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Patron edition

**The Magazine of the Derby Magic Circle**

The Derby Magic Circle AGM was held at the Breadsall Hall on Wednesday 28th March 2012. The proceeding progressed smoothly with little interruption from the floor.

The Sec'y reported 11 committee meeting throughout the year and a very successful annual dinner. Furthermore new equipment had been purchased to enhance our stage presentiaions and included a Star Curtain and a new Lighting Rig.

The Treaurers Report showed some confusion regarding the Dinner expenditure and the substantial reduction in the Hilton House returns.

The Treasurer indicated unless there was a substantial increase in our Show returns the Circle would not be solvent in a few years from now. Subscriptions were not altered.

The balance as of 28th February 2013 was £2,477.01.

Our President expressed his thanks to the Committee for their help throughout the year and Doug Gregg for organising and running our Patron Scheme. The election of the Committee went foreward unopposed and stands as follows.

Secretary A Humphries.

Assistant Secretary, Patron Officer, Membership Secretary : D Gregg.

Treasurer: S Grundy. Producer/ Stage Manager/Booking Officer : A Humphries

Fund Raising Officer; J Ellison. Promotions Officer: C Moore:

Member Representatives: D Colona, N Spencer, President Elect and Web Officer: P Sharp

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. FOR MEMBERS AND PATRONS

Unfortunately it is that time of the year again when your annual subscriptions are due.

I can not stress to strongly how essential it is to the Circle that subscriptions are paid on time to ease our cash flow situation during these difficult financial times.

Also we are in the process of compiling a new membership list and this can not be completed until all members have paid their dues.

Patrons subscriptions are also due at an unchanged cost of £12. Your membership is extremely valuable and greatly treasured by the Circle and we would welcome your continued membership and assistance. If I mention that it costs over one pound to mail out your "Sorcerer" this is still very good value for money.

All subscriptions should be sent to me at my home address:

Doug Gregg, Poplar View, 5 Larkhill, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 0US

Thank you in advance for your continued support, Doug Gregg

# Bringing MAGIC Back to School

Valentine day became a very special day for over 200 children and adults of the Mickleover Primary School. The 14<sup>th</sup> February '13 was the day that the Derby Magic Circle came to do a Magic Show under their 50-50 school fund scheme. To say all had a good time would be a gross understatement, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and by the end of the show there was a room full of happy excited children ready to go home after a wonderful afternoon.



The show was programmed to start at 3-30 in the afternoon and the hall had to be cleared by 5 o`clock and with a quarter of an hour refreshment break, it only left an hour for the show. Furthermore, as the children did not finish school until 3-20 we did not get started until 3-40. This meant that all the performers had to keep a very strict time limit on their performances.

Three stalwart performers stepped up to do the job. Namely our president Tony Wollett, Des Coloner and Doug Gregg. These were ably assisted by our wonderful, reliable roadie, Brian Ordish without whose help it would be difficult to set, run and dismantle the show. Doug started off the proceeding with a short introduction and introduced the first performer, our President Tony Wollett who skilfully worked through six card repeat, colour changing silks and finished off with his fluffy puppet dog routine.

Des was our second magi, showing all his years of skill and experience in handling a large group of children. He ran through finishing with his orange juice over an assistants head routine. A routine that always gets the kids shouting with excitement.

After a short interval to fill the faces of the children and a welcome drink for the Mums, Doug finished off the show. He worked through Luna ( sliding die with a Moon ) Circus Clowns and finish off with making a balloon reindeer for his little assistant from the audience. Brian packed the show away and we were on our way home with the smiling and grateful thanks from the organisers, who, as indeed we were pleased with a good increase to both our funds.

**Derby Magic Circle**  
has been asked to perform at the  
**Down Town Acoustic Music Festival**  
On Saturday, 29th June, 2013

This is an ideal platform to raise our profile in Derby City



# Rotary Club Celebrates 70 years

22nd of March saw several circle members battle through the snow to entertain the Burton Rotarians at their 70th Anniversary Dinner held at the Burton Town Hall.

