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SOUTHEND SORCERERS FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

2018 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

4th Mar	Club Night – Speed Dating (!)	1st Jul	Dixon Shows Prep Night
18th Mar	EXTRA Lecture – Boris Wild	5th Aug	Club Night
1st Apr	Annual General Meeting	2nd Sep	Close Up Competition
15th Apr	EXTRA Lecture – Greg Wilson	7th Oct	Lecture – Steve Dela
6th May	Stage Competition	27th Oct	Annual Presentation Dinner
3rd Jun	Club night	4th Nov	Props Auction
10th Jun	EXTRA Lecture – Jamy Ian-Swiss	2nd Dec	Xmas Fun Night

2018 CLUB SHOWS

3rd March	St Mary's Church, Little Baddow
w/c 11th September	'As If By Magic', Dixon Studio

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LAST MEETING – 4th FEBRUARY – DEALER DEM – SATURN MAGIC



The club's February meeting was a dealer demonstration from Mark Traversoni at Saturn Magic. Mark had a terrible journey getting to Southend with a huge tailback on the M11, so he arrived, set up and was ready to go in record time – around 15 minutes!

In spite of being a little out of sorts due to the rush Mark went on to show us some of Saturn's best sellers. He also had a sales table set up where our members could buy different effects, some at reduced prices for the evening.

Mark started out with Haunted Deck 2.0 by Peter Eggink and followed that up with a look at the Wildfire flaming wallet – a version that holds a large fuel pad compared to the others on the market. Mick CcCreath's Out of the Blue came next, a versatile mentalism routine involving some nice printed cards to generate a seemingly random number that you've predicted ahead of time.

Mark's card scarf came next – a clever idea to provide you with an extra six pockets for strolling magic. It sits around your neck and hangs down on either side beneath your jacket. By attaching it to your belt any movement is restricted, and it's perfect for carrying additional decks or packet tricks etc.

Next Mark demonstrated Remaxed Isolation, a card to block of ice effect; the RSVP box by Matthew Wright, a device that allows you to perform 'object to impossible location' effects; and Saturn's version of the Nest of Wallets routine, a very nice design of a classic effect, much less expensive than those bought elsewhere.

Up next came Stickman Bob, sort of a Cardtoon type effect that's combined with the penetration of a deck of cards by a drawn stick man, all caused by firing him out of a miniature cannon!

We saw Forksaken, a card stab with fork routine; Quantum Leap, a disappearing card to any location effect; and Ineggspliable 2.0, a trick where basically a freely selected card vanishes and ends up (genuinely) inside a fresh egg!

Next came Cardiographic Lite, a fresh take on Martin Lewis' original drawn rising card routine, but this time much easier to reset, and much less expensive too. Mark finished the evening off with a vanishing wine bottle and Kev G's Cube Cards, a simple Rubik's Cube solving effect.

Thanks go to Mark for making the journey and providing us with such an entertaining evening – do check out Saturn's website for your magical needs. www.saturnmagic.co.uk

Also at the meeting we officially welcomed Chris Stevens, Finlay Southgate and Brentley Sims to our ranks. You're all really welcomed to your new club and we hope that you enjoy being a part of it all.

NEXT MEETING – 4th MARCH – SPEED DATING NIGHT

For those who have never been to Blackpool's convention, or have never heard of magic 'Speed Dating' this is for you. Speed Dating involves four tables being set out in a small lecture format. A magician then comes to each table and performs a mini lecture (typically one trick) in a period of around 20 minutes. The lecturers then move around the tables so that everyone sees all of the lecturers and different styles during the course of the evening.



We tried this out last year and it seemed to go down really well, so here we go again. Seconds out! It's time for our second round of speed dating! Should be loads of fun.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and guest magicians are welcome – admission for non members is £5.

EXTRA MEETING – 18th MARCH – BORIS WILD LECTURE



This is the first of our star lectures for 2018 and we're proud to be able to bring you an amazing night presented by Boris Wild.

Boris is one of the most renowned French magicians in the world. He is an international performer, author, creator and lecturer. His speciality is close up magic. His performances have drawn thousands of spectators all over the world: London, New York, Las Vegas, Monte Carlo, Sydney, Tokyo... His creativity and original approach allow him to perform for the biggest companies in the most prestigious places of the five continents, such as “The Magic Castle” in Hollywood where he has already performed hundreds of shows.

Boris was awarded the title of “French Champion of Magic” by winning the Grand Prix AFAP. He has appeared on many French and international TV shows: Le Plus Grand Cabaret du Monde (five appearances), Magic Show at the Lido, Magic Night at the Paradis Latin, Champions of Magic (USA), International Close-up Show (China)...

Boris is probably best known for his 'Boris Wild Marked Deck', but he also has his version of a memorised deck, which he says you can learn in 6 minutes, because there is a system to it. The combination of his marked deck with his memorised deck will allow you to present some truly mind blowing effects.

If that's not enough, there's also Boris's Kiss Count. Thanks to it, you will be able to pretend you have four identical cards while you really have four different cards. It replaces Brother John Hamman's dear old “Flushturation Count”.

Of course, you are not just learning moves and techniques, but you are also getting some incredible routines and a truly entertaining session. This will be an amazing night so don't miss it.

Guest magicians are welcome - tickets are £10 on the door for non members. The evening starts at 7.30.

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.

Our shows are not just one of the ways in which we keep the club running successfully from a financial perspective; they also offer our members a unique opportunity to perform for non-magical audiences, and to practice their routines while improving their skills.



If you've never been involved in one of our shows before, please think about offering some help – there's nothing to lose and everything to gain from practicing with 'real' people.

LAST SHOWS

3rd Feb St George's School, Shoeburyness

This was a close-up only affair and our performers had to prepare two sets of ten minutes in order to keep the audience entertained. The evening went really well and everyone was enthusiastic, both the audience and our members. Huge thanks go to all members who helped out as usual – the bookers were so delighted that there's a strong chance that we'll be booked again next year!

17th Feb Rotary Function, Holiday Inn, Basildon

This was a table hopping booking for just four members: Adrian, Rob, Oliver T and Mystic Mick. Following some mix and mingle magic in the bar, performances at the six tables followed which went down extremely well with the audience. Adrian also performed a short 15 minute cabaret spot after the meal. As always, thanks go to our participating members for giving up their time and talent to help raise club funds.

NEXT SHOW

3rd March St Mary's Church, Little Baddow

Our next show is at St Mary's Church Hall in Little Baddow on 3rd March. Rick reports the details as follows:

Venue: Memorial Hall, North Hill, Little Baddow CM3 4TA

Show start: 7.30pm - performers to arrive by 7pm please

I have heard this week that only about 50 tickets have been sold but they are still hoping for more. It may be that if there are fewer tables the stage acts may not need to do close up but bring some anyway just in case. This is a normal show of close up and stage magic and there is a proper stage for us to perform on.

Final performers:

Close up: Chris Campos, Don Simpson, Robbie Wood, Adrian Fox, Mike Leach, Richard Graham, Matty Turner, Tracy Wise, Barry Harvey

Stage: Robbie Wood, Matty Turner, Richard Graham

Compere: Adrian Fox

Stage Manager: Andy Smith - can gain access by 6.45pm at least

Dream Team: Audrey and Carol

FUTURE 2018 SHOWS

w/c 11th September As If By Magic, Dixon Studio

As you'll see we could do with a few more bookings, so if anyone has any ideas for people or charities we could approach, please let Rick know and we'll drop them a line. The committee are currently discussing the possibility of offering different types of shows, such as close up only, and we're looking at pricing for different packages. More news to follow shortly.

2018 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER, 27th OCTOBER



Just a reminder about our 2018 annual dinner and awards evening. As reported last month we've now confirmed the date and venue for our 2018 annual dinner. Please note the date in your diary and try to join us on the night if you can.

Last year's event was really superb and well supported, so if you enjoyed it, do come and spend an evening with friends and family at this special evening. The provisional date is October 27th, and we've decided to head back to the Thorpe Hall Golf Club as it was such a superb meal last year. The menu they've offered us this year looks like this:

To start:

Potato & thyme soup, pork scratchings, baby spinach leaves, chorizo oil
Homemade fishcakes with sweet chilli & coriander dip
Fanned sweet melon with fruit coulis & sorbet

Main course:

Honey glazed Aylesbury duck breast, caramelised pear,
cracked pepper jus & roast potatoes
Chicken breast topped with basil pesto & mozzarella, tomato & olive sauce, with roast potatoes
Baked herb crusted salmon fillet, champagne & mussel volute,
Buttered potatoes
Stilton, walnut & asparagus wellington

Dessert:

Vanilla panna cotta with marinated berries
Warm sticky toffee pudding with custard
Selection of continental cheese, biscuits, grapes & celery
Filter coffee & mint chocolates

The ticket price has been kept to £25 for many years but sadly, with increasing prices from all our suppliers, the price has to increase slightly this year to £30 per head. But with such a fabulous meal, a cabaret and raffle etc, it's still amazing value for money.

