



23rd – 25th May 2020
Nonvention

From the webmaster and chief organiser

On the 6th April 2020, I circulated council suggesting that due to the cancellation of our convention, we could perhaps host a virtual one on the website. All were agreed this seemed like an excellent idea and so I set to work trying to source content. I wanted to include a dealers hall, a competition area, a theatre area which would have timed events. Originally, I expected this to run for two days, but when the event was announced on Facebook it was for the three days of the late May bank holiday weekend – as it turned out, this was just as well as thanks to some amazingly generous members (and non members) we had enough content to fill those three days, whilst fulfilling my own design brief of ensuring that members could get on with their normal lives.

And so I set to work finding the necessary “plugins”, gathering the content, uploading it to a streaming service, designing the pages, resetting lots of passwords and guiding people through the logon process – and 6 weeks later, we went live.

It wouldn't be a British Ring event without at least one hitch – and the first hitch was the entire website crashing – probably due to the work given to it by the timed plugin – so that had to be scrapped, and the “old fashioned” edit as you need to method had to be employed. Virgin Media also decided that 7pm Sunday would be ideal to have some coverage issues, so although most members could access the website, I couldn't and was therefore unable to do the edit to put the gala show live – thank heavens for the Facebook group – I was able to share the link to the first half so MOST people were able to watch it at the advertised time.

My thanks go to all those in the various events who gave their permission to be included – all are credited in the following pages.

Aidan Heritage

International Presidents Welcome

Thanks for putting together a great event for the magic community. I appreciate the viewing access and cannot wait to join the fun.

I hope you can join me at the I.B.M's free weekly lecture at facebook.com/ibmmagic, livestreamed every Tuesday at 9:00pm Eastern and kept for one day before moving to the members area of magician.org/resources/jam-videos

Keep Calm and Perform Magic,
- Alex Zander
International President,
International Brotherhood of Magicians

Programme of Events

Saturday 23 May 08:00 Kovari History (54 minutes duration)

Saturday 23 May 11:00 Mark Leveridge Lecture (30 minutes duration)

Saturday 23 May 14:00 Opening Show (30 minutes duration)

Saturday 23 May 16:00 Chris Wardle (30 minutes duration)

Saturday 23 May 19:00 Kovari Show (16 minutes duration)

Saturday 23 May 20:00 Elliot Bibby (23 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 09:00 Fay Presto Doc (16 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 11:00 Vanni Pulé Ring 25 Lecture 2020 (27 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 14:00 Rupert Appleyard (67 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 16:00 Paul Nardini IBM Nonvention 2020 (26 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 19:00 Gala show pt 1 (52 minutes duration)

Sunday 24 May 19:00 Gala show pt 2 (60 minutes duration)

Monday 25 May 08:00 Pat Page (14 minutes duration)

Monday 25 May 11:00 Andi Gladwin - British-Ring-lecture (27 minutes duration)

Monday 25 May 14:00 Jon Marshall (10 minutes duration)

Monday 25 May 14:00 Roy Field (24 minutes duration)

Monday 25 May 16:00 George Kovari - 3 shell game revisited (19 minutes duration)

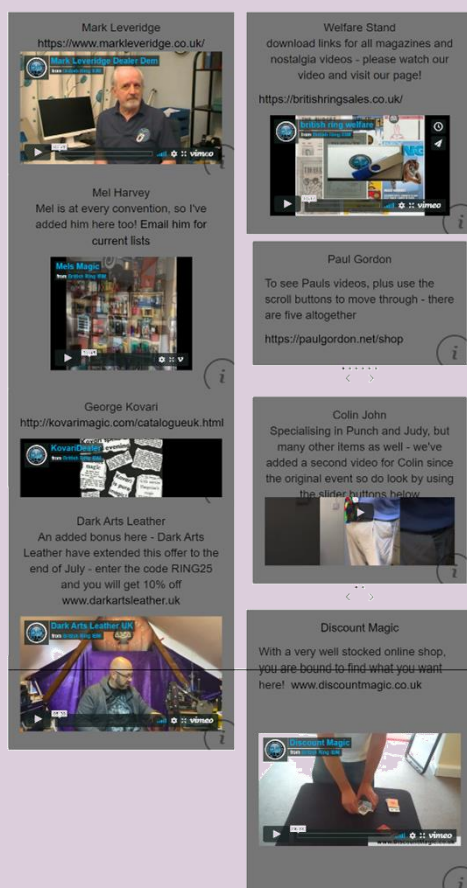
Monday 25 May 19:00 High Jinks (33 minutes duration)

Mark Leveridge

Mark was the first to respond to the request for help – and within 24 hours had provided both a dealer dem and a lecture - the lecture being content from his excellent E-club pro. I have fond memories of seeing Mark at our conventions in the past, and am sure everyone will find something of interest in Marks contributions to our online event. His lecture takes place on Saturday morning and is a packed 30 minutes.



