. Jon has been involved in magic and theatre all his life. He has researched, restored and presented many of, showman, Jon Gresham's original 1950s sideshow illusions including, The Headless Lady, The Girl in the Goldfish Bowl and The Living Half Lady. He has created new sideshows for festivals and seaside resorts all featuring magical and illusion techniques. "I get a great kick out of seeing young teenagers run, screaming and laughing, out of our Mummy Show tent where they have just seen a Victorian illusion invented in 1862!"

- 7.30 PM BRITISH RING SHIELD COMPETITION – FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Followed by the Award Ceremony after a short break. Details on Page 14.

- 11 PM LATE NIGHT EVENT – PEAKY BLINDERS, 589 LORD STREET**
This will be an informal, spontaneous event. Come along and maybe even take part while you have a drink. Quiz, bizarre magic, open mic – anything could happen so don't miss out.

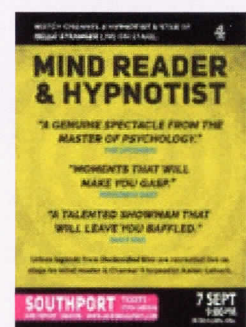
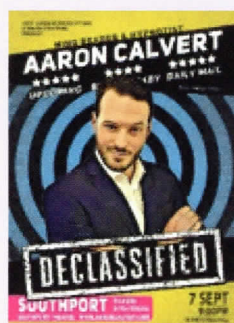
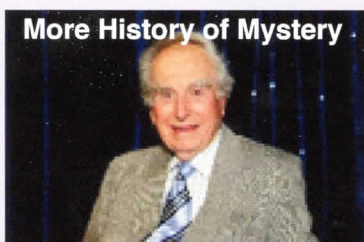
Friday 7th September 2018

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Due to the AGM taking place this morning, the Registration Desk and Dealers will not open until 10 am.

Registration Open from 10 am – 5 pm • Dealers' Exhibition Open from 10 am – 5.30 pm

- 9 AM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
- 10.15 AM JEFFERY ATKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
This is presented annually as a fitting tribute to a long serving and dedicated member of the British Ring. Richard Cadell will introduce Anthony Owen, 'Anthony Owen's Secrets'.
- 11.45 AM STARS OF CLOSE UP – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Performers include Vanni Pulé, Andi Gladwin, Quentin Reynolds, Mike Sullivan
- 11.45 AM JUGGLING WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Michael Jordan will give tips and advice to help with various styles of juggling.
- 1.45 PM MORE HISTORY OF MYSTERY – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Presented by Eddie Dawes, with Paul Freeman on 'The Poster, the Printer, the Performer: the Story of an Iconic Poster'; Marco Pusterla assisted by Stella on 'Music-Hally Yours: the Career of Kuang Seng (Bert Powell) through the Memories of his Assistant'; and Roy Field on 'A Raging Social Success: Magic as Home Entertainment'.
- 2 PM DEALERS' SHOWCASE – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Demonstrations of their effects and ideas.
- 4 PM LECTURE – ANDI GLADWIN – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE**
Andi has a wealth of performing experience and knowledge of the magic industry and its history. He is a world class sleight of hand artist whose routines are filled with wit, charisma, and a ton of magic.
- 4 PM & 4.30 PM PROFESSOR JON'S FLEA CIRCUS – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE**
An enchanting show re-creating all the fun of an Edwardian Flea Circus with a touch of humbug, bunkum and comedy. We guarantee the only Fleas you will leave with are the ones you have brought with you. No real fleas are harmed during this presentation! Billed to appear are Bella the Weightlifting Flea, Madame ZaZa on the tightrope, Danny the Dare-Devil High Dive and Frederico the Flea Cannonball, all trained from scratch!
- 7.15 PM ALI BONGO MICRO MARATHON – VICTORIA BAR, ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE WATERFRONT SUITE COMPLEX**
- 9 PM AARON CALVERT: DECLASSIFIED – FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE**
What if all the stories you heard were true? Urban legends contained within declassified files are recreated live on stage by master hypnotist Aaron Calvert. Sell-out shows 2016 and 17. 'A quirky alternative that will leave you baffled' **** (Daily Mail). Calvert combines his astounding skills in hypnosis, magic and mind reading to demonstrate inexplicable feats. 'Moments that will make you gasp'**** (BroadwayBaby.com). Starring in Channel 4's hit new TV show 'Hello Stranger' Calvert's power of suggestion pushes the boundaries of what people can, and will do. Seeing really is believing. 'Jaw-dropping entertainment'****(Telegraph).
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THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS BRITISH RING 25 PRESENTS



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MAGIC SHOW



MICHAEL JORDAN



DARREN MAC

MAGIC BOX

Meet **RICHARD + SOOTY** after the show!

