



THE SOUTH LONDON MAGIC SOCIETY



The Mike Sullivan Lecture Feb 2016



Our February meeting was held in a new venue, Clockhouse Methodist Church Hall, as our usual venue was not available. Next month's Meeting, the AGM will also be held here. We are currently considering a permanent move here so would appreciate your opinions.

The meeting was the first lecture by our own member and former president Mike Sullivan who now works closely with Wayne Dobson and is a co owner of DTrick.

Mike opened by telling us about his first introduction to SLMS and his journey through a short career in teaching to becoming a full time magician working with Wayne Dobson and Paul Martin and Jamie Raven.



Mike' lecture focused on putting together a routine. He has recently been asked to perform sets of up to two hours for private parties and so has developed a system which he call System 32 in order to be able to perform for two hours without repetition.

He suggested that we list every trick we can comfortably perform aiming for 32 tricks. He divides each set into four sections,

Opener , about 3 mins,
 Middle, about 5 mins,
 Impact trick, about 4-5 mins and
 closer, 2-3 mins.

This adds up to approx 15 mins and is the first section.
 You may only have four tricks but put together another four in the same way and then you have 30 mins, continue in this way until you have 32.

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MIDDLE 5

IMPACT 4/5

CLOSER 2/3

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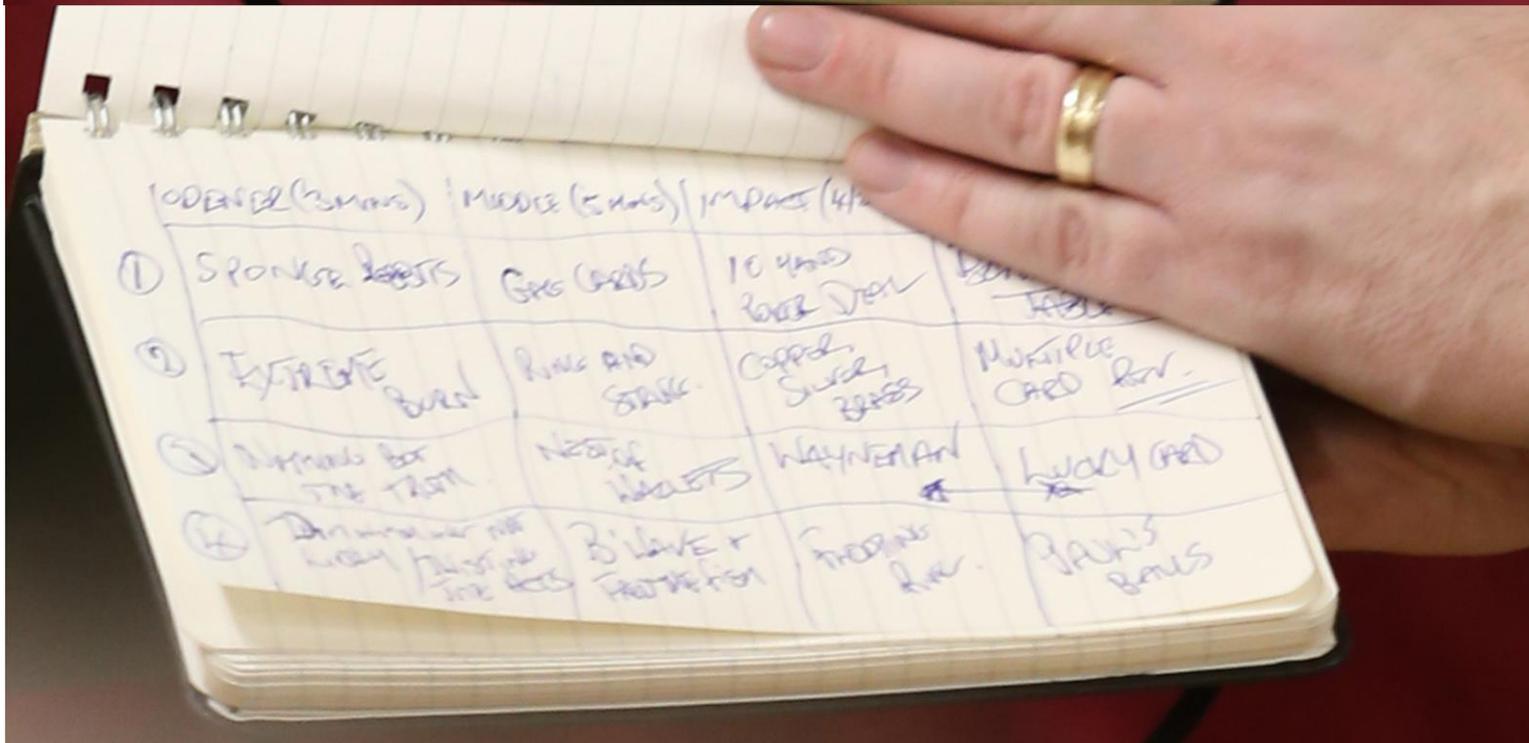