Dealers Hall

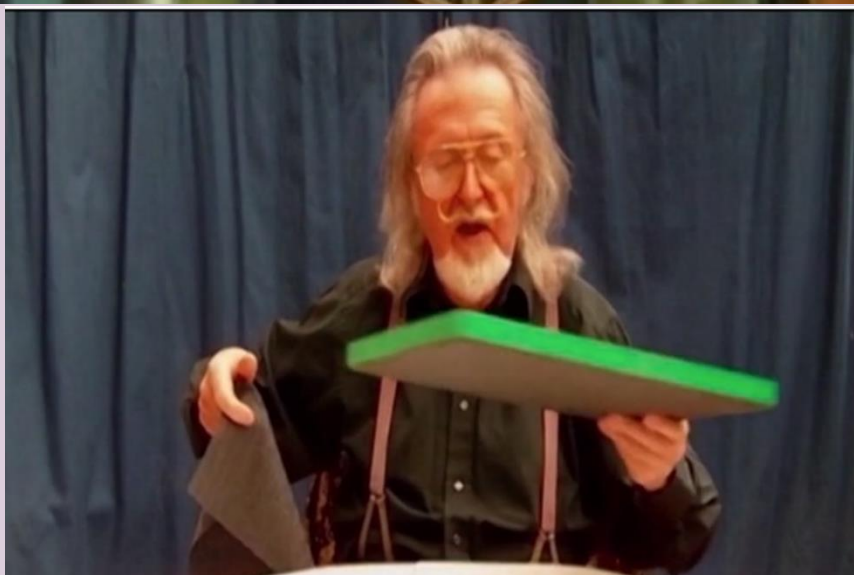


When I came up with the idea of the Nonvention, I wanted to include as many elements of an actual convention as possible – and so we have a virtual dealers hall – each dealer has given me one or more videos to showcase their offerings, and each dealer has a link to the website – please do support our dealers

Mark Leveridge	https://www.markleveridge.co.uk/
British Ring Sales	https://britishringsales.co.uk/
Mel Harvey	mel@melharvey.com
Paul Gordon	https://paulgordon.net/shop
Kovari	http://kovarimagic.com/catalogueuk.html
Colin John	https://colinjohnmagic.co.uk/
Dark Arts Leather	http://www.darkartsleather.uk/
Discount magic	https://www.discountmagic.co.uk/index.php

Kovari

George provided a vast array of items for me to choose from – so we were able to include him in the dealers hall, as well as in the theatre with 3 different videos – we hope you enjoy them. He opens our event with almost an hour on the history of the “Shooting through a lady” illusion. Our closing show for Saturday is taken from The Magic Circle opening events and is 16 minutes of vintage Kovari. And finally, he appears in a lecture/dealer dem on Monday afternoon.



Andi Gladwin



Andi had already been involved in an online event when I approached him to be part of ours as Vanishing Inc. had run ShareMagic: Live 2020. I was very pleased when he agreed to record something for our event – he gives us our Monday morning lecture, which should have you opening up that pack of cards and trying some of his ideas.

Opening Show



I was able to combine current video clips with classic video clips as I had the whole of YouTube at my disposal as well as calling in favours from performers. Enjoy again (or maybe for the first time) the magic of David Nixon, Shawn Farquhar, Ali Cardabra, Mark James, Jeffrey Atkins and Ali Bongo. Due to the sources used, some of the quality may not be the best, but I hope that won't spoil your enjoyment of the first IBM Show I've ever put together!