Approximately 190 Rotarians and guests were presented to a feast of close-up and stage magic throughout the night starting at 8pm and lasting up to 11pm.

Our members whom defied the elements to add valuable funds for our Circle included Our President Tony Woollett, Des Colona, Allan Humphries, Doug Gregg, Terry Hickman, James Baybrooke, Andy Diamond, and last but certainly not least Simon Goodfellow. It was particularly pleasant to see our last three members make the trip as we do not see enough of their expert magical skills and professional presentations. A treat that was not lost by the Rotarians who gave them a wonderful reception and response at each table they worked. After a short comfort break, the audience was treated to a short Cabaret Show by Terry Hickman and a Circle past member Keith Christie.

Due to a tight time limit each performer was restricted to a short programme and Terry performed his version of colour change book and undertakers nightmare. Interspaced with his usual array of jokes, his show was very well received.

Keith then followed with a number of funny routines including six card repeat, card sword and linking rings, all well received and appreciated by the audience.

I think it would be fair to say all had a wonderful evenings function and appreciated the array of magic presented throughout the night by our members.

## Please make a note in your diary: Thursday, 16th May

The first of 2013 Nights of Magic at the Hilton House Hotel.  
16th May, commencing at 7-30 pm, price £7 each including refreshments.



For those who have not been to these Nights of Magic before, they are well worth the effort and small admittance to be there.

The night comprises of close-up magicians performing at your table throughout the night with a short break to have refreshments or top up from the bar.

Rounding off the evening is a short cabaret show to demonstrate another facet of our magical art.

All in all it is a wonderful nights out and substantially contributes to the Circle`s funds. Your attendance is greatly appreciated, so come along and bring a friend or two.

Tickets are available from our Fund Raising Officer Jean Ellison,  
Tel: 01332 763 206

# Past Presidents of Derby Magic Circle

At the start of Tony Woollett's Presidential year, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on our Past Presidents. This is our heritage and we should all be proud of them. These are the members that have formed, moulded and influenced DMC to present day. As you can see from the list, there are still quite a number of past Presidents in our current Circle.

1952 - 1956	Tom Harris	1989 - 1990	Allan Humphries
1956 - 1957	Fred Wiles	1990 - 1991	Mike Habbershaw
1957 - 1959	Tom Harris	1991 - 1992	Tony Woollett
1959 - 1960	Fred Wiles	1992 - 1993	Dave Faulks
1960 - 1961	G Moore	1993 - 1994	B Roe
1961 - 1962	V Taylor	1994 - 1995	J C McIntyre
1962 - 1963	Fred Wiles	1995 - 1996	Stuart Brown
1963 - 1964	J Walker	1996 - 1997	Bernie Pedley
1964 - 1965	E Newton	1997 - 1998	John Parker
1965 - 1966	M Hawthorne	1998 - 1999	Dez Colona
DMC disbanded in October 1965		1999 - 2000	Neil Spencer
DMC reformed in February 1974		2000 - 2001	Jean Ellison
1974 - 1976	John Keith	2001 - 2002	Ron Betteridge
1976 - 1977	Roy Field	2002 - 2003	Ian Barradell
1977 - 1979	Fred Wiles	2003 - 2004	Dave Faulks
1979 - 1980	Ray King	2004 - 2005	Committee
1980 - 1981	Dave Cheney	2005 - 2006	Simon Goodfellow
1981 - 1982	Dez Colona	2006 - 2007	James Braybrooke
1982 - 1983	Dennis Gardner	2007 - 2008	Clive Moore
1983 - 1984	Alan Fox	2008 - 2009	Mike Grimmett
1984 - 1985	Frank Salisbury	2009 - 2010	Steve Grundy
1985 - 1986	Clive Moore	2010 - 2011	Neil Spencer
1986 - 1987	Joe Bonsall	2011 - 2012	Paul Sharp
1987 - 1988	Mikel Dee	2012 - 2013	Tony Woollett
1988 - 1989	Fred Wiles		