



JANUARY 2018 EDITION

Hello Patrons,

Initially, I would like to wish you all a very happy new year and hope you had a wonderful Christmas. I have not written to you for some time but for one reason or another time just flies by and before you know it the Months have passed me by.

Open Events

Since the last Sorcerer, The Derby Magic Circle programme has seen three open events available to Patrons. The first on the 14th September 17, being our regular Night of Magic at the Spot. Several working magicians attended with a large audience. I do not have a report for you as I had to leave early to be on the road by 3AM to catch a flight to France. I am told it was a very good night as usual.

The second was our President`s Night on 18th November, again at the Spot. Allan supported the event in unison with his 50th Wedding Anniversary and invited over 30 guests to enjoy the combined evening. Jean had again done her sterling work by filling the large function hall at the spot with our paying guests and what an evening was in store for them.

Guests took their seats at tables named after famous magicians and after grace, said by our own Paul Sharp, were quickly served a carvery meal by the highly efficient staff at the Spot. During the meal a number of our own members presented close-up magic at the tables that was well received by the dinners.

I then acted as MC asking our President to say a few words to our guests, thereafter Geoffrey Newton, IBM Public Relations Officer and Editor of the Key Ring Magazine, responded for the guests. Allan then presented the various awards to the membership and flowers to our distinguish lady guests.

After a short break, Clive Moore took the stage as compare for our cabaret, introducing Lily Taylor-Ward. Lily has a wonderful voice and took the audience through many familiar tunes well liked and appreciated by them.

Darren Mac was our next artist, working efficiently and hilariously through many one liners. Darren used audience participation using six members from the audience in an elimination trick leaving a predicted winner. He finished with a matrix magic square that added up to the same number in all direction and well liked by the appreciative audience

Lily then did her second spot moving into light classical favourites, which again was well received by the audience.

Our last artist was a local professional magician, Jason Steele with his assistant Joanne. Jason presented a mixture of illusions and conventional stage magic, using Head Dagger Chest, Pranky Hanky, Umbrella Production and finishing with Cardboard Box Impaler using wooden stakes.

A great night was had by all and from all accounts every left well satisfied.

Des`s Birthday

Our third and last event before Christmas was our December Night of Magic, again at the Spot. This night was extra special as it was organised for Des Colona`s 90th birthday. The event was a well kept secret from Des and against all odds and deceptions we managed to persuade Des to attend the night. We even had to pretend that he was to come and perform for a group of children, just to make sure he came.

We organised and picked up Margaret, unbeknown to Des and his face was a picture when he popped his head around the door expecting to see a crowd of children.

The night was wonderful with a number of new members performing and, I think, Des enjoyed the whole occasion immensely.

Future Event.

The next major event in magic, is The Blackpool Magic Convention. From 15th to 18th of Feb over 4,000 delegates will assemble at the Winter Gardens for a continuous feast of Magic. Over 150 magic dealers will be there and I will be taking the opportunity to sell some of Neil Spencer`s magic effects to them.

Talk to you again soon.

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