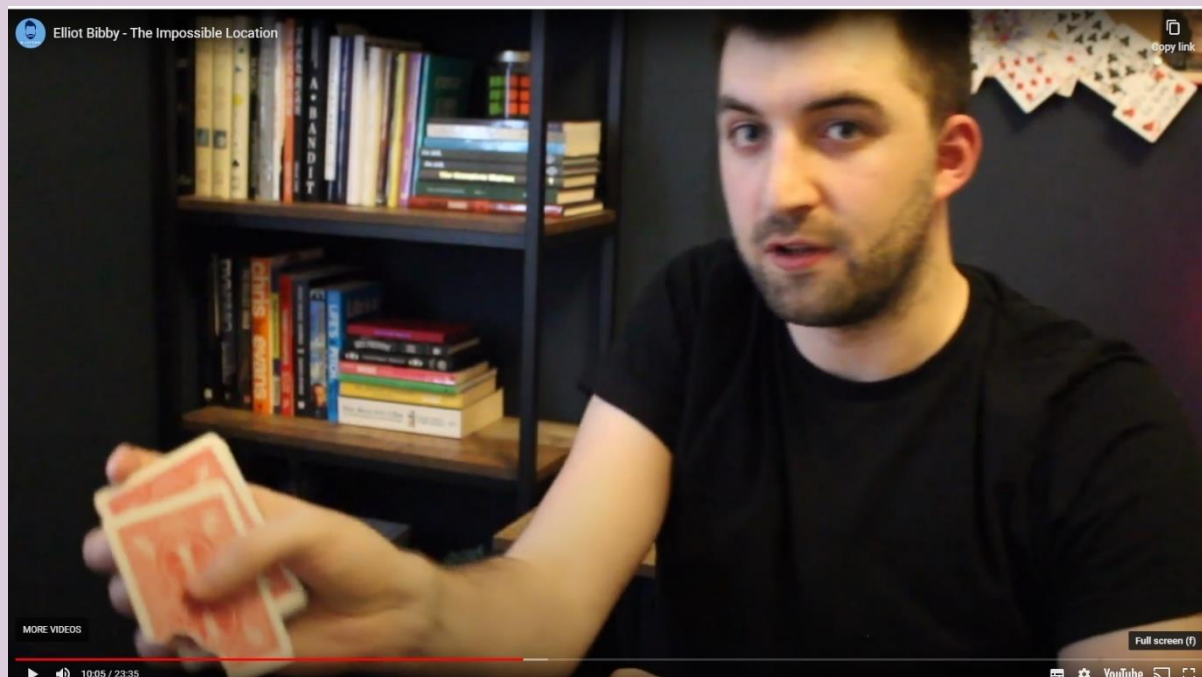
Chris Wardle



We were very pleased when Chris agreed that we could include clips from his Eastbourne 2019 lecture in the nonvention – his lecture is in the late afternoon on Saturday – you won't want to miss it!

'The Book of the Lectures', containing the items lectured, plus 35 other effects and 'Creating the Impossible', which contains the 'Jigsaw Card' templates and 14 other effects, still available, please contact: chriswardle@themagiccircle.co.uk

Elliot Bibby



Elliot very kindly offered a video shortly after the programme had been put together – and then I remembered that at the actual conventions we often have night time sessions – so Elliot becomes our night time performer – not that late, as I have scheduled it to start at 8pm on Saturday, but as it's the last session of the day it runs through until Sunday morning – so the night owls have a real treat here.

Fay Presto and Hanna Aqvilin



We extend our grateful thanks to both Fay and Hanna for allowing the nonvention to be able to show this fascinating documentary into the life (pre-lockdown) of Fay as a working magician. 16 minutes will fly by and is an excellent start to our Sunday events.

Vanni Pulé



Vanni has already helped the digital side of the British Ring as he came to my aid when I put out a request for the PDF's of the Budget – he had most of them, so the ones in the archive are from his collection. Although we have seen him many times at conventions, he has never given a lecture – so our nonvention gives us the chance to see some wonderful ideas from a working professional.. Vanni is our Sunday morning lecture.



I have long been an admirer of Rupert's work and was thrilled when he agreed to film something for our event. You are not going to be disappointed as he takes us step by step through the process of creating one of his larger balloon models – and gives an excellent lesson in the flat weave technique which will be useful for many other models. And not a sharpie or glue gun in sight. Sunday afternoon is when you can watch this.

Paul Nardini



Paul takes us on an in depth look at the sucker silk routine starting from constructing the gimmick – a really well thought out piece on a trick he clearly knows well – this 26 minutes lecture will take place on Sunday afternoon after Rupert's piece.

Gala Show



We are very grateful to Bob Hamilton for not only putting this amazing show together for us but also spending the time necessary to gain permission for them to be included – sit back and enjoy the show from the best seats in YOUR house! Our gala show brings our Sunday night to a fabulous close, but come back on Monday for MUCH MUCH more!

