

# Evening of Magic at the Hilton House Hotel

Our next Evening of Magic at the Hilton House Hotel (DE65 5GP) is on Thursday 21st November. Tickets are £7 each, unless you're a Patron member, this entitles you to purchase the ticket for £6.

Tickets are available from Jean, tel: **01332 763 206**

Enjoy an evening of Magic in a safe and quiet environment. The format of the evening is designed for you to experience a unique and unforgettable evening.

The audience will sit in groups of around ten at a table, whilst close-up table magicians perform minor miracles for them.

Each performer performs for around ten minutes at a table before all performers simultaneously move on to the next table in turn. An interval of five minutes between the acts allows the audience to purchase drinks from the Hotel's bar.

After the first three acts, there is an intermission for the serving of a buffet (sandwiches). The close up magic continues for two more acts. The evening is rounded off with a cabaret act.

The focus of the evening is fun, enjoyment and amazement.

We hope to see you there.



## A Message from our President

Welcome to all members.

Well here we are approaching October, soon be Christmas. During the month of September the Circle had a busy time, what with the IBM Convention at Buxton. 19th. September, saw us at the Hilton House Hotel for the Close-up Magic Night. We did have some new visitors to the show, but very few of our own members. The performers for the evening were Doug Gregg, Simon Goodfellow, and myself, with Anne taking the money at the door and paying Hilton House. To finish of the evening Jack Skertchly did a memory act and Doug did general magic. Our meeting night was the Close-up competition and taking part were: Simon Goodfellow, Paul Sharp, James Braybrooke, Doug Gregg, Andy Diamond and Terry Hickman. The magic was very good, and had it not been for a few visitors and patrons, I regret to say that it would not have been a very good night, as only 13 members were in attendance, and six of them were performers. Jack Skertchly was time keeper. Whilst the judges were adding scores etc. Jack did his dice stacking routine, and even invited people to have a go for themselves. We had one magical judge, John Keith, and two lay judges. After seeing all the acts, and after much deliberation, the winner was Andy Diamond, and runner up, Simon Goodfellow. Very few marks separated all the competitors My thanks go to all members taking part, and special thanks to Neil and Jackie, and also Anne, who all helped with providing drinks and nibbles for the evening. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the President's Night

*Tony*

A.W.Woollett (President.)

# Derby Magic Circle presents the 2013 Close up Competition

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Winner and Runner Up



# President's Night at **THE-SPOT** • CONFERENCES • BANQUETING • ENTERTAINMENT

The President's Night and Cabaret was held at The Spot on 19th October.

This hasn't replaced the Annual Dinner, the dinner will continue on a Bi-annual bases. The change of format and location of the evening has been implemented to encourage more members to attend. Unfortunately on the night, this wasn't the case.

The meal, although this was less formal than the dinner, was hot and the choice was varied.

We had invited distinguished guests to the event, one being the President of the Northern Circle. During his speech he complimented the Derby Magic Circle for all the good work we do in and around Derby.

We used the event as a platform to present the annual awards. Allan Humphries was awarded the Merit Shield as acknowledgement from the committee of all the hard work he does for the society. Allan is our Stage Manager and our Secretary, organising all of our events. THANK YOU Allan. Freddie Wilkinson did the cabaret spot. Freddie is no stranger to Derby having performed for us on several occasions, he presented his award winning cabaret act, which demonstrates strong magic and some clever comedy.

To finish off the evening some of our Magicians performed Close Up Magic around the tables.

If you attended this event, your feedback is much welcomed.