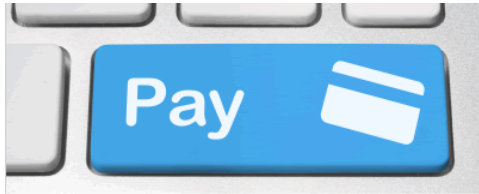
Do join us if you can. Let Tracy know how many seats you'd like and let her have a £10 per head deposit as soon as you can please.

NEW CLUB CLOTHING ETC

The committee have recently invested in some smart new clothing products bearing the club logo which will be available to you in a variety of sizes. We're hopefully expecting delivery soon and you'll be able to choose from the usual black polo shirts, as well as printed T-shirts and embroidered sweatshirts. We've also ordered a small number of close-up prop bags as pictured below. We're trying these out to see how they go down. Prices for all these great new products will be announced shortly.



PAYING SUBSCRIPTIONS - BACS



Just a reminder that, with the annual subscription time coming round again soon, we're trying to make it as easy for you to pay your subs as possible. You can pay by BACS – via an electronic online money transfer - directly into the club's bank account from your own.

Ways to pay

This means that if you have to miss a meeting or two, you can still make sure that your subscription gets paid on time, so that you don't have to worry about it too much. If you want to pay via this method, the club's bank details are as follows:

Sort Code: 30-65-22

Account no: 79204460

Please make sure that you include a reference consisting of your name and 'Subs18' when you make the payment. That way we'll know that you've paid. Subscriptions for 2018/19 are £20 for individual membership and £25 for junior (ie family) membership. You can also make payments for the annual dinner this way, using a reference made up of your name and 'Dinner17'.

Of course, cash and cheques are still very welcome payment methods too.

NEW LECTURE IDEAS

Although our programme is full for this year, we're always on the look-out for new or different lectures and this one caught our eye this month:

Patrick Page Magic Presentations

Janette Page is the daughter of Patrick Page, a wonderful magician who sadly passed away some 8 years ago. He was at the top of his game and a real celebrity in the magic world, known amongst other things for his incredible work with a topit. Today Janette and her husband Philip still run the Patrick Page Magic company offering access to Patrick's effects and ideas.



They have recently made presentations at Shrewsbury, Nottingham, York and Kent magic clubs and, following her dad's lead Janette has tried to make them entertaining, leaving people wanting more not less! Nottingham Magic Club has asked them to go back and make a second presentation to include what they missed out the first time.

In April they've been invited to make a presentation at the Merlin Magic Club and are working to find suitable dates for presentations in Ealing, Reading, Northampton, Derby, Scotland and other parts of the UK, as well as Holland and Italy.

They talk about Patrick's career in magic, growing up in a magic household and how the Patrick Page Audio Archive came about. Included in the presentation are lots of photos and video footage of Patrick that people will almost certainly not have seen before.

The question is: does this appeal to you? It's certainly a different evening and for those that know about Patrick's work I'm sure it would be fascinating. Could you let us have your thoughts please? If there's enough interest we'll look into it further and try to get something arranged.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The April meeting sees the club's 41st Annual General Meeting take place which all members are invited to attend. The meeting is an opportunity to hear from the outgoing committee about all that has been achieved during the last twelve months, and there's also a chance to discuss any issues which you may have identified or which you feel need looking at further.

The committee will formally stand down at the meeting and a new committee will be voted in. All the existing committee members are prepared to stand for re-election this year, but this should not discourage you from thinking about offering your services to the club if you're keen to get involved in running the organisation. The posts are as follows:

President: Prepares newsletter each month; administers club website; produces and manages Dixon Shows; prepares agenda for and chairs monthly committee meetings; acts as host at monthly club meetings

Vice President: Organises lectures and dealers; arranges meeting schedule; administers club competitions.

Secretary: Prepares committee meeting minutes; administers and processes new membership applications and maintains membership lists; maintains the club library.

Treasurer: Manages club finances; produces monthly electronic accounts statements; deals with membership subscriptions and other payments and receipts; liaises with the bank; arranges social events such as the annual dinner.

Shows Secretary: Acts as the club's shows promoter and manager; liaises with clients and members to organise and staff club shows.

Plus all posts attend the monthly committee meetings, are involved in vetting prospective new members before they can apply for membership, and contribute generally to club events such as the annual Christmas fun night.