First half

THE ZOE PENNINGTON DANCERS

ROMANY

NORM NIELSEN

JEFF HOBSON

LES BUBB

MICHAEL PEARSE

MIRKO

PAUL ZENON

SIMON LOVELL

Second half

RAFAEL & JENNY

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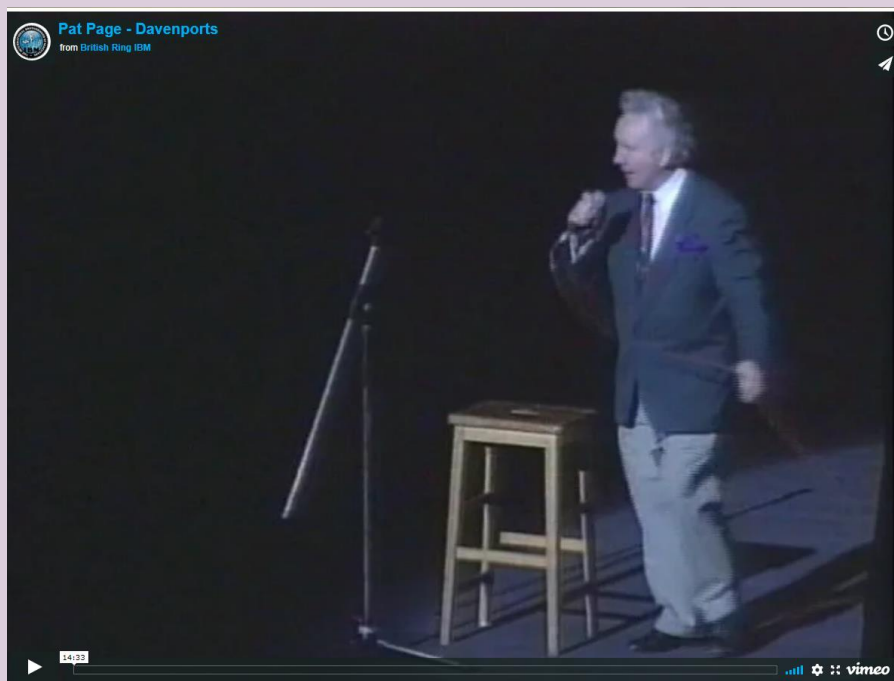
MAX MAVEN

DAVID WILLIAMSON

MAC KING

THE GREAT TOMSONI

Pat Page



We owe a debt of gratitude to the Davenport family (and especially John) who agreed to allow us to show this lovely clip of Pat talking at the Davenports Centenary filmed in 1998 at Brighton. Thanks also to Pat's daughter Janette for permission to include it. This talk is a lovely way to start our final day.

Jon Marshall



Following a phone call from Jon, I was delighted to receive a DVD of a short film that was originally shown on the BBC Nationwide Programme. Jon explains it both before and after the clip itself, and I'm sure you may well want to watch it more than once! A lovely way to let your Monday lunch settle, as you settle down to watch this!

Roy Field



In our conventions, we have a history of mystery section – I've tried to include a number of items that fall into this category in the nonvention, but I've spaced them out throughout the event. This one is closest to the form you will find in a convention, but as you are effectively sitting in the chair opposite Roy, even if you normally give these sessions a miss, I think you will find something of interest here as Roy talks about the first secretary of the British Ring Diefsen.

High Jinks



By kind permission of Michael Jordon, we end our event with a live recording of High Jinks from the Blackpool Tower. Michael has supported us at many conventions and it seemed fitting to allow him to be the closing act for this event.

