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Dear Patron,

A happy New Year to you all and hope it will be a good one for you all.

The Magic Scene is a little quiet after the festive activities. I understand from feedback of working magicians, magic shows have not been as plentiful as previous years. I think the difficulty with organising children`s shows for Schools and Firms Christmas Parties has reflected in the amount of shows being available.

It is not so long ago when I was working the Christmas Shows in Cheshire, the average children`s entertainer would be working solidly from the end of November right through to the middle of January

Doing, on average, two and three shows a day. He would also be busily working the adult Christmas circuit as well. The good old days when one could make a good living out of Magic. I am not so sure how many magicians, throughout the Country are making a good living today solely from performing Magic. One or two, assisted with TV coverage are doing OK at the moment and there does appear to be an increase in Magic Shows on the telly. Perhaps there could be a come back on the cards.

BLACKPOOL MAGIC CONVENTION.

I think Magic, as a hobby, is still as popular as ever it was. This can be readily seen if you go to the Annual Magic Convention held each year at Blackpool.

This year it will be held between the 19th to 22nd February, where over 4,000 magic pro`s and hobbyists will be attending.

Apart from the delegates such a convention attracts hundreds of magical dealers, all selling their new miracles of magic. Perhaps it is in this area of magic that the real money is made, supplying it but not performing it.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

It is 30 years since the sad loss of TOMMY COOPER. To commemorate his passing, the "Museum Of Comedy" in London are presenting the life story of Tommy "Just Like That, The Tommy Cooper Show", starring John Hower as Tommy. It is scheduled to run up to 24 Jan 15

Visiting Psycho.

The Museum of London is currently exhibiting a Sherlock Holmes Exhibition, to run up to 12 April 15. One of the items on display is Maskelyne's whist playing automation, Psycho. This automation is well worth a look for those interested in the history of magic.

MAGIC FOR YOU TO DO.

This is one to show you have psychic powers. Using 4 Aces, look at each one and they will have a dominant point in their design. The heart in fact having two points but don't worry about that.

With all the cards face up, turn the dominant points all the same way. Now turn the cards face down and ask a person to mix them up. Take the cards and ask the person to choose one and look at it.

Whilst the person is looking at the card, turn the other three round but still face down. Ask the person to replace the card and mix them up.

Take the cards and fan them out in your hand looking for the one that has the dominant point reversed to the others. If they are all the same way the Ace Of Hearts will be the chosen card.

Before you reveal the chosen card, add some theatrical moves like holding the cards to the forehead for some divine indications of the chosen card.

SAD NEWS.

You may recall attending a Lecture on the history of famous magicians of the passed presented by Prof Eddie Dawes. Also you may have not been aware that his wife Amy accompanied him during the evening. Amy has been suffering from Parkinsons Disease for some time and had a fall during Christmas. Unfortunately Amy did not recover from this fall and died on the 30 Dec 14.