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A Message from our President

Welcome to all members.

Thank you all for electing me as your President for another 12 months. This has been a very good year for me, and as many of you know, Anne and I got married at St. Martins Church, Alferton, on the 20th. April. I would like to thank Jean and Clive for attending the reception, and performing Close-up magic for the adults and children attending. It was very well received and the guests are still talking about it.

Since coming back from honey moon, Anne and myself attended the village hall at Diseworth, together with Allan, Paul, Dez, Clive and Jean, and of course Doug., where we performed close-up, and Doug and Jean performed Cabaret. This event was a sell out, and there is a suggestion that we may be invited back at Christmas. The next event I will be attending will be the close-up night at the Hilton House Hotel, Hilton. If any member would like to take part, please let Allan know, because we would like to see some new performers for these events.

Scott Wells will be our lecturer for the next meeting Wednesday, 22nd. May, 2013, and he will be giving advice and tips on how to obtain more work in the world of magic, so please support the Circle and let us give Scott a good Derby welcome.

That`s all for this month.

Tony

A.W.Woollett (President.)



Derby Kid's Camp is a Charity that we support every year. This year they are celebrating their 40 years anniversary. Well Done !! To all that help and support this.



Northern Magic Circle Convention at Whitby



The weekend of 6th-7th April saw Clive, Jean, Doug and Yvette make their annual pilgrimage to the Annual Magic Convention of The Northern Magic Circle, held this year at Whitby. The journey was undertaken with a little trepidation due to the recent bad weather and the thought of snow still hanging around on the North Yorkshire moors. Surprisingly all signs of snow finished as we reached the M1 and there was nothing but glorious sun shine all the way up to Whitby. Although the cold easterlies continued keeping the temperature down the sun shone throughout the whole weekend giving a traditional summer atmosphere for the Convention.

The proceeding commenced with Clive, Jean and Doug doing some balloon modelling on the Whitby front as a PR exercise to promote the Children`s Show in the Pavilion Theatre. This was quite successful and created a lot of interest although the majority of visitors were day trippers and could not make the show.

After registration the Dealers Hall was opened with Peter Diamond, KayMar, Mission Magic and MA Pro Magic showing an impressive range of new magical props.

The first of two Close-up Shows included the twice FISM award winner Gregory Wilson from America. His wonderful skill and his open personality soon had the audience applauding his unique talent.

Tom Crosbie from Hull is a relatively young entertainer but his skill with cards surpasses his age. One can readily see this young man is destined for high places and will be a regular top attraction for years to come.

Our third entertainer was Peter Turner a talented professional mentalist.

Peter demonstrated his skill with word power and dual reality, showing a unique set of tools which he applies skilfully in his presentation.

The afternoon programme overlapped two events, one a lecture Tom Crosbie covering mainly card magic and the second was the Children`s Show hosted by our own Clive and Jean. With the obvious loyalty to our own and also of my major interest in children`s magic we chose the later.

Clive and Jean opened the proceedings and to warm up the children with their usual comedy routines and it wasn`t long before the whole audience was pulsating to the sound of children`s laughter.

The first act on was Paul Guy and although he had been ill for the past couple of days he stormed through fun packed routines with his young audience assistants.

After the interval, we were treated to the quietly spoken, yet the highly professional children`s entertainer Quentin Reynolds. He smoothly drifted through his signature routines, which are the envy of many children`s entertainers and readily brought smiles to the faces of the children and adults alike.

The show closed with Andy Greaves with his able assistant puppet Lewis.



Andy is a pro of the highest quality showing all his skills accumulated over the past 38 years of entertaining children. Lewis with wonderfully appealing eyes and being almost the same height as Andy stole the hearts of all the audience and with a skilfully handled routine, the show was brought to a wonderful conclusion.

The evening Gala Show, being one of the highlights of the Convention was not a disappointment with a wonderful array of top professional acts.

To balance the show and to give a touch of glamour and colour the Show opened with a girl dance troop from the "Hatton Academy of Performing Arts" and a splendid performance they gave.



The next act on was Tom Crosbie who added to his Close-up repertoire with some fine stage card and mentalist work. Gregory Wilson then came on to show his undoubted class as a top international professional magician. His creative mind and teasing personality showed the audience why he was voted the Most Creative Magician of the Year and has contributed to almost every major magic magazine in the world. Cascade, a Father and Daughter, Terry and Michelle Crawford performed a colourful act of silks and flowers finishing with a very good pole suspension and then Zig Zag as a finally.

After the interval, we again started with the Girl Dancers followed by Wayne Goodman with some very commercial card magic. Tim Cockerill then performed his Fire Eating act based upon the great circus act of Jon Gresham. Not often do you get an opportunity to see these acts in today's environment but it was very well performed and received by the audience. The evening was finished by Quentin Reynolds from Ireland who's relaxed presentation eased everyone into a splendid feeling that they had seen a good nights entertainment. Sunday started again with wonderful sunshine and now with virtually no wind we had a beautiful warm spring day.

In general Sunday was directed at one day delegates and Junior Magicians

A Junior Master class was organised and a repeat of the three Star Lectures of Quentin Reynolds, Wayne Goodman and Tim Cockerill, giving ample free time for other delegates to chose amongst many attractions around Whitby.

Sunday afternoon saw the Junior Stage Competition hosted by the young Kirstie Russell. Held at the Pavilion Theatre it is where budding stars of the future compete for three different trophies.

The Juniors continued their work with two shows in the evening. The first starting at 19-30hrs was a combined Yorkshire and Newcastle Junior Sections Show with about 17 juniors taking an active part in the Show.

The Second starting at 21-30 hrs and was to celebrate 40yrs since the Junior Section was formed. It was compiled of former junior members whom have continued down the road as professional magicians and are now making a name for them selves in the commercial world of entertainment.

In brief the Show was hosted by our young member Kirstie Russell whom skilfully linked the show together and introduced the various acts that consisted of Su Jayne performing her Spanish Theme that she worked for over twelve years in Ibiza.

Then followed Toby Davies who did blind fold rubix cube and finished with a needle swallowing routine. Robert Temple did a professional presentation of Linking Rings and apart from some gremlins in his backing track, he finish in fine style. Then came Tony Parx, fresh from the Leeds City Varieties showing us his skill with various card techniques. Michael Jordan and Tamsyn Sear, better known as High Jinx are now a regular feature at convention all over the Country and are now busy at Blackpool Pleasure Beach for the rest of the season. Michael started with his ,as seen , unicycle juggling and finished with Tamsyn and Michael performing a neat and effective board suspension. Chris Cross then came on with his unique stile as a Contortionist. It is difficult to know whether this was well received with the gasps and groans overshadowing the spectacle of Chris dislocating his shoulders and arms to an unbelievable extent. I can` t say I enjoyed it. The evening and the Convention was concluded with, perhaps the Countries top illusionist act of Amethyst. As expected they oozed professionalism and was a wonderful climax to a good and well run convention.

Doug Gregg



Rainbows Hospice
Open Day
Is on Saturday, 14th Sept,
Between 11.00am and 3.00pm
Everyone is Welcome

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