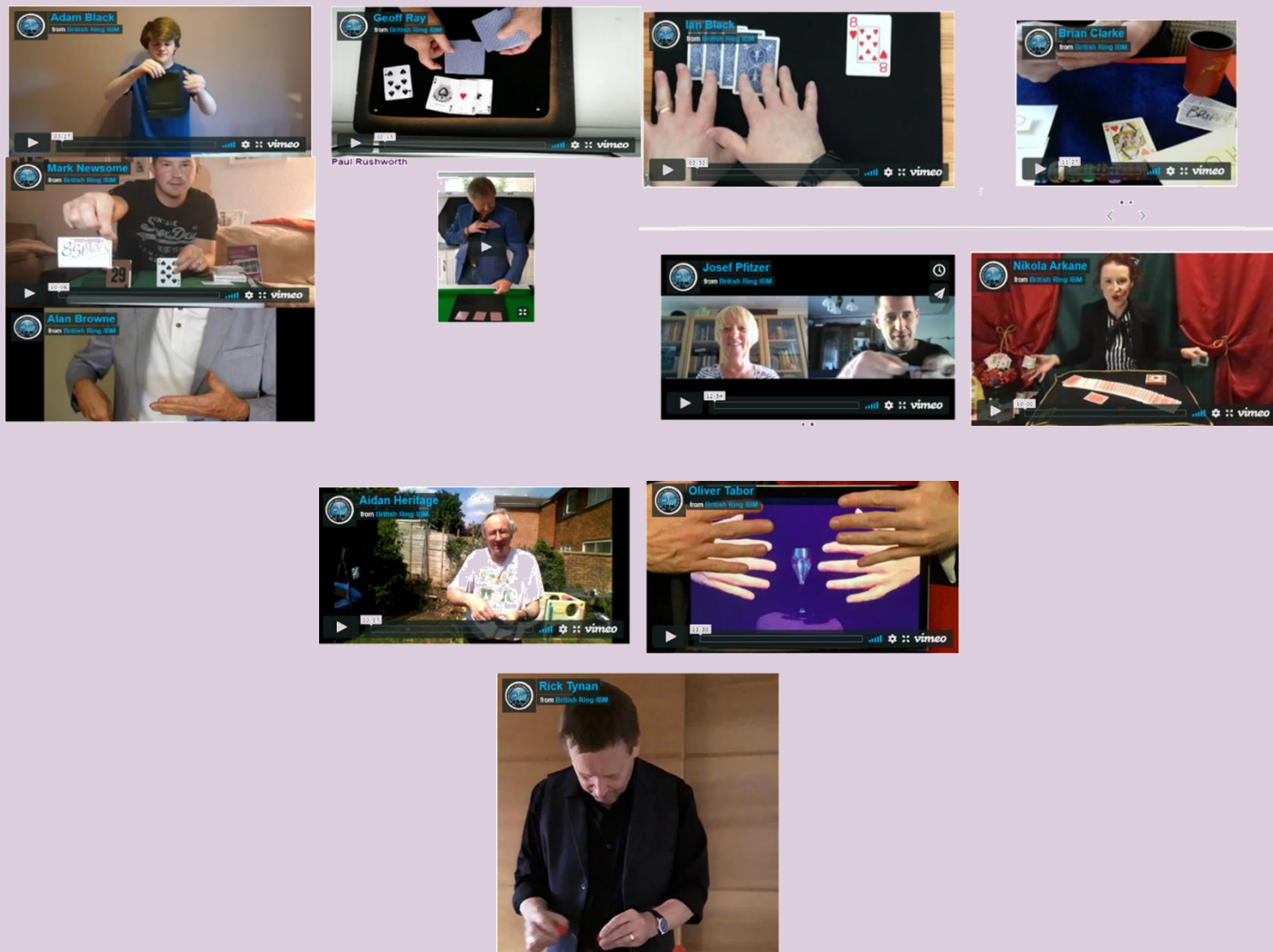
Children's performers

In the children's area, we have three videos, which will be available throughout the event – so you can pick a time to dip in to this area. We have Philip Partridge from his Sooty Show appearance, Tricky Ricky gives us a dealer dem cum lecture, and to round things off I've put up a video I had made of myself performing at my younger daughters birthday party



Competition

When Ali Bongo set up the annual “micro marathon” it was intended to be real-world magic. I felt that during lockdown, magic performed to an audience of a camera alone was probably quite real world, and so that is what we have here. My suggestion to our competitors was no more than 10 minutes, and to be filmed in landscape – they weren’t rules, which is just as well as some are in portrait! Enjoy and vote for your favourite.



To the competitors my very grateful thanks for taking the time to participate – they are

Brian Clarke, Ian Black, Nikola Arkane, Josef Pfitzer, Rick Tynan, Adam Black, Oliver Tabor, Geoff Ray, Paul Rushworth, Alan Browne, Mark Newsome – and a guest appearance from Aidan Heritage

From The Archives/Members clips

Whilst I wanted the event to be something you could fit your ordinary life around, I felt that there may be times when people wanted just a little bit more – so was born the idea for the “from the archive” section. This included videos available elsewhere in the members area, and a full list of links to the videos posted daily in our Facebook group by yours truly. We also received some items from members which didn’t fit into the rest of the programme, so we have created a members clips section for you to enjoy.

Aidan Heritage



The British Ring extends it's VERY grateful thanks to all participants of our first nonvention. We should have been meeting up in Leicester for our annual picnic, instead circumstances dictated this (and all other events for the year) had to be cancelled. We hope that this event goes some way to giving you the true sense of fun and friendship that the British Ring conventions bring – to help with this please do join in the chat at the [Rings Facebook group](#)

Our final thanks go to YOU the members – without you, there would be no point organising any event – you are the British Ring.