



# HARROGATE SOCIETY OF MAGICIANS

Founded 1948

Meetings usually every third Monday of the month 8.00 p.m at  
the Harlow Community Centre, Harlow Avenue, Harlow Hill, Harrogate HG2 0AS  
Website : <http://www.harrogatesocietyofmagicians.co.uk>

## NEWSLETTER

February 2008

We opened the year with a reasonable attendance for our January meeting and spent a little time on our own admin. I am pleased to report that our website is now up and running ( see the address at the top) and must thank our WebMaster, Henry Norris for his hard work. It is now up to you to send him a good picture in magical mode and a brief paragraph or two about yourself and any link to your own website.

We are hoping to pursue running an outreach programme of Magic in villages as we did at Copgrove last year and have already made initial contact with some organisers. Stevie "B" has offered to help in improving our presentations and continuity.

### Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February

Clive Cullum has been tidying up his archives and has set everyone the task of performing "Take your Pick" from one or more of the Magic Instructions which he handed out at the January Meeting. If you were not there, telephone him 01765 600145 or Email [clivecullum@virgin.net](mailto:clivecullum@virgin.net). for your item.

### March Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March

This will please you as the theme is "CARDS"

### Special Meeting Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – "Retirement Sale"

Brian has been busy cataloguing Denys Hollis's magic. Mostly close-up and we have booked the Community Centre at Harlow Hill from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm for a sale. Doors will open at 10.00am and you will all be required to man a sales table. If you have any surplus magic which you would like to sell, then bring that along too. We are proposing to charge non-members £10 per table . Members free. Identify the item and find the instructions and then set a sensible price. See Abra No:3237 8th February.

### Doncaster Friends of their Grand Theatre

Plans are afoot to reopen this theatre and as part of their fundraising are staging a Regional Comedy Cabaret Magic Competition on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March with a £250 first prize for a £10 Registration fee. If you are interested Tel Margaret Rennison 01302 535546

### Blackpool Annual Convention 22-24<sup>th</sup> February 2008

To all those who are attending – enjoy and bring back a good account for us all.

### Former Members

News from two former members – Michael Pearson from Pateley Bridge who sends his best wishes but is unable to drive at night and so cannot come to our meetings. Also from Alex Stainer, now in Turkey. He recently applied to join the IBM and I unwittingly sent a letter to his parents in Knaresborough who forwarded it on. He is making his name with a colour changing waistcoat. One day he has promised to come and lecture as in his words "the Harrogate Society was a great help to me when I was younger and this would be my way to pay back"

George R. Fowler  
Hon. Secretary