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Patron edition



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A Message from our President

Welcome to all members.

Well here we are, 1st. December already. During the month of November the Circle has performed at various venues.

22nd. November we were at the Hilton House Hotel, Hilton where members performed at three (3) tables. It was a very good night, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. it was a pity that we did not have a bigger audience.

Saturday 24th. we went to Church Broughton Golf Club, were members performed for a tennis club presentation night. This was very well attended, but the audience consisted of adults, and nearly as many children. Doug Gregg, Clive and Jean performed extremely well under the very difficult circumstances. Unfortunately Allan Humpries could not be with us, due to illness

Our November meeting was well attended, and the lecturer was Gary Jones of Exeter who is the Close up performer of the year at the Devon Magic Circle for the 7th. consecutive year. He performed with cards, coins and mentalism. This was a very good night which was well attended.

30th. November was Patrons night, held at Civil Aid H.Q. at Mackworth. This was very well attended and organised by Doug Gregg, He had arranged a quiz prior to the show, and performed later, together with Clive and Jean, and Neil Spencer. Thank you to all who took part.

The following members Bernard Rasmussen, Jack Skertchly, Frank Salisbury and Allan Humphries were unable to attend due to illness, and I wish them all a speedy recovery> Anne and myself wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. and look forward to seeing you all in 2013.

Tony

A.W.Woollett (President.)

Pre-Christmas Patron Night

The 30th November saw our first Patron social night at the Civic Aid's Hall on Greenlands Road, Mackworth.

Although the weather was cold and rainy some 40 Patrons and their guests managed to battle their way to the function for this special night. Most were there well before the 7-30 start, full of anticipation of what this special night was going to offer.

Doug started the night off by thanking everyone for attending and explaining how grateful the Circle was for the Patron scheme and to show our appreciation, we have organised this special evening. Doug also explained the policy behind our Patron Membership in the anticipation of obtaining further members from some of the guests present.

The evening proceeding commenced with a magic quiz organised by Doug. Although the quiz was based around magic, Doug made the questions very general and covered well known topics and events familiar to the general public. Doug did however inject some obscure and more difficult questions to keep the mind active and the proceedings interesting. From the interjections from the audience and a couple of magicians and the resultant chatter after the final question, all appeared to have enjoyed the nights first event. A well earned tin of chocolates went to the winner.

As the majority of the audience had seen many Members of the Circle perform several times, it was decided to attempt something new. It was felt that a stage show had perhaps, not been seen at a Circle function for some time and this special night was a good opportunity to present such a show.

Doug started the ball rolling with jumbo Four Ace followed by Guillotine Wrist Chopper, and Chair Suspension. Clive with his inimitable and funny stile then performed Card Sword Stab followed by Dagger Chest with Jeanie being his assistant for the night.

There then followed a short break for refreshments, efficiently organised by our sterling members, Clive and Jean. Also, I would like to thank Patron members Keith Turner and Rita Trickett for making the Hall available to us and supplying the tea and coffee, all for free.

Neil finished off the night with a fun routine with some background music from a gramophone. He continued with a large sliding dice routine with a unexpected finally of the production of a tray of drinks. Neil finished off his spot and the nights event, with the production of a live white rabbit. This production was unexpected by the audience and was well received and appreciated by all.

From the various comments the night was a great success and all went home having had a most enjoyable evening.

Doug Gregg

Derren Brown On TV



Programme	Channel	Time	Date
Derren Brown:	4Music	11.40pm	Fri. 14th Dec
Messiah (rpt)	4Music	01.10am	Mon. 17th Dec
	4Music	10.00pm	Mon. 17th Dec

"The psychological illusionist hosts a special programme, challenging belief systems and our capacity not to question them. In particular, he promises to test the tendency for people to accept directions from someone in authority."

Programme	Channel	Time	Date
The Experiments:	E4	09.00pm	Sat. 15th Dec
The secret of Luck (rpt)	E4	03.10pm	Sun. 16th Dec

Derren Brown returns with The Experiments, a series in which each stand-alone episode asks and answers a single question regarding human behaviour, and features an inventive and jaw-dropping mixture of stunts, suggestion and thought-provoking entertainment. In The Secret of Luck, the fourth and final show of the series, Derren investigates what makes some people lucky and why others attract only misfortune. This episode takes the form of a documentary fronted by Dawn Porter, who acts as Derren's secret agent, and this time the subject of the experiment is an entire town. Together, Dawn and Derren plant a rumour about the lucky powers of a local statue and watch as it changes the lives of the residents.

Programme	Channel	Time	Date
Derren Brown:	4Music	00.40am	Mon. 17th Dec
Seance (rpt)	4Music	10.00pm	Tue. 18th Dec

"Psychological illusionist Derren Brown brings together 12 members of the public to re-create a siance. Using a range of traditional methods, from automatic writing to the Spirit Cabinet and the Ouija board, Derren guides them through the various stages of a siance, using his skills and showmanship to challenge some of the most prevalent myths of spiritualism."

Hilton House Magic: The 28th November '12, saw another of DMC Night of Magic at the Hilton House Hotel. Although the weather was appalling and perhaps more conducive to sitting at home by the fire, 30 guests braved the elements and turned up to be entertained. I believe it says something about our guests love of magic or the quality of our performances to continue with these Nights of Magic despite the weather and modern day attractions to stay at home.

The table magic was performed by members Steve Grundy, whose father is gravely ill, Doug Gregg, our President Tony Woollett whose partner Anne had a severely swollen ankle and Jack Skertchly, who incidentally was again not at all well and was due to go into hospital for an operation on his ear and we all wish him well for a speedy recovery. Further more to make thing worse, if that were possible, our Secretary Allan Humphries was laid up with a severe cold and could not perform on the night. However in the tradition of the show must go on and despite of the above depressing catalogue of medical problems, all members gave a good account of them selves.

After the interval refreshments, our cabaret was performed by our resident stalwart ever present member Clive who worked his way through a new routine of card prediction, which the audience enjoyed immensely.

It was nice to see a welcome support for the evening from other members of the Circle with Alan Bell, Tim Ward and Neil Spencer helping to swell the audience and enjoy the Magic. The evening finished around 10pm and I think it was fair to say it was another successful Night of Magic by the Derby Magic Circle.

Doug Gregg

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR