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SOUTHEND SORCERERS

Christmas

2019 NEWSLETTER

2019 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1st Dec Xmas Fun Night

2020 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5th Jan Lecture – John Carey
2nd Feb Lecture – Morgan and West
1st Mar Club Night
12th Apr Annual General Meeting
3rd May Stage Competition
7th Jun Lecture – Paul Gordon

5th Jul TBC
2nd Aug Club Night
6th Sep Close Up Competition
4th Oct Lecture - TBC
1st Nov Props Auction
6th Dec Xmas Fun Night

2020 CLUB SHOWS

There are no club shows scheduled at the moment other than the Dixon Studio week – there are a couple in the pipeline but we don't have confirmed dates just yet. Watch this space!

w/c 10th Aug Dixon Studio Shows

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LAST MEETING – 3rd NOVEMBER – ANNUAL AUCTION



The club's November meeting was the annual props auction and this year we ran the event as a traditional auction with Adrian selling items to a packed house. With several lots from a variety of sellers, the auction moved along fairly briskly with Tracy keeping the paperwork up to date as the evening progressed.

This year's auction was a fairly relaxed affair and we were able to offer the chance to bid on everything that had been brought along for sale – in fact the sale finished fairly early in the end, so there was time for a mix and mingle session too.

As always, there were some bargains to be found and it was a great night. We had a number of members selling off collections of various props and DVDs etc, and in the end most who took part were able to raise some handy money for the festive season. We had everything, from books and lecture notes through to puppets and waistcoats. Bidding was fairly lively and with some unusual and rare items up for sale, there was literally something to appeal to nearly everyone.

Thanks go to all our sellers and buyers – the club charges no commission so our sellers kept all the proceeds. We hope you found the evening enjoyable.

Also at the meeting, Adrian presented a very fast 30 minute mentoring session on cups and balls and the sort of routine you can do with them – if anyone would like a more detailed or individual session please just let me know. Prospective new member Nathan Fitzpatrick also took and passed his membership audition. Well done Nathan and welcome to the club – we'll present you with your membership regalia at the next meeting! I know that all our existing members will make Nathan feel welcome to the club.

NEXT MEETING – 1st DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT

As usual, on Sunday the 1st December the committee will be hosting the club's annual Christmas fun night. This is a free and easy evening where you and your family and friends can come along and take part in what is actually a kind of quiz night, organised just for fun by the committee as a way of moving things on towards the festive season. So why not put a small team together and come along ready for some fun? Or if you want to come on your own, that's no problem either; there'll be plenty of people there for you to team up with.



It's always a well attended night and as usual there'll be prizes for the winning team (and for the losing team too!) - you can never be sure of what the committee have come up with for you this year, so expect the unexpected!

Bring your own drinks and nibbles along and be prepared for an almighty festive fun night.....

NEXT MENTORING SESSION – JANUARY – SCRIPTING AND PRESENTATION



Our next mentoring session will be at the January meeting – we're skipping December as it's our fun night. Don Simpson will lead the session and he'll be taking a look at the scripting and presentation of tricks and routines. This is an area that is often overlooked, and people sometimes forget that a decent script can elevate a simple trick into something far more

entertaining and magical. But how do you write them and how can you better structure routines?

If this is something you've always wanted some guidance on, Don's short 30 minute introduction will hopefully get you started. As always, the session will start at 7.00 so don't be late and we hope to see you there.

CLUB SHOWS

If you'd like to perform at any of our future shows, either with close-up magic or as a stage act, then please contact Richard Graham on 01268 783202. Rick will also provide details of venue addresses, times and directions as required.

As you'll have noticed, we currently have no more club shows in the diary, a rarity for us. There are a couple of enquiries being pursued and we'll let you have details as soon as we have firm dates for them. But in the meantime, if you know of any organisations that would enjoy a night of magic and an opportunity to raise funds, please put them in touch with Richard Graham. We charge just £200 to put on a whole evening of both close up and stage magic for charities.



MAGIC NEWS

Magic Goes Wrong - Vaudeville Theatre, London



**MAGIC
GOES WRONG**
by MISCHIEF THEATRE and PENN & TELLER

Created with magicians Penn & Teller, Mischief Theatre conjure up an evening of grand illusion. In the next 'Goes Wrong' comedy to hit the West End, the original Mischief company play a hapless gang of magicians presenting a charity event. As the accidents spiral out of control, so does their fundraising target...

The show is at the Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, London WC2 from 14th December 2019 to 15th March 2020. For more information and to book visit www.mischieftheatre.co.uk.

BBC TV - The One Show

The club received an email recently from the BBC's One Show as follows:

'Dear Adrian Fox / Southend Sorcerers

I'm writing from the team that makes the arts and culture insert films for BBC One's flagship magazine show, The One Show. We're currently looking for young amateur magicians who have left school, and might be available during the day for some filming in London in early December. If you know of anyone in your society who fits the bill, we would be very grateful to hear from them.



Please contact Jolene.crawford@bbc.co.uk or jennifer.russell01@bbc.co.uk for more information.

Jolene Crawford
The One Show
BBC Studios
07801 349822'

If anyone is interested please contact Jolene directly letting her know that you're a member of Southend Sorcerers.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Oliver Tabor – Christmas Magic at the Barn



Magic at the Barn is back for Christmas this year, with Oliver Tabor hosting the usual festive fun at his wonderful Red Brick Barn venue.

The family festive event features some of the best magicians in the UK offering close-up magic presented at tables followed by a cabaret show featuring magic, mystery and comedy plus free drink on entry! The night boasts a combination of sleight-of-hand close-up magic, mind reading and mystery, comedy and stage illusion held within the warm, intimate and enchanting atmosphere of a 17th century barn theatre.

The ticket price includes a free glass of mulled wine for adults and soft drink for children plus a mince pie. Drinks are served on admission and other refreshments are available to purchase including wine and beer.

The show runs on Saturday 28th December at 7.00, and on Sunday 29th at 4.00. Tickets are £15 for adults, £10 for children, with a family ticket available for £45. You can buy your tickets online here:

https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=1000075132817279

Tracy Wise – Tales from the Shadows

Tracy presents an evening of spine chilling stories of ghosts and murder, history and mystery laced with magic. Set in the atmospheric Dr Legba's Emporium of Cocktails and Curiosities at the Royal Hotel Southend, this immersive storytelling event is not for those of a nervous disposition.

The next show is a Christmas special running on Thursday 19th December at 6.30 and 9.00

Tickets are £17.50 including a welcome cocktail on arrival.

To book and for other dates call the Royal Hotel: 01702 899222



Adrian Fox – Marchinski's Magic Bar and Lounge



Adrian presents a monthly evening of close up magic followed by a one hour parlour magic show at the Royal Hotel Southend, all set in the atmospheric basement bar and lounge. You'll see some amazing magic and experience a lot of fun and laughter too in this historic venue, where Albert Marchinski, AKA The Great Rameses, one of the world's most famous magicians in the early 1900s, undoubtedly came to drink.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12.50 on the door. The next show is planned for 7.30 on Thursday 5th December.

To book and for other dates call the Royal Hotel: 01702 899222

FINALLY, AS USUAL, SOME NEW MAGIC TO CHECK OUT

Mentalism/Stage

RECEIVER by JS Magic



Two empty cups, connected with a piece of string.

With this, you can transmit your thoughts to a spectator. And even though you don't say a word, they will hear your voice.

The Receiver will bring your spectators back to their childhood, by using the Cup and String Telephones.

You can send your thoughts, whether this would be a prediction, revelation or a secret message. You can send a card value, ESP symbol, shape or object, number or a person's name, star sign or anything else. You can even go beyond magic and send your spectator's love message or proposal to their beloved.

It could be used close up, on stage, parlour, YouTube or street magic. It's perfect for Halloween, Christmas, weddings, parties or any other special occasion. Perform it as a comedy act; give it a spooky twist or any other style that fits your routine.

You will receive a specially made gimmick for your performance. Take any paper cups from any coffee shop. Let the spectator handle them freely to see that they are indeed empty.

If you want to WOW your audience with a totally unique piece of magic, then The Receiver is just the right one for you.

Receiver is available from Alakazam and is priced at £27.95

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/the-receiver-by-jimmy-strange.html>

Cards

THE FADEAWAY DECK by Chris Philpott

Imagine a deck of cards S-L-O-W-L-Y fading from normal to totally blank!

Ralph W. Hull's Mental Photography Deck is considered one of the greatest trick decks of all time. Now Chris Philpott has modernised it to create a slow-motion, hyper-visual transformation from a normal to a blank deck!



There are a number of different routines, such as starting with a blank deck, starting with a real one and even finding a wrong card (Error 404: Card Not Found) which causes the deck to crash, leaving only their chosen card!

Easy to do!

No sleight of hand needed!

Detailed video instructions.

Bonus: it comes with some short videos that teach some easy-to-learn sleights that you can add to the routine, taught by Steve Valentine, Apollo Robbins, Paul Green, Michael Rangel and Tom Frank.

The Fadeaway Deck is priced at around £24 and is available from your favourite dealer – you can see it here:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/fadeaway-by-chris-philpott.html>

Paddle Move

JUMPING DOTS PRO by Magic Makers



And now a classic of magic revisited with some nice shiny new props.

The definitive paddle trick, the Jumping Dots, gives you the power to magically transport and transform several dots from one paddle to the other.

Your audience will struggle to keep up as you bounce the dots between paddles, adding, multiplying and even changing their colour along the way. Plus, the props are light-weight and small making it the perfect on-the-go, spur of the moment trick.

If you've never learned the paddle move, it's a really simple sleight and this gives you the reason and opportunity to learn it and use it to great effect.

Jumping Dots Pro is available from most dealers at a price of around £25. You can see it demonstrated here:

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/the-jumping-dots-pro.html>

Dice

CORLEONE DICE by Leo Smetsers

The "CorLeone Dice" by Leo Smetsers is a beautiful set of dies, to Leo's personal specifications designed and manufactured originally for a magic friend of his.

Each set comes with two dies in a beautiful little box. One of the 19 mm dies has two strong neodymium magnets embedded within and it comes with a matching regular die.

The set is perfect for use with a Chop Cup or as the target die in a Kurotsuke style routine. The set can even be used to force the numbers two or five.

It's very rare to get a custom prop like this at such a low price!

If you're looking for a dice based routine, this might just provide you with the prop you need.

The Corleone Dice are available from Alakazam for just £18

<https://www.alakazam.co.uk/corleone-dice-by-leo-smetsers.html>



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LIAM MONTIER'S MAGICAL ADVENT CALENDAR



Here's a real festive treat! Big Blind Media favourite and good friend of the club Liam Montier has come up with a killer concept for a truly magical December. 24 totally exclusive, brand new routines (from self working to easy to do). And, just like an advent calendar, you get one emailed out to you each day of the month up to the 24th December!

So, what to expect? Well, when you sign up for Liam's Advent Calendar, you will receive one trick per day, by email, starting on the 1st of December, all the way through to the 24th.

What sort of material? It's card tricks, (although there might be a couple of surprises!) and it ranges from total self-workers up to, I'd say, easy card magic. There's nothing more complicated than the occasional Double Lift or Elmsley Count.

How do you receive it? Each trick will be sent by email to your email address on file when you purchase the Advent Calendar. If you need it sent to a different address, that's totally fine - just email 'info@bigblindmedia.com'. We kept it digital to avoid postage costs and delays, and to make it accessible to all.

What format do I receive them in? Each new trick will be emailed in normal email format. No attachments, no downloading, no stress. If you can receive the email, you can read your new trick on the go, anytime, anywhere!

What sort of tricks are in it? Well, there's a HUGE selection, but here's a few to expect. There's a four Ace production from a shuffled deck, a kicker finish for the Biddle trick, an impromptu version of the 'Zodiac Prediction', new twists on sandwich tricks and assemblies, ACAAN (including a version from Jack Tighe) and a signed card to picture frame that will melt brains, and many, many more!

How much of this material has been published before? Literally NONE of it. Not only is all the material unpublished, but most of it hasn't ever been seen or read by ANYONE ELSE! It's just you, me and the trick!

This is a true bargain! Just £20 for 24 exclusive, brand new tricks. (That's just 83p per routine!!)

You can get Liam's Advent Calendar here:

<https://bigblindmedia.com/collections/everything/products/the-kaymar-magic-advent-calendar-24-exclusive-tricks-from-liam-montier>

That's about it for this month everyone – send any articles for next month's newsletter to Adrian for publishing.