All committee posts are available for members to nominate either themselves or someone else for service during the coming year. However please ensure that anyone you nominate is a) seconded by another member and b) is prepared to serve for the next year. All nominations should be forwarded to Adrian in advance of the meeting.

FINALLY SOME NEW MAGIC TO CHECK OUT

Here as usual are some of the new items that have come to my attention recently.....

Mentalism/Cards

TOUCH TONE by Matt Mello



Close your eyes to amplify your other senses and see colour using only your sense of touch. Here's what happens:

1. Your spectator can shuffle a deck of cards any way they like.
2. And yet with your sense of touch alone, you can tell whether the bottom card is red or black.
3. Again, they can shuffle. They can even inspect the cards carefully for marks, bumps, etc. They'll find nothing.
4. Once again, closing your eyes to amplify your sense of touch, you can tell whether the next card is red or black.

This is a secret that can easily be used in other tricks discretely, without making a show of it, to identify chosen cards, four of a kind or more.

Touch Tone is available from Penguin Magic at a price of \$19.95 and you can see it here:

<http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/9557>

Cards

COSMOS 3 by Greg Rostami

From the creator of Cosmos Duo and Inject comes a new oil and water colour separation effect that looks so clean it's impossible!

The cards are genuinely shuffled. The cards are shown shuffled. Then, with NO moves... ALL the colours are INSTANTLY SEPARATED!!



With this new multi-purpose deck, you'll perform astonishing colour separations, oil and water, memorised deck demonstrations (without memorisation), impossible predictions and more.

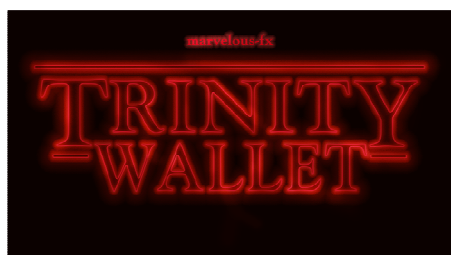
What you get is a quality, never-before-seen, deck created by The US Playing Card Co along with video instructions that will teach you 5 amazing effects. There's also access to the private Cosmos 3 Facebook group.

Easy to do
Instant Reset
Perform Surrounded
No Rough and Smooth
No Sticky Stuff
No Difficult Sleights

You'll find Cosmos 3 at magicshop.co.uk priced at £26.66 (plus VAT) and you can take a look at the trailer here: <https://www.magicshop.co.uk/cosmos-3>

Wallets

TRINITY WALLET by Matthew Wright



Marvellous-FX is back with the third release in its series of incredible magicians' utility wallets... the Trinity Wallet.

Built into the wallet are three hidden features that you can combine to produce totally unique effects and routines never before seen by the magic community. There's card to wallet, inside an envelope, paper clipped to a business card. It's a peek device... completely hidden and locked away from prying eyes. And here's the new one – it's also a floating gimmick... you can float bills, business cards and predictions straight out of the wallet. Instant hook up... and always ready to go.

Added to this is a bonus nail writing feature allowing you to peek information, secretly duplicate it and then load it directly into an envelope without anything looking suspicious.

Included with the wallet is over two hours of downloadable instruction and routines that include material suitable for all skill levels. The Card to Wallet feature can be performed as a palmed card to wallet in the pocket, or by leaving the wallet out in the open and loading it without ever having to palm a card.

The envelopes supplied with the wallet are reusable, so there's no need for expensive refills.

Reset takes seconds and can be done right in front of the spectator, if needed. The floating gimmick has been adapted from Matthew's bestselling Horizon gimmick, and it has been improved to allow for instant hook up. The thread is housed inside the wallet itself and can be carried around safely without fear of tangling or breaking, so you are ready to go at any time. The thread used with the Trinity Wallet has been specially sourced and is one of the very strongest threads available, giving you the confidence to perform without fear of breakage.

The Peek feature is simple, fast, logical, and well covered, giving you the confidence to perform in every working condition.

The Trinity Wallet fits perfectly into any trouser pocket... back or front, and is made from the highest grade of leather. It comes complete with wallet, reusable tyvek envelopes, improved horizon gimmick, 20m of Marvellous Thread and over 2 hours of instruction and routines.

OK it's not cheap (wallets never are) at £85 from Alakazam, but it's certainly worth checking out: <https://www.alakazam.co.uk/product-Trinity-Wallet-by-Matthew-Wright-.html>

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