RICHARD CADELL
WITH **SOOTY, SWEEP + SOO**



Southport Theatre
Saturday 8th September 2018
10.30 am
Tickets not included
in Registration Pack

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Southport Theatre - Saturday 8th September 2018
7.30pm • Ticket included in Registration Pack

Your compere for the evening, **Quentin Reynolds**, will introduce the
following artists

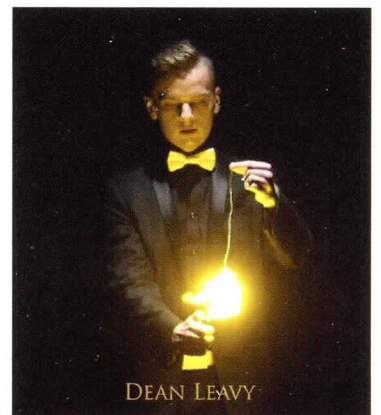
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Southport Dance Academy
Fifth Dimension
Quentin himself
Dean Leavy

2ND HALF

Southport Dance Academy
Michael Finney
Magic Tango
Michael Jordan
Safire Illusionists

Stage Director: Graham Colvan



Saturday 8th September 2018

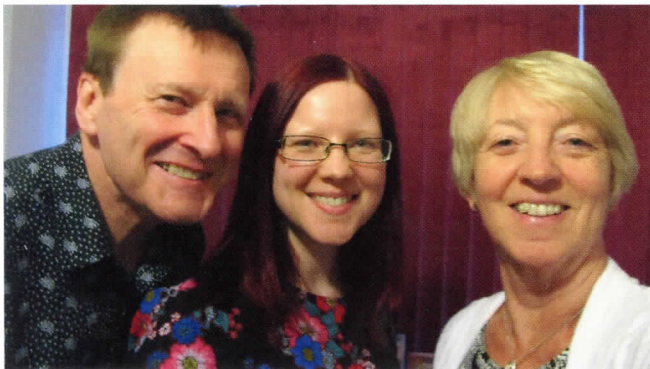
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REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 9.30 AM – 5 PM

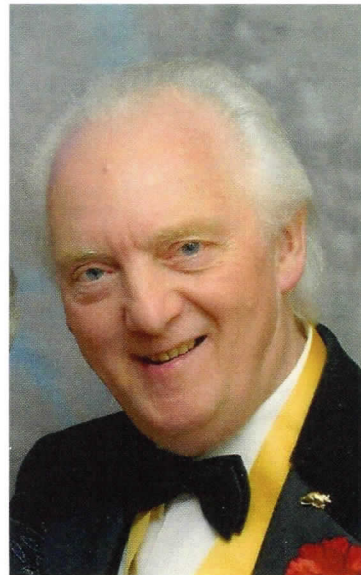
DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 9.30 AM – 5.30 PM

- 9.45 AM LECTURE – FIFTH DIMENSION – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE
'Magic in the Fifth Dimension'. Our insight into Collaboration, Creativity & Content.
- 10.30 AM THE SOOTY & FRIENDS SHOW – SOUTHPORT THEATRE
Not included in Registration. Tickets can be bought at the Southport Theatre Box Office.
- 11.15 AM CLOSE UP COMPETITION, FOLLOWED BY THE AWARDS – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE
Details on Page 15.
- 1.30 PM LECTURE – WAYNE DOBSON – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE
Entertainment is the main message, and with a chat between Wayne and Richard Cadell there are bound to be plenty of laughs.
- 3 PM LECTURE – ALEXANDER WELLS – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE
'Modest Proposals'. Alexander teaches effects and techniques from his professional performing repertoire of stage, cabaret and close up magic. He examines the subtleties and details that have been garnered from hundreds of performances for paying audiences along with a look at ideas for building a distinctive character and breaking down the processes for developing creative thinking.
- 3 PM BALLOON WORKSHOP – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE
Balloon creations for everyone to learn. Graham Lee will be passing on his years of experience and teaching the skill of this craft.
- 4.30 PM NOSTALGIA – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT STUDIO
With Bob and Sue Hamilton.
- 7.30 PM GALA SHOW – SOUTHPORT THEATRE
- 10.30 PM LATE NIGHT EVENT – PEAKY BLINDERS, 589 LORD STREET
This will be an informal, spontaneous event. Come along and maybe even take part while you have a drink. Quiz, bizarre magic, open mic – anything could happen so don't miss out.

