



## **JUNE 2022 ISSUE.**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> will see our next Circle Meeting with the evening committed to the Close-Up Competition. The evening will be an event open to Member`s and Patron`s partners and guests, starting at the normal time of 7-30 for 8pm.

Members wishing to participate in the Competition should register their names with the Secretary Steve Grundy ASAP so an appropriate programme can be produced.

This Competition gives Members an opportunity to display their skills and talents to colleagues and friends away from the pressures of commercial gigs.

May 2022 Meeting.

Our Circle Meeting saw the visiting lecture of Kev Gregson, professionally called Kev-G. Kev is a Close-Up worker directed mainly at Weddings and shares his commitment to Magic with a Teaching role to secondary school students.

All his effects, using regular and easily obtained items, where his own creations and quite easy to make up. He mentioned most of the items would be included in his book that is in the final stages of production.

A large part of his Lecture concentrated on The Rubik`s Cube where he was following algorithms to sequence his moves to achieve remarkable predictions and such. He indicated these were simple techniques that could be easily remembered to achieve astounding results.

Kev was well received and appreciated by the Members present.

Bernard Rasmussen`s Lecture, Presented by Brian Lead.

The evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 saw the Members of the Derby Magic Circle and Patrons assemble at the Victory Club, Chellaston, for the Bernard Rasmussen`s Commemorative Lecture, presented by Brian Lead.

Brian entitled his talk” A Deadly Way to make a Living” and in his first half he concentrated on the salient and major events leading to the tragic death of Chung Ling Soo. He discussed, at length the two assistant marksmen and illustrated this with a live recording of one of them.

Brian, also had a recording of a member of the audience whom witnessed the tragic event. These recording gave a real live feeling to the talk.

He continued to discuss the fire arms and the various methods the effect was performed.

A third recording was of Paul Daniels, expressing his feelings whilst performing the effect for television. He indicated he would not do it again and Paul very rarely backed away from anything.

At this point we all had a break for refreshments.

Brian`s second half covered the tragic and curious ending of Lafyette and his pampered pet dog.

The later due to a fire during a performance at the Palace Empire Theatre Edinburgh on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1911.

This tragic accident was just four days after the death of his beloved Pooch Beauty. From which he is quoted as saying my death could not be far away.

Lafyette`s body was observed by his manager to be missing all his extravagant jewellery and although curious still continued with the funeral arrangements. However, four days later a second body of Lafyette was discovered in the theatre ruins but this time endowed with all his jewellery. The first body being one of Lafyette`s doubles, used in the performance.

Despite all this confusion, the funeral was viewed by over 250,000 people who lined the streets of Edinburgh to say their farewells to this supper star.

So ended a very informative talk, elegantly presented by Brian that was well received by all who attended.

Doug Gregg

### General

Supreme Magic Ltd have announced the reopening of this famous magical dealer. They say they have thousands of original items available on line at [www.magicsupreme.co.uk](http://www.magicsupreme.co.uk)

Northern Magic Circle have organised a one day convention at the Crown Hotel, Harrogate on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Two DMC Members, Clive Moore and Doug Gregg will be performing at the Convention. Registration can be made through John Russell at [john@kirsand.co.uk](mailto:john@kirsand.co.uk)

A Day Of Magic will be held at The Community Centre, The Square, Ferrybridge on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 running between 9-45 am and 5pm. Several DMC Members attend this event each year.



The above pictures are from Kev G`s Lecture, taken by Stephen Brown.

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