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PATRON MEMBER SORCERER DECEMBER 2015.

Seasonal Greetings to one and all. The festive season will soon be upon us and for our magic workers I hope they have a busy and profitable period. Sadly, gone are the days when the dairy would be full from mid November until mid January and, perhaps being a little glad when it was all over. However, magic is showing good signs of recovery with increased TV time and some good shows in London. (see later reports) I think with the increase in health and safety and the difficulty of obtaining helpers or staff, the time when every school, firm or organisation had a Christmas Party are regrettably long gone. Sad really, they were good and happy times and most people enjoyed them.

MAGIC ROLLING BALL.

This is a nice easy little effect to show at Christmas.

THE EFFECT:- A small snooker or table tennis ball is placed on the table and it magically moves and stops on demand. At any time the Magician can take the ball off the table and replace it to continue the effect.

Requirement:- You need a small ball, a small flat ring tied to a one metre length of cotton thread. Also the table has to have a cloth on it.

Secretly, when no one is looking place the ring under the table cloth with the thread hanging over the edge. Have it longer than the cloth edge so you can easily take hold of it. Take the ball and pretend to place it randomly on the table. In fact you place over the ring, you need to know the position of the ring to give the impression you are just placing it randomly on the table.

Now sitting at the table take hold of the thread and with some mystifying waves from the other hand, slowly pull on the thread and the ball will roll on the cloth, as though by magic. You can pick up the ball at any time to show it is not connected to anything. Remove the ring when no one is looking or secretly replace it ready to perform it again

Later on.

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WHATS ON.

THE NEXT GREAT MAGICIAN. To be transmitted next summer, ITV have commissioned Darren Brown to co-produce a new magic competition show. The series will feature the worlds best magicians performing their greatest tricks, many for the first time. Each episode will show five magicians performing in front of a studio audience, each being judged by the other magicians. The winner going through to a grand final, where the prize is their own television show.

As mentioned in the last issue, **THE ILLUSIONISTS: WITNESS THE IMPOSSIBLE** is still showing at the Shaftesbury Theatre. With chainsaws, crossbows and teeth grinding tension of escapology, a truly miracle show. The really must show, perfect for a Christmas treat.

DARREN BROWN : MIRACLE.

Darren Brown has been controlling our minds for around fifteen years and his new show at the Palace Theatre in the West End, once again dazzles and delights his audiences. “Miracle” is once again a masterclass in showmanship and presentation, that again you just must see. Reviews state “completely astounding”, “A show of gobsmackingly wonderful moments”

Around and about.

Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee are still touring with their “**Intimate magic Show**” and from all accounts, presenting their new approach to a more interactive and close-up magic is being well received by all audiences around the country. Paul promises the show will both baffle you and make you laugh. Check his web site for the location of his shows.

Jacob and Ruby Allan, from Houghton Regis a teens brother and sister magic act, have just returned from Skegness where they came away with £1000 prize and a trophy for taking second place at the finals of the Parks Resorts National Talent Competition. The judges being the Chuckle Brothers, Sam Baily, Andy Wyeman and Dame. Jacob said they are working hard on the act and hope eventually they can enter for next years Britains Got Talent. We wish them all the best of luck.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and to sincerely thank you for your support over 2015. I look forward to maintaining our Patron Membership and supplying you with the Tit Bits of news about the world of Magic.

Thank You Doug