Greetings From The Tynans



**Rick, Jemma and Carol
wish everyone a magical
82nd I.B.M. British Ring
No. 25 Annual Convention**



Past President JOHN STYLES MBE
wishes you all a most happy and
enjoyable convention.

Sunday 9th September 2018

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REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 9.30 AM – 4 PM

DEALERS' EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 9.30 AM – 4 PM

9.30 AM CONVENTION SERVICE – ATKINS CORNER, WATERFRONT SUITE

Conducted by Alan Clarke. The service will be non-denominational with a collection for the Welfare fund.

10.15 AM LECTURE – MICHAEL FINNEY - STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE

'My Life in Magic'. The ins and outs and lessons learned.

11.45 AM YOUTH SHOW – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE

This show will be something a little bit different.

1.30 PM LECTURE – AARON CALVERT & SAM FITTON
STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE

'Building the hype: Taking close up to the stage'. Making close up effects fill a stage is no mean feat but it's something Aaron Calvert & Sam Fitton have done with surprising results. In this lecture they'll talk through making your magic, mentalism & hypnosis play big on a stage with live demonstrations and explanations. Throw in a big dollop of tongue in cheek comedy, 5 star reviews from national press, multiple sell out theatre shows, a TV special & a microwave lasagne for two and you're half way to understanding why people think Sam & Aaron are a couple. This is a lecture we're all looking forward to ...



2.45 PM LECTURE – DION – STICKLAND STUDIO, WATERFRONT SUITE

'Magic Tango'. Dion passes on his skill of creativity, theatre and manipulation of objects such as roses, fans and cards.

4 PM CLOSING SHOW – HIGH JINX
FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE

Family entertainment with magic, circus and fun.

5.15 PM INSTALLATION & CLOSE OF CONVENTION
FLORAL HALL, WATERFRONT SUITE

Brian Lead will be installed as our new president, and perform his first duty by closing the 2018 convention.



THE BRITISH RING IS HERE FOR OUR MEMBERS

The British Ring has always held a welfare fund for the benefit of members and this has enabled the trustees to be generous in specific cases of need. I am pleased to report that this fund is still in a position to offer such assistance, indeed it may be under employed at present. If there are any Ringers experiencing mobility restrictions who could attend the convention with support, it may be possible for the welfare fund to help defray the cost of registration or travel for an appropriate carer. All requests are, of course, treated sympathetically and in total confidentiality. I hope that you all enjoy this year's convention fully.

With best wishes to all,
Alan, British Ring Chaplain

COMPETITION FOR THE BRITISH RING SHIELD AWARDS

Organised by Oliver Tabor

Compered and Introduced by Don Greenberg

Running Order of Competitors

1. Martin Gardner (Tinhay, Devon)
2. Stuart Brown (Derby, Derbyshire)
3. Neil Roberts (Solihull, West Midlands)
4. Andy Storm (Loughborough, Leicestershire)
5. Megan Knowles-Bacon (Eltham, London)
6. Henri White (London)
7. Fraser Stokes (Straiton, Ayrshire)



AWARDS

THE BRITISH RING SHIELD Awarded only to an act achieving outstanding magical excellence

BRITISH RING TROPHY 1st place plus £500 for the most entertaining magic act

THEO SPEAKER CUP plus £250 for the runner up

ALASTAIR WAND plus £100 for the third prize

CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY for originality shown in effect, method or presentation

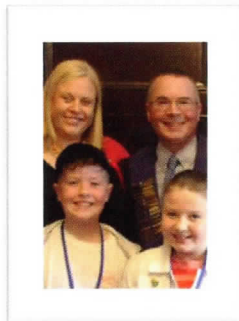
DITTIA SHIELD awarded for Manipulation

TOM HARRIS CUP awarded for Comedy

Chair of Judges: Alan Maskell

Judges: Alexander Wells, Stuart Loughland & Libby Edwards (Safire), Michael Finney

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks



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on the occasion of its 82nd Convention

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President

**Michael Diamond
and Members**

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THE BRITISH RING CLOSE UP COMPETITION

Organised and introduced by **Bill Simpson**

ELLIOT BIBBY (Edinburgh)

MICHAEL NETO (Alfred) (North Ayrshire)

BOB ROMANOFF (The Wirral)

RICK TYNAN (Merseyside)

OLIVER WARD (Essex)

HENRI WHITE (London)

DARREN WRAY (Cornwall)



AWARDS

1st prize the Zina Bennett Trophy plus £500

2nd prize £250

3rd prize £100

The 'Rovi' Trophy will be awarded for the most entertaining and skilful act using cards

Chair of Judges: Vanni Pulé

Timekeeper: Tony Brooks

Clive and Jean

wish everyone a magical and memorable
experience at this year's
Southport Convention



Best Wishes

from



Bill and Eleanor Simpson

to all the contestants

in the Close up Competition

and to everyone at

SOUTHPORT

Have a great convention



APPRECIATION

The President, Officers and Organisers express their gratitude to all who have supported this our 82nd Convention.

