



HSM Newsletter

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Welcome

Hi Guys,
Hope everyone who went to Blackpool had a great time. I will try and get a review for the next newsletter, and I'm sure Jim will post one on the website!

IMPORTANT: The AGM has now changed and will be held at the April meeting.

February meeting – 16 Feb 2009

Clive Cullum "This is your life"

Clive was born in August 1932 in Leigh-on-Sea. His interest in magic started when he saw a magician in Southend, who produced coins from behind his ears as well as performing the linking rings.

During the War Years when Clive wasn't climbing under the barbed wire fence of an anti-aircraft station or watching bombs fall through the roof into his bath, his magic was still stimulated over the wireless with *Sirdani* teaching simple tricks.

Clive's first tricks included a drawer box, finger chopper, and a coin in nest of boxes.

In 1955 Clive became a member of the I.B.M, and in 2005 received the *Order Merlin Excalibur Certificate* for 50 years continuous membership. In 1955 Clive attended his first British Ring Convention and attended his second in 1956.

Clive was lucky enough to see Kalanag, Sorcar Junior, and Jasper Maskelyne in the post war touring magic shows.

He also met on personal terms, Rovi, and Bob Read.

This is just a snippet of Clive's talk, which was full of fascinating insights into his life. Thank you Clive.

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STOP PRESS!!

On 4 February 2009, one of our youngest members, Chris Cassells, was elected to The Magic Circle. With fewer than 1500 members worldwide, it's a great achievement and we're all delighted for him. Well done, Chris!

The Theme for February – Balls

Balls was the theme for the last meeting, with everyone bringing different and interesting routines with them.

Mike entertained us with his comedy zombie, with banana finale, Bob with Hoover magic and George with his many attaché cases.

There were also performances from Stevie B, with a fantastic sponge ball routine, as well as Brian with his vanishing die to ball, and Marcus's juggling and many more.

Events for 2009

3 April – Clive Greenway at York

13 April – Table top sale at York

10 March – LMA Close Up Competition

24 March – LMA - Mark Oberon Lecture

(see attached sheet – apologies for the late information on this one)

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: Shawn Farquhar ('The Bread and Butter Tour')

Venue: Darlington Magic Circle

Date: Friday 15 May

Time: 7:30pm

Price: £5

Next Month's Theme...

Brian Le Slie "This is your life" & Problem Magic

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LMA EVENTS 2009

Dear Secretary,

I should be grateful if you could advise your members that they are cordially invited to the following LMA events at the Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX. There is no door charge for the Close-up Competition and spectators/supporters will be very welcome (although they may be hustled to buy a raffle ticket or two!). There will be a door charge of £5 for the lectures on 24th February and 24th March, both of which are strongly recommended.

I will be pleased to reciprocate by publishing your events to our members.

- On March 10 we will once again be holding our annual Yorkshire Pride Close-up Competition at the Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX, with a first prize of £100 and second prize £25. Entries are invited. Up to 10 entrants can be accommodated, each performing for a maximum of 12 minutes. Competitors will be assessed on both magical content and entertainment value by an independent judge whose decision will be final. In the unlikely event that there are more than 10 entries, the first entry received from each society will be given priority. Otherwise entries will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. Please telephone Graham Roe as soon as possible to register an interest on 01943 465203.
- And on March 24 is the *** **Mark Oberon Lecture**
If you read Magicscene you will already know that Mark is rapidly acquiring a world-class reputation ~ his "Midas" stand-up/Cabaret act has to be seen to be believed. Miss this and you will miss some sumptuous magic. [Door charge for non-members £5]

Yours truly,

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