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Greetings Derby Magic Circle Patrons.

At last I am back in the land of the living. Firstly, I must sincerely apologise to you all, for the long delay in sending your Sorcerer. I hope the delay has not inconvenienced you too much, as I was a little occupied by other matters that stopped me writing to you.

New Patrons.

You will perhaps know that the minimum age of entrance to DMC is 16yrs. This has somewhat restricted the expansion of the Circle due to the restrictions and requirements of having juniors at closed and unsupervised meetings.

Member Paul Brown, who runs the "Burton Young Magicians Club", has suggested that his members below the age of 16yrs become Patron Members of DMC. This would allow these young magicians access to the programme of events and have first hand information of the Circle's directives. Also, they would have prior knowledge to all the open meetings they will be allowed to attend and broaden their knowledge of performing magic.

Such a membership would hold them in good stay to become full members when they reach the age of admission.

Bernard Rasmussen Lecture Presentation.

Each year we hold a special commemorative lecture presentation for the late Bernard Rasmussen. This year it will be held on Wednesday 8th May at the Spot at 7-30pm.

Normally it is a closed meeting for Circle Members only. However, this year's presentation is covering the life of the late Johnny Hart. You may remember seeing on TV Johnny's amazing world class manipulation act where he produced Budgies at his finger tips. He was

the first “ Young Magician of the Year in 1961 and toured the world for over thirty astonishing years, working the Palladium, the Ed Sullivan Show, Las Vegas, and many more world class venues. Leslie Grade said Johnny is the best in the world. Steve Short will be presenting Johnny`s life story together with video illustration of the fine and faultless natural magical skill of this finely tuned exceptional professional magician. IT IS A NIGHT YOU MUST NOT MISS.

AGM

The DMC AGM is being held this year on Wednesday 27th March 2019. Whilst it is a closed meeting for our Patron Members, it is an important day, for it is the day the Annual Subscriptions are due.

There has been no change to the Annual Subscription since it`s inception in 2011 and this year is still the same at £12 and as it costs almost a pound to send out the “Sorcerer”, it is still very good value for money.

Please send your cheque for £12, payable to The Derby Magic Circle to Doug Gregg, 5 Lark Hill, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 0US.

BLACKPOOL CONVENTION.

Between 15th to 17th February about 4000 delegates, from all over the world, attended the 67th Blackpool Annual Convention. Amongst those attending were several members of DMC who had a busy time covering, as many as possible, the 71 lectures and shows and visiting the 150 or so magic dealers.

Amongst the stars demonstrating their skills was Eric Chien, from Taiwan. Eric is FISM Close-Up Grand Prix Winner and took standing ovations at all his performances.

Another Star of note was Hans Kiok world famous Illusionist from Netherlands. Hans was on route to Las Vegas to start a 10yr contract to perform his Illusion Show. A condensed version of his show at the Sunday Gala Show was one of the highlights of the Convention. It was an experience to see a world class entertainer with such skill, professionalism and endless energy, performing illusions at breakneck speed with unbelievable timing.

On a personal note and although not given star billing but gave a wonderful commercial and practical show was UK`s Mandy Muden. Magicians can often take themselves too seriously and it was a wonderful relief and very funny to see Mandy work an assistant from the audience. Her facial expressions and quick one liners, delivered with such good timing was a joy and to me very funny, I loved it.

I will try and bring the “Sorcerer” back to our two monthly slot and keep you up to date with the goings on at DMC. A note for your diary is our regular Night of Magic at the Spot on 14th March at the usual time of 7-30 for 8pm. It`s a wonderful night and with refreshments at £7 good value for money.

Please send your subscription cheque for £12 as soon as you can and I hope to see you all at on May 8th

Doug