- The President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Michael Finney
- Waterfront Southport, Stage Crew and Staff
- Mayor Robinson & Sefton Council
- Sammi Rudge, Southport Conferences
- Helen Ford, Sefton Council
- All the artistes and lecturers
- Graham Colvan for Stage Management
- The Stewards
- The Judges in all competitions
- Merson Grant
- Helpers on the Welfare Stand
- Bob and Sue Hamilton for video projection and recording
- Our advertisers and sponsors

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Stage Director	Graham Colvan
Stage Crew	Ian Black & Barry Nowland
Sooty & Friends Show	Richard Cadell
Stage Competition	Oliver Tabor
Close Up Competition	Bill Simpson
Time Keeper	Tony Brooks
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History of Mystery	Eddie Dawes
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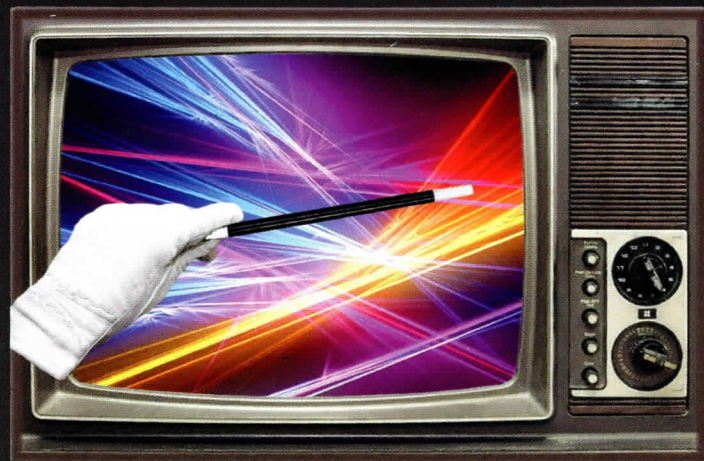
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Features, Welfare, Your Say etc
The Editor welcomes articles for consideration
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This space sponsored by Kay Murray
Vintage Tube Columnist

Best wishes

**FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION AT SOUTHPORT
from THE ORDER OF THE MAGI**

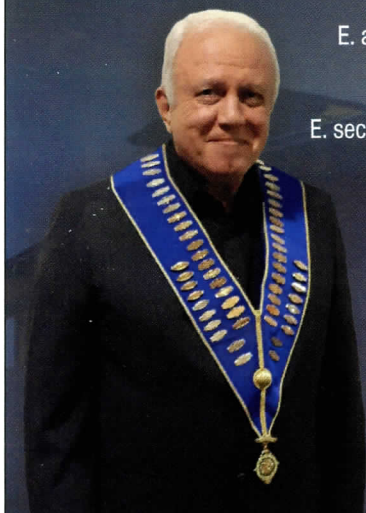
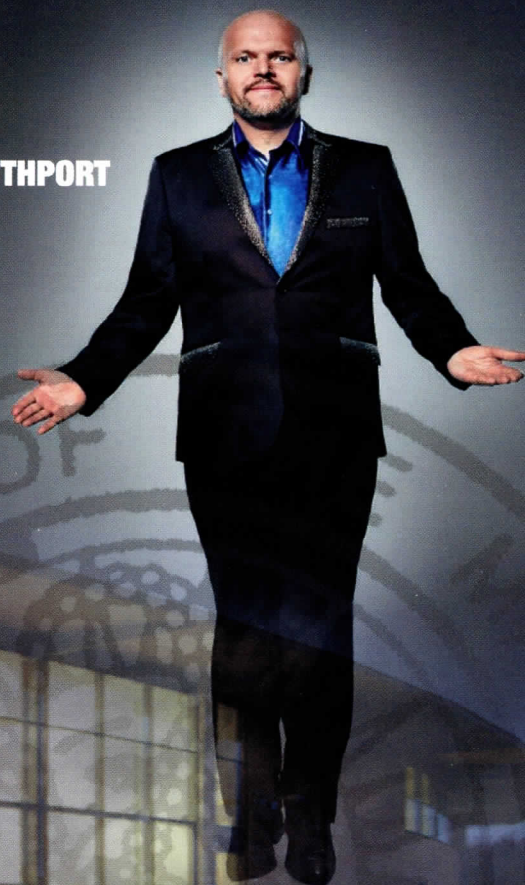
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