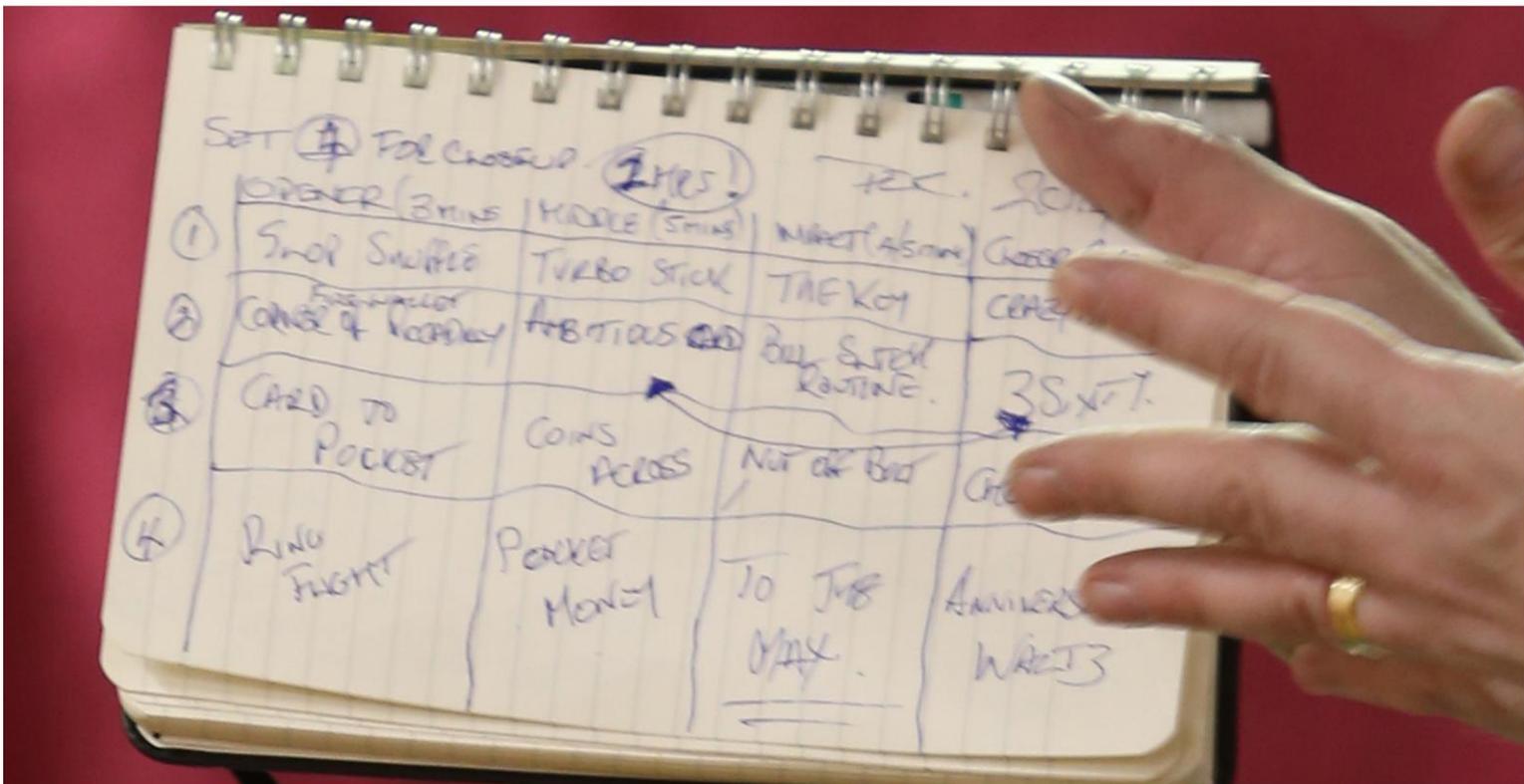


Mike then divides each trick into the same four areas when writing the patter. He strongly emphasised the need to write and refine a script which he demonstrated can stretch an effect out for a longer time while also making it more entertaining. He stated that received wisdom is often to throw away the routine that comes with a trick and to make up your own.

He disagreed with this approach as a lot of time has already been put into an effect by the maker and to use the routine but add yourself to it is a better approach. Mike quoted Wayne Dobson saying, "don't do magic. be magic"

Mike stated that when performing for children he wouldn't perform 4x15 minute sets but would break the time up in other ways. He repeated Dave Bonsall's advice for use when performing to several tables. Perform your first trick at each table and then return to each table with your second and subsequent tricks.

Mike takes a basic set with him everywhere so he is always ready to perform. He also carries a notebook around where each 15 minute routine is broken down.



He demonstrated The Slop Shuffle with and without scripting, and The Key. Mike then performed his first set, Turbo Stick, Crazy Man's Handcuffs, Misdirection, a new version of One Way Street, Irish Compass and Texttrick. It was an interesting and entertaining lecture and quite well attended with about 26 members present.

Next month's meeting on 1/3/16 will be at Clockhouse Methodist Church. It will start with the AGM followed by a Bring and Buy sale so please dig out your unloved magic







