

HSM NEWS

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Welcome

Hi folks, hope everyone is well? As you may have noticed the newsletter looks a little different this month. That is because George has passed the Keyboard on to me, so I am now going to be producing the newsletter!

January meeting – 19 Jan 2009

Bob's McBratney "This is your life"

Bob's "This is your life" talk was the first of its kind, and went very well. Who knew that someone could have done so much?

His story began in Brighton, and travelled all over the UK and to Germany at one point, spanning over his 4 different careers. From Chef, to Antiques Dealer, to Mother Shipton's Cave co-owner, to... well... NOW!

Not only was it interesting to see what Bob has done professionally, but also his personal interests, such as sailing, and flying planes!

I certainly learnt a lot about our President, and we will be finding out about everyone else's antics very soon.

Thank you for your fantastic talk Bob.

The Theme for January – Mentalism

January's theme was Mentalism, and as usual Jim baffled us all with his amazing mind reading skills and power of suggestion with his 4 poker chip revelation.

Other members also read minds, including Stevie B, David and Mike, while Clive Cullum showed us several interesting book tests.

Rex also did a fantastic mind reading effect, which turned out to use none other than the "red, black, black, red" technique, which... I still don't understand!

A good evening was had by all.

Next Month's Theme...

Clive Cullum... "This is your life" & Magic with *Balls*

Neil Bradley-Smith
Editor

New member

I would just like to mention that at the January meeting, Bob brought along his good friend and wood supplier, Dan, who has recently found a keen interest in magic. So I'm sure we will all make him feel at home.

Christmas Meal at Dr B's

On Wednesday 21 Jan, we held our annual dinner at Dr B's restaurant in Harrogate. The evening was a huge success, the atmosphere was great and the food was fantastic as I'm sure those of you who were able to attend would agree.

I imagine that we will be visiting them again in the future.

Where to find magic

Following on from Jim's "Where to find Magic" section on the website, I will be posting the upcoming magic events in our area.

Event: Martyn James

Venue: Linton Village Hall

Date: 3 Feb 09

Time: 7pm

Price: £5 on the door

Event: Lee Alex's Quick Change Lecture

Venue: Bradford Magic Circle

Date: 6 Feb 09

Time: 7:30pm for 8:00pm

Price: £8 on the door

Event: Derren Brown – *Enigma*

Information on the Derren Brown show at the International Centre. It is now almost **sold out** with only single seats available.

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